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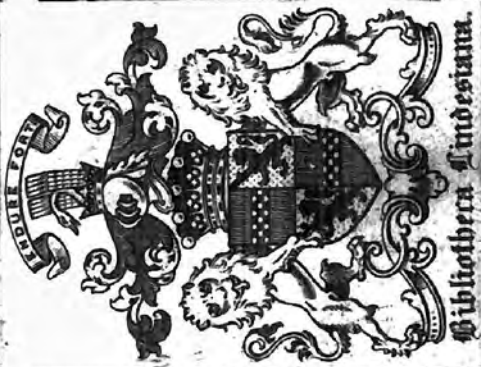


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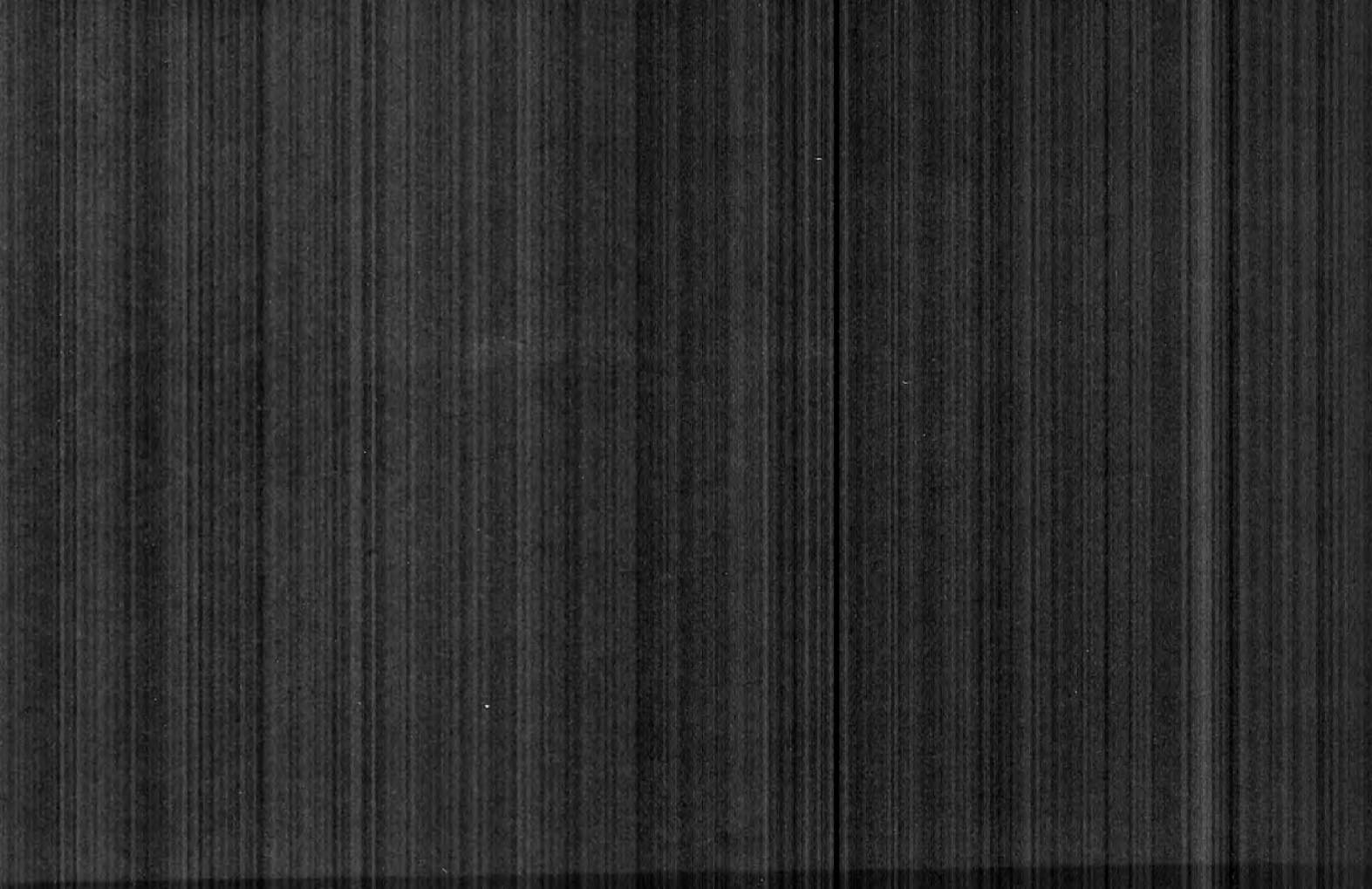
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THE BAYONNE PHILATELIST.

OCTOBER, 1883.

Vol. I. BERGEN POINT, N. J. No. 1.

THE THREE-CENT STAMP.

Good-bye, old stamp, it's nasty luck
 That ends our friendship so,
 When others failed you gamely stuck,
 But now *you've* got to go.
 So here's a flood of honest tears,
 And here's an honest sigh—
 Good-bye, old friend of many years—
 Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

Your life has been a varied one,
 With curious phases fraught—
 Sometimes a check, sometimes a dun,
 Your daily coming brought ;
 Smiles to a waiting lover's face,
 Tears to a mother's eye,
 Or joy or pain to every place—
 Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

You bravely toiled, and better men
 Will vouch for what I say :
 Although you have been licked 'twas when
 Your face turned t'other way.
 'Twas often in a box you got
 (As you will not deny)—
 For going through the mails, I wot—
 Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

Ah, in your last expiring breath
 The tale of years is heard—
 The sound of voices hushed in death,
 A mother's dying word,
 A maiden's answer, soft and sweet,
 A wife's regretful sigh,
 The patter of a baby's feet—
 Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

What wonder, then, that at this time
 When you and I must part,
 I should aspire to speak in rhyme
 The promptings of my heart.
 Go, bide with all those memories dear
 That live when others die—
 You've nobly served your purpose here ;
 Good-bye, old FRIEND, good-bye!

—Selected.

U. S. ENVELOPES.

By P. L. A. T.

THE new two-cent envelopes have at last made their appearance, and are as conspicuous for their ugliness as the new adhesives are for their beauty.

The die is certainly the worst ever adopted by the Government, not excepting the first dies of the 1874-5 issue. On the fawn envelopes Washington's nose appears to be severed from the rest of the face, and the lettering of all presents the appearance of having come from dies used a number of years instead of a few weeks.

The four-cent envelope we have not seen as yet, but understand that the Government is dissatisfied with the dies, and that new ones are in preparation.

A fact that many collectors seem to be unaware of, is that since January the Government has furnished a two-cent envelope on blue paper No. 4½, of course with Jackson's head. These no doubt will

be great rarities, as most collectors seem to have found out too late to procure them.

To collectors who go into water-marks some of the two and three-cent envelopes of the "82" water-mark will be found hard to obtain, as there was such an enormous quantity of the "Stars" on hand at the first of the year the contractors had hardly got them off their hands before the new ones took their place.

The blue paper three-cent Nos. 2, 3 and 5, we think will be extremely rare. Now is the time to get them; hunt them up, and fill up your collections at face prices rather than give double or treble a few years hence.

AN ODE

TO THE SMASHED STRAWBERRY STAMP.

*Not taken from
Tom Moore's Two penny Post Bag.*

Neatly printed, nicely tinted
Newly minted little stamp,
You are welcome until "L" comes
To bid mortals break up camp.

The old three cent died so recent
In a good and green old age;
Though in color you are duller,
You will soon "be all the rage."

To old England, that famed kingland,
You will hardly go at present,
Though the voyage in your boy-age,
Would undoubtedly be pleasant.

Unto Greenland—not a mean land—
You may go as you get older;—
But I'll end this, and will send this,
Ere my nonsense waxes bolder.

—F. S. R., in Elmira *Sunday Telegram*.

Look out for a Philatelic treat next month.

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SALUTATION.

With this issue we place before you No. 1 of the BAYONNE PHILATELIST, trusting it will meet with your approval.

Although small in size, we would remind you that it is not always the largest that contains the most reliable information.

We shall strive to give the *latest* news, the *best* news, and *news* that will meet the appreciation of all interested in PHILATELY.

We desire able contributions on all branches of our subject, and we invite all to make free use of our open columns. Hoping that you will not be too harsh in your criticisms, we remain, yours truly:

THE EDITORS.

TO ADVERTISERS AND OTHERS.

As this paper is to be devoted exclusively to Philately, none but such advertisements will be published.

We would be pleased to exchange with all Philatelic Publications in this country and Europe.

THE NEW STAMPS.

The new U. S. two and four-cent adhesives that came into use on the first of the month are as fine an issue as was ever emitted by any country, being at once neat, simple and finely executed, and are worthy of a place in any collection.

We are sorry we cannot say as much for the envelopes,—well—if we cannot say much in their favor, we will not say anything against them.

THE CHRONICLE.

CUBA:—We have seen the 5c of this place surcharged with the new ornamental design in two different designs, the stamps not being separated.

DOMINICA:—The "Dos Centovos," has been surcharged "10 centimos."

DUTCH EAST INDIES:—The ten cent. unpaid is now printed in red, value in black.

HAYTI:—The entire set of this country is now perforated.

SWITZERLAND:—The Unpaid Letter stamps are now printed in green instead of blue.

TRINIDAD:—The green six pence of this place is now surcharged 1d. in red ink with a pen.

UNITED STATES:—The following stamps were issued on the first of the month.

Two cent "Washington" Red.

Four " Jackson, Dark Green.

Also the following envelopes:

No. 1 2c 1st quality, Red on White.

" 2 " " " " " "

" 2 " " " " " Amber.

" 2 " 2nd " " " Fawn.

" 2 " 3rd " " " Blue.

" 3 " 1st " " " White.

" 3 " " " " " Amber.

" 3 " 2nd " " " Fawn.

" 3 " 3rd " " " Blue.

" 4½ "	1st	"	"	"	White.
" 4½ "	"	"	"	"	Amber.
" 4½ "	2nd	"	"	"	Fawn.
" 4½ "	3rd	"	"	"	Blue.
" 4½ 4c	1st	"	"	"	Dark Green, White.
" 4½ "	"	"	"	"	Amber.
" 5 "	"	"	"	"	White.
" 5 "	"	"	"	"	Amber.
" 7 2c	2nd	"	"	"	Red on Fawn.
" 7 4c	1st	"	"	"	Dark Green White.
" 7 "	"	"	"	"	Amber.
" 8 "	"	"	"	"	White.

Wrapper, 2c on Buff.

MIGMA.

—It is reported in New York that the rarer variety (the black), "ALLEN'S DISPATCH," is only a proof. We would like to hear from someone who knows something on the subject.

—The Confederate flag still waves—over a store in Richmond, Va., but it bears the following legend: "Confederate bonds, money and postage stamps for sale here."

—It is stated that forgeries of the "Ecuador Surcharges" have made their appearance in England.

—A queer forgery arises from postage stamp collecting in England. Forgeries of the rare envelope stamps are made; an ordinary postage stamp is then affixed and it is then mailed to a confederate.

Thus the stamp and forged envelope receive an official date and effacing mark, and after the ordinary postage stamp is removed they are sold for a high price.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—The fourth edition of Handford's Directory will appear on the first of the year.

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Mr. E. B. Sterling will hold a large sale of rare U. S. stamps in the rooms of Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., New York, Oct. 24th.

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Vol. I.

BERGEN POINT, N. J., NOVEMBER, 1883.

No. 2.

2.

- 2 send a letter now you want:
- 2 listen to this sonnet.
- 2 write it plain and then to put, a
- 2 cent stamp upon it.

—*Cincinnati Traveler.*

CONTRIBUTED:

PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY W. H. SYME.

In the study of the various issues and varieties of stamps, of this or any of the foreign countries, whether of Postage or Revenue, the value of a Literature, especially devoted to the subject cannot be overestimated—a Literature whose chief aim will be the elevation of Philately and the instruction of the Philatelist.

But it is in vain that collectors, and more especially advanced collectors, look for something that will meet this want.

And why is this deficiency? First. Simply because Philatelists, and the Editors and Publishers cannot rely on each other.

Second. Because they that can write good and valuable articles will not do so.

Third. Then again there are those who have obtained valuable information that would be of untold benefit to others of less experience than themselves, but who will selfishly withhold such knowledge as they possess.

The Editors and Publishers cannot obtain good or reliable articles, and are obliged to, yes, I may almost say, com-

pelled to fill up their deficient columns with tit for tat with other papers, or with miscellanea of no interest or information whatever to the Philatelic Reader.

This is not what is needed, and this variety of periodicals are sure to fail in the long run unless largely supported by their advertising columns.

Then again, where is the Philatelic Press of to-day? In the hands of the dealers! Not that I would say anything against them. But the Press should be *free* and *independent*, and Papers to fulfill their whole object should not be half-filled with the Publishers' advertising their own business at the expense of the Philatelic Public. Not that I would do away with those already in existence, but I would like to see at least one of them contain more information other than a mere chronicle of new issues, or notices of those that sell stamps from approval sheets.

In looking back, five years have made a wide difference in the tone of the Philatelic Press, but we need still further improvement, and the sooner that Philatelists understand each other's needs, the sooner will Philatelic Papers become interesting.

That Philately at present is on the decline cannot be deceived, and it remains with the Press to revive it during the coming season; if not, I fear it will have received a blow from the effects of which it will take years to recover.

U. S. ENVELOPES.

By P. LA T.

ARTICLE II.

The four-cent envelopes have now appeared on white paper, Nos 4½, 7 and 8, but we have seen none on amber yet. The die is a much better piece of work than the two-cent die, and altogether they are a more attractive envelope.

There is a great variation in the color among the few that are in circulation, some having a very light, faded-out appearance, and some being very dark. The factory being several millions behind their orders on the different denominations, we suppose accounts for this want of care in mixing the inks and printing.

We have seen no two-cent No 2 either on white or amber, and it seems a little doubtful if they are to be made at all except by Special Request. This is one of the freaks of the U. S. Government, as for a number of years no two cent envelopes on white or amber paper were made, except No. 2, and the only other size, No. 4½, on fawn paper—a very ugly and much disliked envelope, as nearly all business houses preferred white envelopes to match their letter heads. However, No. 3 more than fills its place, as No. 2 is too small for general use.

The five-cent (Garfield's head), on white and amber paper, "Star" water mark is quite scarce; the amber paper "82" water mark was also scarce for a while, but they have appeared again and will probably be nearly as common as the white. The two-cent on blue paper (Jackson's head) "82" water mark, which is the correct water mark, is even scarcer than the "Star," which is an error.

In regard to collecting there is so much more interest taken every day in entire

envelopes and so many collectors have gone into collecting them in the last year or so, we hope and think that there will be a much better and larger assortment left for the next generation than have been left us by our fathers and forefathers; so that, in all probability no envelope of the present day will be as scarce as the three-cent die 1, 1853, or the six-cent and ten-cent of 1857.

NEW CALEDONIA

Is an island of Australasia. It was taken possession of by the French Government in 1853, and a penal colony established upon it. It is still held and used as such by France.

In 1860, the Governor of the Colony conceived the idea that postage stamps were a necessity and directed a soldier of the garrison, one Sergeant Sriguera, to prepare them. He engraved with a pin point fifty stamps on a soft stone plate. As each one was engraved separately, there are as many varieties as stamps. They had but a brief currency. For as soon as the French post-office department learned of their issue, they were ordered to be suppressed. Original specimens are of great rarity, and reprints are not near so common as they were a few years ago. Photographs of the entire sheet have been made and may be had for a small sum.

The stamps have the head of Napoleon in the centre, "New Caledonia" at the top, and the value, 10 centimes, at the bottom. The color is gray on white paper.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

—Most of the Transvaal stamps were engraved in Mecklenburg, and large quantities were obtained from the printer, not only in the true color, but in fancy colors. It is not known whether this was done by the authority of the Government or illiterately.—*E. C. P.*

MIGMA.

—We are indebted to W. F. Bishop for news concerning the rarer variety (the black), "Allen's Dispatch," We are glad to hear that they are authentic.

—Would be pleased to receive contributions on all branches of our subject.

—Raymond & Shuman are about to issue an International Dealers's Directory. It is the only one of its kind, and will, no doubt, be a great benefit to collectors. See "ad," in another column.

A letter upon which a Confederate two-cent stamp was affixed passed through the mails at Richmond, Va., last week, without being detected by the postal authorities.

In color the stamp bears some resemblance to the new one of that denomination just issued by the government, but not in the style of workmanship. It is thought that unless proper precautions are observed, old rebate stamps will be revived and put into active use.

—The three-cent "*Postage Due*" will in all probability go out of active use now.

—Mr. E. B. Sterling is the only person in the United States that deals exclusively in United States stamps.

Collectors take notice.

—It is proposed to form a Philatelic Society in Chicago.

Information can be obtained from W. F. Bishop, 79 Dearborn St.

[The sooner these societies organize, the sooner will Philately assume the standard it ought.—EDS.]

—We are indeed sorry to learn that the *Empire City Philatelist* exists no more. It was one of the best, if not the best journal of its kind in America, and was worthy of a better fate.

—Would be pleased to exchange with all Philatelic papers.

The Classification of the World's Stamps.

BY A COLLECTOR.

The stamps of the world may be classified, according to the excellence of engraving and coloring into four general divisions, viz.:

1 American (excluding the early issues of Venezuela, British Guiana and Confederate States and a few locals.)

2. Great Britain (including all her colonies and Continental Europe, excepting Turkey and Greece.)

3. Early Venezuela, Turkey, India (native states) and all countries using lithographed stamps.

4. Early British Guinea, Sandwich Islands, Switzerland, Confederate States and a few U. S. locals.

America, without doubt, leads the world for the excellence of their designing and in the execution of their engravings. This is accounted for by the fact that all the U. S. and nearly all other American Republics have their stamps engraved by the American Bank Note Co., or the National Bank Note Co. before its consolidation, and which does the finest work of this kind in the world, always taking first prize when they exhibit specimens of their workmanship.

They engrave all their stamps on steel or copper, thus bringing out every line, rendering the stamp clear and distinct.

Under class two comes European stamps. Like ours, their stamps are printed from steel and copper, but they lack the skill and taste shown by Americans.

It is true that many of their stamps excel ours in being highly colored, but this is due to the fashion of the country from which they originate, many containing more than one color, such as Denmark, Heligoland, Russia, etc.

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EDITORIAL.

Again we appear, thanking our patrons for their support and trusting always to merit the same.

Of course in entering the field at this late day, when there are already so many excellent journals in existence, we bear in mind the fact that,

"There is always room at the top."

We have already secured a few good writers, but would be pleased to receive *original* contributions from all interested in our subject.

Our advertisements shall not encroach on our space allotted to other subjects—enlarging should necessity require.

THE CHRONICLE.

AUSTRIA:—It is stated that an entire new set will be in use soon.

BARBADOS:—The one-penny blue has been surcharged "*One Shilling*" in black.

BOLIVAR:—There is a new stamp from this country. We have not learned, as yet, either the color or denomination.

BORNEO: This country has already found it necessary to have more than one stamp, the new two-cent having been surcharged "8 cents."

COSTA RICA:—The $\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 4 reals and Peso of this Republic have been surcharged "Official." *The Philatelic Monthly* doubts their authenticity.

DANISH WEST INDIES:—We hear that the following new cards have appeared, viz.: 2x2 cent and 3x3 cent on buff.

GREAT BRITAIN:—Mr. Clifford states that a new 5d and 9d "Postage and Revenue" will appear shortly. As the 5d is to be green, the $\frac{1}{2}$ d will probably be changed in color. It is also stated that there will be changes in the entire issue soon.

HAWAII.—There will be a new 25-cent, 30-cent and 50-cent stamp in use here soon; color unknown; also a series of stamped envelopes.—*Stamp World*.

UNITED STATES.—A one cent stamped envelope, blue on blue.

We learn from reliable authority that owing to the confusion arising in the New York General Post Office from the two-cent postage that New York will have a special stamp, on which will be the words "City Delivery," "N. Y. P. O."

VIRGIN ISLANDS:—The half-penny is now green instead of yellow, and the one-penny rose instead of green.

Under class three comes the early issues of Venezuela. These were made from stone lithographs, and from mere lack of skill are very indistinct. Of Greece the same is true.

In the native states of India, the stamps are printed from ivory blocks, and are covered with the worst of hieroglyphics, that they are hardly worth the name of stamp; but these are doomed to be some of the rarest of stamps, being used only from one State to another, and rarely, if ever, out of the country:

Turkey and some of the Asian stamps are printed from boxwood, and are much better than the lithographic stamps.

Class No. four consists of stamps that are printed from ordinary movable type, or from type metal stereotypes.

Among these may be mentioned the early Guiana, Sandwich Islands, Switzerland and many Confederate States and U. S. locals. These stamps are easily counterfeited, and being in many cases very rare and hard to obtain, often confuses the collector in regard to their authenticity.

Within the last few years we have seen great changes in the taste and skill of stamps, and we hope in a few years to see the stamps of the Indian States equal in every way to those of the Americans.

—We were shown a stamp from Barbados on the original envelope. The design is of the one-penny 1861 issue, but it was printed in black, instead of blue, and we have not seen it catalogued. It was postmarked with a large figure 2 on the left of the stamp, and also St. Thomas and Barbados, Jan. 12 and Jan. 16, 1861.

—The exhibit of the American Bank Note Co., in the American Institute Fair is exceptionally fine.

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*2 Trinidad, '83.....	.10
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*1 Grenada '83, (2½d.).....	.15
*1 Bolivia (5c. Black).....	.06
*1 U. S. 1869 (1 cent).....	.03

\$.60

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Treasury Department complete	1.00
Interior Department complete	1.00
Justice—1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.	1.00
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Vol. I.

BERGEN POINT, N. J., DECEMBER, 1883.

No. 3.

U. S. ENVELOPES.

By P. LA T.

ARTICLE III.

THE new two-cent envelope is already old, as a new die, which we will call die "B" was made and put in use about October 15th.

The new die resembles that of the four-cent envelope and is superior in the lettering to die "A" otherwise it is no improvement and we think it doubtful if the U. S. Government adopts it for permanent use. Envelope collectors being particularly ardent this year have laid in large numbers of die "A" in all colors of paper so here is no danger of their becoming scarce for a number of years, although high prices may be asked for them.

Here we must say that a great deal of the interest in stamp collecting is destroyed by collectors, so called—who are dealers in a small way, who work against the interests of the large dealers, whom collectors cannot do without, for without dealers collectors would be entirely at sea, and would have to pay double prices for most stamps they wanted, and would also be without authentic data and lists of new issues, &c.

Our New York dealers are very public spirited, have large pleasant offices and

always receive agreeably all persons who call either as purchasers or for information.

We most certainly believe in collectors, having a good assortment on hand for exchange; it is the life of stamp collecting but we most emphatically protest against this speculating sharp spirit we see so much of, among this class of half dealers—half collectors, who often wants many times the value of what he has to sell and who frightens, or disgusts by his extortion, many who would otherwise join the Philatelic ranks.

Philately is an art and its patrons should not degrade it to mere money making.

But, in resuming the subject of envelopes we must mention all the "No. 2" sizes as being very scarce, particularly the blue paper which are almost unobtainable. All the two-cent envelopes die "A" on blue paper come on star water-mark paper as well as "82" in fact it is doubtful if any No. 2 on blue paper were made. No's 4½ and 5 die "B" on blue paper are also found with star water-mark and we presume No's. 2 and 3 also, although we have not seen them, as the Plympton Mfg'. Co., have permission to use this paper until the present supply is exhausted they can hardly be called errors.

The four-cent envelope has now appeared on amber paper and is in general use. We have only seen the No. 4½ as yet but think all sizes will soon be common.

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EDITORIAL.

Judging from the additional support that we have received during the past months, encourages us in the hope that we will always be able to merit the confidence that has been imposed in us.

It was indeed with great pleasure that we noticed the interest manifested in our humble efforts to meet the wants as far as possible of Philatelists in general.

We would be pleased to receive communications of all kinds relating to Philately and would be happy to give any information for the solution of such questions that may arise from time to time.

We were sorry to be so far behind on our November issue but it was unavoidable. We shall try to be as prompt as possible on the 15th of each month.

Thanking you kindly for your support and wishing all our Philatelic friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A PROPHECY.

Sometime in the dim future, when the year, perhaps the very century, when George Wahington lived may be a matter of dispute-nay, when it may not be asserted that such a person never had an existence save in fable, and when it must be remembered that he flourished and passed away before the era of postage stamps began, antiquarians will unearth a Griqualand West stamp, and from the letters G. W. found thereon, evolve at least two theories.

First: That the "Father of his country" did actually live, and once in the springtime of his life summered at the Cape of Good Hope, and boy-like printed his initials on a Cape stamp.

Second—That he was an ancient king of South Africa, warred against Cape Colony, was successful, made it a province of his empire, and as an emblem of his authority caused his royal initials to be placed on all stamps found in the post-offices.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FRAUDS.

Editor Bayonne Philatelist:

DEAR SIR—Under this head as you no doubt know, many of our papers continuously publish the names and addresses of those who do not do "unto others as they would be done by." This is all well enough, if the editors have *positive* proof of their willful intent to defraud others, but as in many cases they publish any and all names sent to them without investigating the case in hand, and in this way many honest persons have had their names brought before the public in a wrong light; and, as I said before, it is not fair or just that any name or address should be published unless the Editor secures *positive* proof. Hoping you will pardon me for occupying so much of your valuable space, I remain

yours,

C. H. F.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1883.

THE CHRONICLE.

BERMUDA has issued a 2½ pence stamp. Color could not be obtained.

GREAT BRITAIN will issue a new 2s. 6d. stamp. Also a £5 stamp.

BELGIUM—The new series will be as follows :

- 1 centime red.
- 2 centimes yellow.
- 5 " green.
- 10 " carmine.
- 20 " gray.
- 25 " blue.
- 50 " violet.
- 1 franc lilac.
- 2 francs brown.

PERU—The latest surcharge of this unhappy country, consist of a triangle with " Peru " at its base ; also " Union Postale Universal and Peru," in black. We have seen all except the 20c so surcharged.

PHILIPPINE IDS.—The 2c de peso, rose, has been surcharged in green, " Habilito —de correos—3 centavo."

SIAM—The new stamps have come to hand, and prove to be a beautiful set, viz :

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- 1-8 " carmine.
- 1-4 " vermilion.
- 1 sig orange.
- 1 salyng yellow.

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ST. LUCIA—The green 1860 stamp has been surcharged ½d. in black.

ST. VINCENT—5 shillings, red.

TASMANIA—We have seen on the original letter a one penny revenue used as postage. It is oblong, 18x22 mm., in oval, " Stamp duty Tasmania " above, and below, " One-penny." It has the design of an ornithorynchus. Color, blue.

TRINIDAD—The 1859 scarlet has been surcharged 1d. in black.

UNITED STATES—The new 2 cent envelopes are much better than the ones issued on Oct. 1. In design it is similar to the 4 cent envelope.

Color, red on white, amber, fawn and blue, all sizes enumerated in No. 1 of this paper.

MIGMA.

—Judging from appearances, Jan. 15 will be quite an event in Philatelic circles, several new papers having promised to appear.

—The new two cent envelope that was issued Nov. 1 is certainly an improvement on the one that was issued Oct. 1, does not equal the old 3 cent.

—The collection of postal cards is a very interesting branch of Philately. It is surprising how few collect them.

—The auction sale of Mess. Scott & Co. Nov. 5 & 19 was well attended, and prices were very fair.

—The stamps of the Ionian Ids. were suppressed upon the cessation of the English protectorate in 1864. They were used exclusively for intersinular postage. The 4 oboli is surcharged with a figure 1 (for which no explanation has ever been given), and the 2 oboi with a figure 2.—N. J. P.

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U. S. ENVELOPES.

By P. LA T.

ARTICLE IV.

THE blue paper envelopes of the October issue or die "A" are attracting much attention from collectors for several reasons. Chiefly because they come on both "Star" and "82" water marked paper and also because of their scarcity. Only the large Post Offices have had them, and in most cases only one size "No. 4½" which is by all odds the most common.

We have seen Nos. 2-3-4½ and 5 on "Star" paper and Nos. 3-4 and 5 on "82" paper, No. 2 on "82" paper has not appeared and in all probability never will, as it is doubtful if any was made.

In the November issues or die "B" the blue paper also comes to the front, Nos. 3-4½ and 5 being found with the "Star" and possibly No. 2 also, although we have not seen nor heard of one.

The white, amber and fawn envelopes of the October issue are all moderately plentiful except size No. 2 which are decidedly scarce.

Curiously enough the No. 1 size, white paper, seems to be the most common, with the 3 cent envelope it was the rarest.

In regard to the 4 cent envelopes we would advise collectors to complete their sets as we think that No. 4½, both white and amber will be withdrawn as it is too small for double letters, No. 5 is also very little used but will probably be retained.

The 6 cent envelopes No. 4½ are exceedingly scarce, on fawn paper particularly. We have never seen one and know of no one possessing any. The 6 cent envelopes on 82 paper are all scarce, No. 7 on white paper being the only one ever seen by the writer, although undoubtedly other sizes have appeared with that watermark on white and possibly on amber paper.

The 10, 15, 30 and 90 have not appeared yet on "82" paper, in fact there seems to be a great doubt whether the 90 cent has been made on even "Star" paper

plain paper used prior to 1878, and as the 15c was withdrawn on October 1st, the chances are that no 15 cent envelopes will ever be added to a collection of "82" watermarks.

One of the features of the next auction sale to be held January 21, is a Brattleboro (Vt.) stamp.

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EDITORIAL.

All the Philatelic papers for December are much more interesting than usual, containing a large amount of valuable information, and the majority appear in an enlarged form "Keep it up."

A bill is soon to be introduced in Congress for the formation of a Postal Telegraph. It provides for a series of stamps, like postage stamps, the rates of trans-

mission are to be \$ 0.30 for 10 words and \$ 0.03 for each additional word, exclusive of address or signature.

This will give collectors another series of stamps.

SIAM.

As this country has lately entered the Philatelic World with its newly issued stamps, we herewith print a table of their monetary value and their equivalents in U. S.

	1 solat	\$.005 (U. S.)	
2 solat	1 att	.01	"
2 att	1 siao	.02	"
2 siao (pio.)	1 sik	.04	"
2 sik	1 FYANG	.08	"
2 fyang	1 salung	.16	"
4 salung	1 bat	.64	"
4 bat	1 TIKAL	2.56	"

Nova Scotia Provisionals.

HENRY HECHLER.

Having observed in several philatelic exchanges, references to supposed provisionals surcharged stamps of Nova Scotia. I have made particular investigations into the matter. I have questioned officers that were connected with the Post Offices at the time said surcharged provisionals were alleged to have been used.

After a very careful and minute examination, I am in a position to state *positively* that none such ever existed. The only Provisionals were made halving and quartering stamps of large denominations in the matter alluded to in No. 2, of this Paper, therefore any pretended surcharged Nova Scotia stamps must be forgeries.

In the matter of halves and quarters above alluded to connoisseurs will not re-

cognize any as genuine unless sufficient of the envelope or wrapper attached to show the entire post office obliteration.

I hope my philatelic friends will make special note of this in the PHILATELIC COURIER.

“RECENT LOCALS.”

BY F. M. E.

As generally understood, a Local is supposed to be a stamp of some private individual or company who carried mail-matter in opposition to the Government post or in places where their routes did not extend, and their very names conveys to our minds the idea that we have secured some rare specimens or at least some thing of a respectable age.

These number amongst them some of the choicest gems that can ever grace the album of the most ardent Philatelist but it is not of these that I intend to speak.

In the early part of 1883 or perhaps the latter part of 1882 Philatelists were suddenly surprised and taken by storm with such an avalanche of Locals the like of which had never been witnessed by the present generation, and for their better distinction I denominate them “Recent Locals.”

Local delivery companies sprang up mushroom-like all over the country and they were as promptly as possible set down on by the Postal Authorities and suppressed together with the older established companies.

Their origin is shrouded in mystery and their history Philatelic writers do not take interest in enough to find out if they have any or to record what little they may have.

Among the most prominent are the “Allan’s Dispatch” of Chicago, the “City

Delivery” of Cincinnati, which by the way I believe had a branch in St. Louis, Mo., and the “Ledger Dispatch,” of Brooklyn, N. Y., and probably some others of which I have not yet heard.

Of all I have mentioned the “Ledger” seems to be the only one that can furnish a clear and reliable history. In this instance the proprietor had no conception of the *needs* of collectors, hence there was no *preparation* made for them and unfortunately there are no “Remainders.

Of the other I can not say as much they all exist in greater profusion than they did a few months ago, and at the same time their market value is lower. Nothing has been written on the subject except the mere announcement of their issue or a little editorial chaff about them and I do not doubt that like the famous “Hauburg locals” that in a few years they will have passed away and have been forgotten.

THE CHRONICLE.

AUSTRIAN ITALY—The stamps are of the same design as the latest Austrian postage except that the money values are in soldi.

BRAZIL—The following adhesives have just been issued

10 reis

20 reis

20 reis, color could not be learned.

CHILI—A 2 cent brown Telegraph stamp has been issued, and 5c. current issue has been changed from red to blue.

DENMARK—The 3 ore has been changed from blue to orange.

DUTCH INDIES—An unpaid letter stamp—value 20c. black and red.

HELIGOLAND—The 3 and 20 pfennig are now perforated.

JAPAN—Unpaid letter stamps are now formed by surcharging their current stamps with Japanese characters in black.

MEXICO—The color of the 50 centavos has been changed to blue green and the stamp is on very thin paper.

PHILLIPINE IDS.—The 250 m. deep blue has been surcharged 20c. and the 8c. dep. brown 20c.

VICTORIA— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rose, wrappers same or adhesive printed in sheets of four and are not sold singly, also a 1 penny envelope green on white and 3 penny green or blue.

UNITED STATES—The two-cent wrapper has appeared "Die B 1883" is doubtful if any of die A will appear.

We have seen the 2 cent Interior printed in the same color as the 2 cent postage of 1870.

It is evident that some funny business has been going on.

WEST TOWN LOCALS.

BY HAVILAND.

Having recently come into possession of a dozen of these interesting local stamps it awakened a natural interest in them and having learned something of their history. I will give collectors the benefit through the *World*.

In "*Scott's Revised List*" we read that the West Town Local was a "college stamp of no value or franking power," and is placed in the list of stamps advised not to be collected, but singular enough this same individual provides a space for it in the *International Album*.

Research in the subject develops the fact that it was indeed a college stamp, but used to pay postage from West Town School to West Chester, Pa., a

distance of five miles, and had a value of two cents.

Of the above statement I have ample proof through at least eight different persons who attended the school from 1859 to 1861. The school was a large one under the auspices of the Society of Friends.

The stamp is small and oblong in shape, with simply the words "West Town" in small letters, enclosed in a neat border, printed in bronze on white paper.

I have seen two varieties, and the difference is very slight, only in size of letters and engraving.—*Stamp World*.

MIGMA.

—At the last auction sale held in New York on Dec. 17th, 1883, the famous Connell stamp realized the sum of \$31 although it was not in fine condition having the perforation clipped, and the British Guiana, 1850, circular provisional 8c. green, cut round, for \$17.25.

—We congratulate the *Stamp World* on their success with their holiday issue.

—We have heard nothing more from the proposed Chicago Philatelic Ass'n. We hope the project has not fallen through. There are enough Philatelists in Chicago to make it a great success.

—1882 the Garfield stamp—1883 the new 2 and 4 cent adhesives and envelopes. What of 1884?

—There are some papers that have not acknowledged our exchange. This is the last number we shall send to such.

—Miller & Co., of this city have dissolved partnership—Mr. Morris Ten Broeck will continue the business.

—We have seen a forgery of the one penny, surcharged Cyprus; also, the 25 reis Madeira, the type is smaller than in the genuine and the word is spelled Mederia.

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No. 5.

SOME NEW RUBBISH.

By P. LA T.

The Stamp collecting public is a cow that has been pretty thoroughly milked, but that there is a little more lacteal fluid to be squeezed out seems to be taken for granted by one enterprising New York party, who now advertises Western Union Telegraph Franks and Rapid Telegraph Stamps for sale.

What are we coming to? The man who collects Beer, Ale and Tobacco Stamps and Tin Foils, seems to most collectors to be a little overdoing the matter, but as they are government issues they are collectible; but whoever collects Telegraph Franks will have to collect expired Rail Road Passes, Restaurant, Commutation, and Bill Board Theatre Tickets, and as for Rapid Telegraph Stamps, they were only used as a check on the honesty of the employees, and not in any way as a postage stamp. Whoever wants them will also want old Check Book Stubs and stage liue Change Envelopes, which will no doubt soon appear arranged and classified by dates of issue and amonnts of value in some of our standard catalogues.

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If you have pages in your albums for such rubbish and don't like to see them empty, tear them out; don't fill them up, for if you do you take the first step towards a stamp chaos—think of the hundreds of Express and Telegraph Companies in the United States; if you collect the labels of one, you will have to collect all.

There is no commencement, no end; be wise and eschew this trash. Stamp dealers are gool in their way, but there is absolutely no end to where they will lead collectors for a little money.

The foreign Telegraph Stamps are issued in most cases by their respective governments, and in some cases ordinary adhesives are used indiscriminately for telegrams and Postal purposes. Collect these as you think fit, but in the United States let us adhere to Government or genuine local issues.

—The famous Brattleboro, (Vt.), stamp mentioned in our last number brought the enormous sum of \$175.; this is the first one in years that has been offered to the public for sale. The New York 1842 buff, sold for \$75.

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EDITORIAL.

On our first page this month we present our readers with something that we think will not only be interesting but of a great deal of importance to collectors.

"What shall we collect," has been a question that has been discussed time and again by the different journals, and doubtless our readers will recognize its truth.

We see by the "Philatelic Healtight," Nos. 2-3, that a person named Clayton had a delivery office in Chicago, but they failed to state whether he had stamps or not.

We would be pleased to be enlightened on this subject.

Parties wishing for sample copies of this paper must inclose stamp for postage.

MIGMA.

—Over Boyd's City Dispatch in New York City hangs the following suggestive sign :

"Office to Let."

—We have received a copy of the *Monthly Echo* that recently started again. We hope it will continue as it is, a good paper, and should succeed.

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—We have seen a 4c stamp cut diagonally that passed through the mails without detection, also a 2c red Internal Revenue.

—We will give any other copy of this paper for Nos. 1 and 2, clean and in good condition.

—The *New England Philatelist* and the *American Philatelist* we have not received as yet. We hope these projects have not been abandoned.

—There exists an error in the 2 cuartos of the 1860, Spain, being printed in lilac instead of green.

—It is doubtful if the \$2 postage stamp we heard so much of some time ago will ever appear.

—We lately received a letter from one of our correspondents, asking what kind of stamps came from Alaska.

THE COLOR CHART.

We are pleased to state that the Color Chart will appear this month.

This is issued by the National Philatelic Society of New York, and consists of 150 correct colors, with 900 distinct shades, in which the postage stamps of the world are printed.

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ST. THOMAS.

This island was discovered on St. Thomas' day, (Dec. 22, 1471,) by the Portuguese, and is still held by them.

It must not be confounded with the with the Danish island of the same name in the West Indies. The island lies in the Gulf of Guinea, and is directly on the equator, and about 8° east latitude, and is about 150 miles from the mouth of the Congo coast of Africa. Its principal seaport is Povoasso.

The first issue of stamps were emitted in 1870, and consisted of 5 reis black, 10 reis yellow, 20 reis slate, 25 reis vermillion, 40 reis green, and 100 reis violet.

It is also stated that there is one of the values in lilac, but it is a very slight variation. Early in 1873 a 40 reis was emitted, the color being blue.

A 200 reis orange, and a 300 reis brown were issued in 1877 for foreign postage. These were in use and without change till 1881, when the 10 reis was changed to green, the 25 reis to gray, the 40 reis to yellow, and the 50 reis to blue.

The design is the same as the other Portuguese colonials.

THE CHRONICLE.

ANGOLA—The longed for 10 reis, color green, has now appeared.

BAVARIA—A new card, 3 pf., color green, value in black on buff card.

BRAZIL—Three letter cards similar to those of Belgium have appeared.

50 reis, blue on grey.

100 " lilac " buff,

200 " rose " green.

DUTCH INDIES (East)—The 2½ stamp has now the value in figures in the centre, and an unpaid letter stamp of 15c. black and red has appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN—A new £1 stamp will soon appear, the design being similar to the £1 Telegraph stamp.

HAWAII—The 10 cents is now red instead of black, and the 10 cent is in purple.

INDIA—The new ½ anna, green, has been surcharged, "On H. M. S.," for official use.

JAMAICA—A reply card has appeared, 1½ x 1½, gray on buff.

PERU, (Moquegua)—The un centavo, orange, is now surcharged in violet, with a framework enclosing the word "Moquegua," for use in this state.

SALANCOR—The 2 cents rose, Straits Settlements, has been surcharged "Salancor."

ST. LUCIA—The following varieties of the new design have appeared :

½d. green,

1d. rose,

2½d. blue.

ST. DOMINGO—The 1 centavo has been surcharged 10 centavos, in error.

TOBAGO—A stamp of the same design as the current set has been issued, of the value of 2½ pence, blue.

URUGUAY—A new letter card has appeared :

3 centavos, brown.

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No. 6.

HOW TO FIND LOCALS.

By P. LA T.

A GREAT amount of interest is taken by Philatelists in United States Locals, but the difficulty of making anything like a respectable collection of these rarities deters many from paying them any attention, preferring rather to let them alone than to make an incomplete and poor showing in an otherwise fine collection. This is not as it should be. All American collectors should give the early Local issues as much attention and thought as the Government issues of the same day.

To find Locals however is difficult, and a Local collector should have the patience of a fisherman and the perseverance of a hunter to aid him in his researches; he will meet with many disappointments and experience many rebuffs. It is hard to make his friends take any interest in his hobby. They will say: "*The stamp fever left me when I left school!*" "Oh no, it is not worth while looking for them, they didn't use letters in the days you mention," or, "We destroyed all our old letters last year," or "We have some trunks of letters in the garret but it is so dusty there we do not care to look among them." But patience! Tell your friends that you are not afraid of the dusty garret; ask them for the privilege of looking yourself through some of the trunks of

old letters left, perhaps by their fathers or grandfathers, and if you are fortunate enough to obtain the necessary permission you can pass some hours of very conflicting though delightful emotions in overlooking them.

You find a package dated 1843; you look over them rapidly and find them all hand stamped except one, which has perhaps a "U. S. City Dispatch Post" 3 cent on it, and if it should be only the green and not the buff or violet variety, Washington never appeared so handsome to you before as he does in the engraving on this interesting stamp. You are well paid if the rest of the letters are blanks. You next find a package marked 1844, suggestive of the Big Boyd, but if you even find a Heavy Oval or Thin Neck of the same Dispatch, you are overjoyed. How carefully you will fold the letter, taking care not to crease the stamp, and how carefully you will put it away in your pocket book, to take it out now and then to be sure it is safe, and to admire it over again.

Believe us, the collector with money to spend never feels as he buys a Kidder or Swarts, as the person does who finds and brings them out of their hiding place of years.

Among these old letters you will find also many other things of interest; perhaps a very flowery valentine of fifty years ago, or an autograph of some person since grown famous, or perhaps a tel-

ogram of Morse's first Telegraph Company, a list of its very limited number of offices on its heading with the warning, that all offices close at 8 P. M., and you are sure to find many curious hand stamps on letters from Government Post Offices, many dated long after the issue of adhesive stamps. So if you only find half-a-dozen varieties of Locals in these old trunks you will feel amply repaid for your trouble, for the polite snubbing you get from the owner of the letters, and for the clouds of dust you raised in looking them over, treasure carefully what you have found, and seek for new worlds of old trunks and boxes to discover.

A REQUIEM.

It is indeed with regrets that we are obliged to state that Vol. II, of the National Philatelist will not appear in 1884.

"The dead: the Philatelic dead;
Who doth not yearn to know
The secret of their dwelling place,
And to what land they go!
Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb.
Take this new treasure to thy trust
And for the NATIONAL make room"
To slumber in the silent dust.

"But now we all must say farewell.
Your race will soon be run,
And the deep-toned sepulchral bell
Will proclaim your work done,
So here's a thought for "Auld Lang Syne"
And here's a tear and sigh
From one who worshiped at thy shrine.
Good-bye, OLD FRIEND, Good-bye!"

Notes on Canadian Postage Stamps.

By F. F. PEARD.

Canada issued its first Postage Stamps in the year 1856. The set consisted of the following: (each value existing both

perforated and *vice versa*, except the 7½d, 10d. and 12d.) ½d. rose, 3d. vermilion, 6d. dull purple, 7½d. green, 10d. blue, and 12d. black. There is a dangerous counterfeit of the 10d, which easily deceives young collectors, the only difference noticable being that the color is a bluis purple instead of a dark blue, the engraving being excellent. They are offered for sale by a dealer (?) in Montreal, but we believe their birthplace is in Boston.

Upon the introduction of dollars and cents, a new set was issued in 1860 consisting of 1c. rose, 2c. rose, 5c. oblong vermilion (Beaver), 10c. dark brown, 10c. reddish 1 ac Head of Prince), 12½c. green (Queen), and 17c. deep blue (Jacques Cartier).

In the year 1868, the above stamps were called in to make way for a new set, the design being almost a *fac simile* of the present issue, but about ½ larger, the values are 1c. red-brown, 1c. orange, 1c. yellow, 2c. green, 3c. red, 5c. grey, 6c. brown, 12½c. blue 15c. lilac.

This issue, probably because the stamps were too large, existed but two years, and was replaced in 1870 by the present issue, which requires no explanation, the set being so well known.

In 1875 the Canadian Registration stamps appeared, viz; 2c. orange, 5c. green, 8c. blue.

The 8c. blue was soon suppressed, therefore accounting for their rarity,

In 1882 a 15c. stamp appeared, color slate, same design as 1868 issue and a new ½c. made its appearance in 1883, similar in design, but much smaller than the preceding one.

The first Envelope stamps were distributed in 1861, value 5c. red on white, 10c. chocolate on white. There are counterfeits of both values, the difference being in quality of paper and the

die. A few years after they were called in, for some unknown reason.

In 1877 a 1c. blue and 3c. red Envelope was issued, they are still in use. A newspaper band was issued in 1875; it has been changed in design several times and exists on white, buff, straw and lemon paper.

In closing this article we would say it would be agreeable to all, especially stamp collectors, if Canada would follow the example of the United States, and change a few of our stamps, if not the whole set.

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The Late Barnabas Bates—His Bust to be placed in the Post-office.

The present generation has very little recollection of the late Barnabas Bates, once Assistant-Postmaster of New York, but during his lifetime he made himself prominent by his earnest and persistent advocacy of a reduction in the rates of postage. He was born at Edmonton, England, in 1785, was brought to this country when a child, and became a Baptist minister in Rhode Island. He was then, for a time, Collector of the Port of Bristol, R. I.

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During President Jackson's administration, while Samuel Gouverneur was Postmaster of New York, Mr. Bates became the latter's assistant. While holding this position, he was strongly impressed by the oppressiveness and folly of the exorbitant postal rates then prevailing, and, on returning to private life, he began an active warfare against them. He wrote letters to the newspapers on the subject,

published pamphlets upon it, organized and addressed public meetings upon it, and made it the theme of lectures which he delivered throughout the country. There can be no doubt that his persistent agitation of the matter was a powerful influence in bringing about the first material reduction in the rates of land postage. He was endeavoring to secure a similar reduction in ocean postage at the time of his death, which occurred in Boston in 1853.

Postmaster Pearson lately received a letter from Mrs. James Simonet, of Boston, a daughter of Mr. Bates, in which she said: "I propose to place in the Post-office of New York, a marble bust (life size) of my father, the late Barnabas Bates, of New York, who instituted the system of cheap postage in the United States, and is widely known as the Rowland Hill of America and the Father of Cheap Postage."

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Application was accordingly made by the lady to Secretary Folger, who referred the request to Postmaster General Gresham. It is now announced that the Postmaster General after investigating the matter, has decided that there is no reason for objection to the proposed memorial, provided there is none upon architectural considerations.

Washington Notes.

On the 9th of February, the "House Committee" on Post-offices and Post-Roads, made a favorable report on a bill to provide for the speedy delivery of letters, etc.; in cities where there is a free delivery, it provides for the issue of a special stamp, the value to be 10 cents, which, when affixed to a letter will insure its immediate delivery, between the hours of 7 A. M., and Midnight.

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EDITORIAL.

With this number we publish our semi-annual edition, and as we look back over our work for the past six months, we confidently hope that we have done at least something to further the interests of

the PHILATELIST and the success of Philately.

We express our thanks to our subscribers and advertisers for past favors, and solicit a continuance of the same.

MIGMA.

—We would advise parties wishing good stamps to write to Morris Ten Broeck, of this place. [ADV.]

—Probably one of the next surcharges we will see will be the following ; "V. R. EGYPT." on the current stamps of Great Britain (?)

—For years we have been giving the honor of the first stamp to the Mulready Envelope of England, when New South Wales issued one 2 years before, according to two of our standard catalogues.

—A cable dispatch to the N. Y. *Herald* March 3, states that England has recognized the Transvaal title to the South African Republic. The English suzerainty over Transvaal which has existed since the war, was abrogated and a claim of £265,000 for expenses during the war entirely waived. A consul is to be appointed in London on behalf of the Transvaal.

Look out for *Provisionals*.

—We have received a letter from an advanced collector, stating that the $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ *properly post-marked* Provisionals of Nova Scotia emanated from an interested post-office clerk, who had an eye to nickels.

We have received this month two new papers, the "Iowa Moon" and "Myers' Monthly Echo." We hope they will succeed.

The last Auction Sale took place on the 10th of this month.

It is a noticeable fact that the *black* Allan's Dispatch is not catalogued in *Scott's latest*, as is neither the Cincinnati, nor the St. Louis. What are collectors to infer from this?

The Chronicle.

DUTCH INDIES—(West)—Suriname, a one cent lilac, same design as current set.

HAITI—The one cent is now perforated.

JAPAN—A new news band has appeared, value one sen.

MEXICO—We have just received two of the new stamps, viz: the 2 and 4 centavos there being 5 in all; the color of each is green, above the portrait in the centre are the words "Service Postal Mexico," below the value; also numerals of value in the corners.

NORTH BORNEO—Several papers last month noted the new 8 cent green; to these is now added a 30 cent purple and a 1 dollar carmine; this size is larger than the others.

VICTORIA—We have received a fiscal of this colony used for postage. The stamp is rectangular in form, with British coat-of-arms in centre, "Stamp Duty" above, and above this "Victoria" in extremely small letters, below "Six Pence," color blue.

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VICTORIA FISCALS.

BY W. F. SMITH.

Since January 1st, we have been receiving letters from Victoria, franked with Fee and Duty stamps, and again the old subject: "What are we to collect?" comes to one's mind, when it is known that the Fee stamps have hitherto been used in the Courts of Law throughout the colony, and for patents, etc.

The Duty stamps, on bills of exchange, transfers of lands, licenses to insurance companies, etc. The Stamp Duty, for checks, receipts over £5, etc.

On January 1st, the new Postal act went into operation, and it is intended to issue one set of stamps for Victoria, to take the place of three distinct kinds hitherto in use, namely: Postage, Fee and Duty; and consequently in order to use up surplus stock of their resources on hand, they are allowed to be used indiscriminately for postage.

The Fee stamp will shortly be withdrawn, as there is but a small stock on hand.

Both the Fee and Duty stamps differ very much in design in each value. The Fee stamps all have the words "Stamp Statute," "Victoria," on them, and the Duty stamps, the words "Stamp Duty," "Victoria."

Though the kindness of Mr. D. H. Hill of Melbourne, I am enabled to lay

before my readers a complete list of the Fee and Duty stamps at present in use:

VICTORIA FEE STAMPS.

Adhesive; Large upright rectangle.

½d green, on white paper.
(same design as 1d with overprinting in red.)

1d green, on white paper.

3d violet " " "

4d carmine red, " " "

6d blue, " " "

1s dark blue, " blue "

2s blue, " greenish "

2s 6d orange, " white "

5s blue, " canary "

10s red-brown, " pink "

£1 mauve, " yellow "

£5 green & black, (large obl.) on white "

All watermarked V over "Crown."

With the exception of the £5 value, the above stamps are all similar in size.

VICTORIA DUTY STAMPS.

Adhesive; Upright rectangle.

1d pale brown, on white paper.

6d bright blue, " " "

1s dark blue, " blue "

1s 6d roseine, " white "

2s blue, " green "

3s scarlet lake, " blue "

4s vermilion, " white "

5s magenta, " canary "

6s pale green, " white "

10s dark brown, " pink "

15s violet, " white "

£1 orange, " yellow "

£1-5s pale pink " white "

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As this paper is to be devoted exclusively to Philately, none but such advertisements will be published.

As we are not dealers we cannot take stamps, mins. and curiosities in exchange for " ads."

We would be pleased to exchange with *all* papers interested in Philately, both in this country and Europe.

No three (3) cent stamps will be received after this date.

EDITORIAL.

"If dealers must be cheated, and wish to seek redress by the publication of the names of those who cheated them, they must go to other papers than this, so we draw the line somewhere, and we draw it close. *No Rogues Corner in this paper.*—*Stamp World.*"

One more step in the right direction

As our readers will notice, we publish this month the proceedings of the National Philatelic Society. As this is the only society of its kind in America, reports of their meeting will be interesting to our readers.

We call attention of our readers this month to the list of Victoria Fiscals in another column. This is the only complete and official list that has ever been published and it will be well to preserve for reference.

Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL!

Regular meeting was held at Room 38, Tribune Building, New York city, on Tuesday evening, March 11th, '84, President R. R. Bogert presiding. Meeting convened at 8 P. M. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Secretary then read a lengthy letter from Mr. David H. Hill of Melbourne, informing the society regarding the new Postal Acts that went into effect on January 1st '84,—which allowed the Fee and Duty stamps now in use to be used indiscriminately for postage until the stock was used up, when they would be superseded by one set to take the place of the Postage, Fee and Duty stamps; also submitting specimens of 2s-6d Fee stamp; 1s, 1s-6d, 2s and 3s Duty stamps, together with a complete list of the different values now in existence.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the letter in behalf of the society.

The publishers of the BAYONNE PHILATELIST offered to publish proceedings of society in their paper. The offer was accepted with thanks, and the Secretary authorized to transmit the same to them regularly each month.

W. F. SMITH.

Secretary.

£1 10s olive green,.....	"	"	"
£2 blue,.....	"	"	"
£2-5s lavender,.....	"	"	"
£5 rose carmine.....	"	"	"
£5 blue,.....	"	pink	"
£7 magenta,.....	"	blue	"
£8 vermilion,.....	"	yellow	"
£9 green,.....	"	green	"

Oblong.

£10 mauve,.....	on white paper.
£25 green,.....	" " "
£50 violet,.....	" " "
£100 deep pink,.....	" " "

All watermarked V over "Crown."

Our Contemporaries.

From the start we have never acknowledged through our columns any of our exchanges. We have exchanged with all that have been willing to exchange with us, but owing to our small size and limited space, we are unable to give a list each month.

Two-cent Postage for Canada.

The Canadian Postmaster-General has informed the House of Commons that the Government has under consideration the proposition to reduce the postage rate in the Dominion to two cents. If, as appears probable, this is done, it will necessitate the preparation and issue of new 2c and 4c stamps and envelopes.

—*Our Own Fireside.*

—The so called 1876 issue of Bolivia were not used for postage until 1879, although they were completed and ready for use in 1876.

—On Monday evening, March 31st, an auction sale of stamps was held in this place. Bidding was spirited, and stamps brought fair prices. The sale was conducted by Mr. T. Morris Ten Broeck.

The Chronicle.

—Belgium: The 1 centime has been changed to olive green

—Brazil: A new type of the 20 reis has appeared, color green.

—East India: Nine pies carmine, 2 annas blue, 1 anna lilac.

—Hong Kong: We are indebted to Mr. W. J. Gardiner for specimens of the new 10 cent design same as the old color green instead of lilac.

—Italy: 30s brown and 3 lire orange —portrait of King Humbert.

—Nevis: One half penny green, of the new type.

—United States: (Local). The Northern Pacific Express have issued a series of franked envelopes for use over their routes; we are unable to give either values on varieties as yet.

—Victoria: We have seen the following stamps. 6d Duty Stamp that was chronicled last month, also the ½ crown yellow.....Tax Stamp
2s blue,....." "
1d green,.....Stamp Statute.
1s blue,....." Duty.

Migma.

—Volume 1—No. 7.

—Subscribe, only 25c.

Swiss stamps of the last issue are now surcharged "Ausse Kurs" by the government to prevent their being used for postage.

—There exists three errors in the 8 cent surcharged Provisionals of Labuan of 1880, viz: "Eight cents," and "Eight cents" instead of eight cents, and "suroj 1251" these are surcharged in black on the 12c red, 1879.

—The next auction sale of stamps will be held on the 21st of this month.

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ERRORS.

By "QUIXOTE."

ERRORS in Philately exist in two forms, viz., errors that are due to some mistake or blunder on the part of the manufacturer of the stamps, and consist mainly of misspelled words, either in the wording of the stamp itself or in a surcharge on it, by being printed in false colors, etc., etc.

But leaving this variety of errors for future consideration we will turn our attention to those of a graver sort, those that reflect on ourselves as philatelists, and that have done more to retard the advance of our study, more than any other one evil, i. e.: *Errors in Philatelic Literature* for

"When people once are in the wrong,
Each line they add is much too long,
Who faster walks, that walks astray,
Is only farthest from his way."

Our Catalogues, Hand books, and even our papers are full of errors.

Hypolyte in a recent number of the *Stamp World* says: "If collectors trusted to their catalogues, and guides(?) a little more, and to their cuteness a little less, we think they would be much less likely to be gulled." I wish we could trust them, but such, however, is not the case, and we must do as best we can.

These errors are not intentional on the part of the publishers, but are due either to the imperfect records now in

existence, to being misled by incorrect information, or arise from ignorance.

Take for example some of the U. S. Locals issued prior to 1860.

Such a thing as a *correct list* is not in existence. Impostors have crept in despite our best efforts to exclude them. Then there were "small posts" in little known districts that have never been brought to light, or if they have are viewed with suspicion, and which we believe, yes, we know to be authentic are compelled to helplessly stand aside unable to prove them so.

In reporting new issues mistakes frequently occur, and are seldom if ever rectified, and so it goes on record, to be copied and made worse probably by some other paper, to be raked up at some future day to be viewed with amusement if not disgust by the finder.

Our articles on obsolete stamps particularly those that have been so for years, must out of necessity be based on such records as have been left, and gleaning from such a field, what will the harvest be?

Collectors! "Do unto others as you would be done by. Should you receive information that would benefit others do not selfishly withhold it.

Observe! Compare! Reflect and Record!

The *Philatelic World* states that 103 colors of the Color Chart are now completed, and the remaining 47 are being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

THE LEDGER DISPATCH

BY PHILIP LA TOURETTE.

In December 1882 a young man named Edward Pidgeon hired two rooms in the old Willoughby building in No. 419 Fulton street, Brooklyn, hired a few carriers, issued a stamp and commenced carrying mail for the public. A number of business houses finding that they could have their letters delivered for eighty cents a hundred, immediately bought the stamps and had their city mail transmitted through this post office which was called The Ledger Dispatch. The first stamps used were light pink, but as soon as the issue was exhausted the proprietor had a dark red, and finally a purple stamp printed. About the time the purple stamps appeared the Government interfered, notifying him that his business was illegal. As he disregarded this order he was visited by the Marshall's Deputies, and his place was closed, all his stamps on hand destroyed and a fine imposed upon him. As he saw at once that his business was destroyed, he redeemed all the stamps in the possession of his customers and left Brooklyn.

Since then the Willoughby Building has been partially destroyed by fire, no less than three times in as many months, so that all traces of the Ledger Dispatch are obliterated. Unfortunately and very curiously too, the stamp collectors of New York and Brooklyn knew nothing about all this until after the post was closed, being so close to home it was entirely overlooked.

In contradiction to some local posts which have been closed by the Government in the last year, the stamps seem to have disappeared, only a very few are known to exist.

The stamp is rectangular, and the design measures 19 by 26 mm. In the

centre is the representation of an addressed and stamped envelope, above which are the words "The Ledger," and below "Dispatch," and "419 Fulton Street, Brooklyn."

This is all in an octagon with a groundwork of lines diverging from the centre. In the four corners is the letter "L" Rouletted in colored lines.

Note—Owing to numerous inquiries we reprint the above for the *National Philatelist*.

Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

Regular meeting April 8th, 1884, called to order at 8 P. M. President R. R. Bogert in the chair.

Report of Publishing committee received and placed on file. Committee on U. S. Envelopes reported progress.

Mr. G. H. F. Gale of Margate, England, was proposed by Mr Bogert, and was elected an active member.

Among the novelties exhibited, were the following:

By Mr. Bogert, Egypt, the 20 paras surcharged over the 5 paras, and the following unpaid letter stamps: the 10 and 20 paras, and the 1, 2 and 5 piastres.

And the stamps of the German Empire surcharged for use in Larkey.

By Mr Craft a specimen of the 10c Hong Kong, green, just issued.

After a short discussion on the above, meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

DR. WILLIAM H. MITCHELL.

Secretary, Pro tem.

In the April No. of Der Ph. is an illustration of a label purporting to come from the Soudan, and is undoubtedly used by the False Prophet. (Mahdi), for official business (?)

The Prophet appears in the center of an oval smoking a howdah with four of his wives administering to his comfort, above "postes du Soudan," on the right an obelisk, on the left "Mahdi."

—"People who live in glass houses should not throw stones."

—North * *Philatelist*; what papers do you crib your new issues from.

The Shanghai Stamps.

By CAPT. EVANS.

The Government consists of a Municipal Council elected by the settlers, who make their own laws and see to the lighting, police, etc. The local post-office is under the control of the Council and its issues are not Chinese, nor anything else but Shanghaiian (if one may coin such a word) pure and simple. At the same time these stamps are not solely for local use, because they also frank letters conveyed by sea from Shanghai to any other treaty port in China, though they cannot be used on letters to other countries, some of which have their own post offices there.

For instance, there is a British post-office, which is a branch of that of Hong Kong, and at which Hong Kong stamps are employed; an American, where United States stamps can be bought, and letters posted to America and Europe, *via* Japan and San Francisco; a Japanese, through which Japanese stamps will convey letters also to America and Europe by the same route; and a French office, where French stamps are current. In short, Shanghai would seem to be a sort of paradise for stamp collectors, where the stamps of all nations can be purchased at face value in the same street.

Doubtless many collectors have noticed the fact that used specimens of the Shanghai stamps are not so common as might be expected or wished.

There is an especial reason for this, which is, that anyone who chooses to subscribe a certain amount per annum to the local post-office can have all his correspondence conveyed by it free, without the trouble of using stamps at all.

No doubt most of the residents, or those, at least, who have much correspondence, are subscribers; and the stamps are principally employed by per-

sons passing through the place, or others residing there who do not send a sufficient number of letters to make it worth their while to subscribe.

The subscription arrangement gives use to a peculiar species of post-card, which, I think, has no parallel among the issues of any other country. This is the subscribers card. It is an unstamped card, and bears no indication of any value; but it does not belong to the same class as ordinary unstamped cards, in as much as it does not require the addition of an adhesive stamp to frank it through the post. Again, it is different to an official card or a war card; for they denote a freedom from liability to the payment of postage, while this denotes to some extent postage paid.—
[*Philatelic Record.*]

Migma.

—It is not very generally known that there exists an error in the 1½s. Berge-dorf—schilling being spelled with an *e* on the end. A genuine stamp with this error is a rare variety.

On the 21st of this month an Auction Sale of stamps was held in N. Y. City, the following are then offered; a complete used set of the U. S. Periodicals high value of all revenues ever issued by the U. S. Government, including Proprietary, Medicine, Match, Playing Cards, etc. The bids not being started at the price desired, they were sold in lots.

A fact that is known but to few collectors outside of our large cities wherein there is a free delivery, is that the United States has a return letter stamp, rectangular in shape, black on yellow, type printed in frame and perforated. This has never been admitted to our standard catalogues, but nevertheless performs the same functions as return letter stamps of foreign countries, and is more worthy a place in our albums than the Telegraph and Express Co's., Franks, that never performed the duties of postage.

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EDITORIAL.

Owing to other and more pressing business we have decided to change the date of publication of the *Bayonne Philatelist* from the 15th. of the month to the 1st. Our advertisers will please take notice, and be as prompt as possible in handing in their "ads" as we wish to be more punctual than we have been.

Advertisements will be inserted only on such pages as are devoted to them, and under no consideration will they be admitted in our regular reading matter. Advertisers will please take notice.

We have not seen the Philatelic Headlight since December. Have they gone under?

Mr. Burleigh of Baltimore will hold a coin sale on May 21, 22 and 23. W. E. Baitzell a stamp sale on the 13th.

The Chronicle.

ANTIGUA—1d, carmine, same type as the 4d.

ECUADOR—The "P. W." mentions the following provisional post-card. At the top "Tarjeta Postal" in large letters with flourishes. Four dotted lines, the first preceded by "Sor."

In lower left corner in two lines "En este lado debe—escribirse—Unicamente la direccion." In upper right corner a circular hand stamp 25 mm, in diameter containing a large 3, inscribed "Tres Centavos, 3." In left upper corner an oval hand stamp containing the Arms of Ecuador, 14 stars, and the inscription "Republica del Ecuador." All enclosed in a frame resembling a wavy ribbon. In lower right corner "Quito Imp. de la Novedad." The inscriptions are in black, and the hand stamps are lilac on white card, 140 x 90 mm.

There is also a 2c. card of same design.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—The P. M. mentions the following provisionals :

2 cents on 3 cents, orange.
2 " " 12 " blue.
2 " " 32 " vermilion.

TURKEY—We have seen the stamps used by the German post-offices, and are as follows, viz :

10 paras on 5 pfennig.
20 " " 10 "
1 piastre, " 20 "
1½ " " 35 "
2½ " " 50 "

Though the kindness of R. R. Bogert we were enabled to see the above.

VICTORIA—The color of the 2 pence has been changed to lilac. The ½ penny newspaper wrapper now bears the small size ½ penny stamp.

BOLIVIA—Der Ph. mentions a new stamp used in this country, value 5 centavos, color blue.

The design of the stamp is a curious mixture of the 1888 Costa Rica, and the 1871 Provisional issue of Bolivia. It is undoubtedly a fiscal.

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EXCHANGING STAMPS.

By P. LA T.

All collectors have duplicate stamps which they are anxious to exchange for others not in their collections, but how to do so is the problem, exchanging them through the mail is generally unsatisfactory as a person cannot form an idea of the condition of a stamp from a written description of it; what one person might consider a fine specimen another would refuse to put in their collection, and where stamps are sent 'on approval' for exchange, one collector or the other is almost certain to get the best of the bargain, and to leave the other dissatisfied and not inclined to try exchanging again."

The only satisfactory way is for collectors to meet, show their duplicates and to arrange and make their exchange, this is as a rule difficult as nearly all collectors are business men and cannot spare the time to talk stamps, during business hours.

And stamp collectors are so widely scattered that they can rarely meet at other times so that actually very few stamps are exchanged at all,

Now we think that this could be remedied by collectors in the cities and large towns appointing a place to meet for this purpose; only in the cities a

room could be hired for an hour every day in some central location where all could meet and show what they had to exchange. Every one availing themselves of this privilege might be assessed a small sum to pay for the rent and other slight expenses that might be incurred, in this way every one interested in stamps could meet and get a good value for what they might have to exchange; any one having a rarity would naturally get the full worth of it in other stamps as the competition would be brisk, and as nearly all collectors lack many of the common varieties not taking the time to hunt them up, and not caring to buy them; here would be the chance for some persons to dispose of what are generally considered to be worthless stamps.

Few collectors are really advanced in Philately as they do not have the chance to study the matter, and as the true way to study it is to see the stamps themselves and have the varieties of paper perforation, or watermark pointed out, this would be the true and best way to advance the science. A collector might not notice the trifling difference that would make a certain stamp valuable, but once shown would never forget it. We hope all collectors will give this matter their attention, and will unite wherever possible and form an association of this kind; it will be the means of advancing Philately and of increasing their collections.

Before long New York will have a *Stamp Collectors' Exchange*, and we hope all large cities will follow suit.

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EDITORIAL.

Advertisers will please note that our date of issue has been changed from the 15th, of the month to the 1st, also take notice that all copy for "ads" must be in by the 15th, to insure publication, and we have changed our box from 96 to 265.

We have received numerous flattering communications from our Philatelic friends and contemporaries, for which we modestly express our thanks, and we will continue to lend our slight assistance to shove the *Philatelic Boat* along.

Has the Philatelic Headlight grown dim and vanished, likewise the *American Philatelist* and the *Monthly Echo*?

"STILL ALIVE"—Allens City *Dispatch*, alias—Allens Circular Delivery. A Feeble attempt to rise again, but the Philatelic Public cannot be caught in the same snare twice.

Pacific Steam Navigation Company.

The Peruvian Government gave to this company the contract to carry mails to all places on the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

There were only two values—a 1 *real* for half an ounce weight, and a 2 *reals* for 1 ounce, and were beautifully engraved.

It is not accurately known what were the original colors, but probably at first the 1 *real* was blue and the 2 *reals* carmine, and afterwards the colors were reversed.

They have been reprinted in pairs in various colors. They have also been extensively imitated, but on close inspection the inferiority of the engraving of the forgeries is easily perceived.

A genuine original copy of either value is now very difficult to meet with [P. H. B.]

Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL!

The regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held in room 38, Tribune Building, New York city, on Tuesday evening, May 13, 1884.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P. M. President R. R. Bogert in the chair, minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Several communications received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. F. W. Hunter of New York city was proposed for membership, by Mr. Bogert, and Mr. W. L. Brower of Summit, N. J., was proposed by Mr. Craft, after being balloted for both were declared unanimously elected.

There being no regular subject for the meeting, the time was occupied by a general discussion, that was profitable to all present.

The New Jersey members having to leave early to catch the 8:45 train, the meeting adjourned at 8:30

Dr. Wm. H. MITCHELL,
Secretary, *Pro-tem*

The Chronicle.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—The current 1c, 4c and 12c, have been surcharged "Oficial" in black.

GREAT BRITAIN—We have received the $\frac{1}{2}$ d slate, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d lilac, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d lilac, 5d green and 6d green. The P. W. mentions the following compound envelopes in which the 1d has no date.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d x 1d.

4d x 1d.

6d x 1d.

1s x 1d.

MONTSERAT—A half penny stamp has been issued, same design as the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 4d.

PERU—A 3c black and 4c black have been issued without surcharge.

PORTUGUESE INDIES—The following provisionals have now appeared 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ reis on 40 reis blue, and 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ reis on 10 reis green.

STELLALAND—"Der Ph." gives the illustration of a stamp which was obtained from a correspondent in The Hague.

On the top, "Een Penny is inscribed, below "Post Zegel," at the left "Republiek," and at the right "Stellaland." Vermillion on white paper unperforated.

TOKIMA—The P. W. mentions the 5c and 10c stamps on blue paper.

UNITED STATES—The color of the current 2c envelope has been changed to the same color as the adhesive 2c. Size 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ on white is the only one we have seen yet, but it is likely all will be changed.

WURTEMBERG—The P. W. mentions a band 3 pf green on white paper, was issued March 15.

SPAIN—The following cards have appeared; 5c green, 10c carmine and 15c bistre with reply cards of the same colors.

Migma.

—Vol. 1. No. 9.

—Subscribe!!!

—A new Philatelic paper is announced for June 1st. It will be monthly, 8 pages, and called the *Keystone Philatelic Gazette*.

There is room for all.

—Most collectors do not know that there are three distinct dies of the 3c Plympton envelope. Die C was issued in 1881. The difference is in the head, and the workmanship is not as good as die B. At Scott's 59th auction sale one sold for \$9.50.

—The two varieties of 2c envelopes issued in 1882 should not be called October and November dies, as the second die appeared at least as soon as the 15th, of October, if not before.

—All works on Philately received hereafter will be reviewed in these columns.

—A new method of cancelling stamps has been proposed by a Mr. L. Ball of Auburn, N. Y., who proposes to mutilate the stamp by means of a little bunch of short steel points fastened in, and projecting from a handle, to prevent them being used again.

It is doubtful if this is adopted as it would injure the matter contained, but if it should, where will collectors be?

In May issue, in the Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society, please read Turkey instead of "Larkey"

The new envelopes chronicled in another column have now appeared in all sizes and on all colors.

It is proposed to start a Stamp Collectors Society in this city, all Philatelists in Bayonne city and adjacent cities, who are in favor of the project are invited to correspond with Dr. W. H. Mitchell, Bergen Point, N. J.

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No 10.

THE PONY EXPRESS.

BY C. H. COSTER.

Ninety days by ox team from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento was fast travel. The mail, which come by steam-er occupied twenty two days in transit.

The Pony Express, a creation of the fertile brain of Ben Holladay, cut the time down from twelve to fourteen days.

In the whole record of express projects in the United States, there is nothing so memorable as the postal dispatch by relays of ponies across 2,000 miles of continent between Sacramento and St. Joseph on the Missouri.

This distance by galloping day and night, each messenger carrying ten pounds of mail matter, was reduced to nine days, and the time was only exceeded under very exceptional circumstances. Another day brought the express to San Francisco. From St. Joseph the connection with New York was by rail. The route was by Placerville, Carson City, Camp-Floyd, Salt Lake, Fort Bridger, Laramie, Fort Kearney and Marysville to St. Joseph. A large capital was needed for this dash- ing enterprise, and as the express was abandoned in 1862, when the telegraph wires had been extended across the continent, the company did not succeed financially. The loss indeed amounted to \$200,000.

Stations were established all along the route sixty miles apart, and the ponies were kept ready saddled, so that not a moment was wasted in transferring the mail from one messenger to another.

As the rider galloped up to the station and reined in, he threw his bag of despatches to the man who was to ride to the next station, and who instantly spurred the rowels into the flanks of his mount and disappeared, never halting until he reached the relay station beyond. The adventures of these hardy, daring men thrill with interest, and have often afforded graphic subject-matter for the pen of the writer on frontier life.

As they deserved to be, they were handsomely paid for their bravery and hardihood receiving (\$120) a month.

They had frequently to fight their way through hostile bands of Indians, speeding on and firing as they sped, sometimes laying low the redskin, and hearing his death-whoop as he bit the dust; but occasionally themselves toppling out of the saddle with an arrow or bullet through the heart. Their weapons were limited to a revolver and a bowie knife. The charge for postage by the pony express was \$5 per quarter ounce, so that each ten pounds of dispatches cost for transmission \$3200

The first pony to travel on the route started from St. Joseph amid popular ovations of a most enthusiastic nature,

on the 3d of April, 1860, and the relay to Sacramento reached that place on time.

The rejoicings in California accorded with the import of so marked an advance in the means of communication between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard.

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OFFICIAL!

The regular meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held in room 38 Tribune Building, N. Y. City on June 10, 1884. President R. R. Bogert in the chair.

The society called to order at 8 P. M.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Communication received from Math. Rolley, Secretary of the first Hungarian Philatelic Society informing this society of its organization on May 1, 1884 with Mr. Ludwig Richter as President at Buda-pesch, Hungary. Secretary was instructed to reply to the same.

Several other communications received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Bogert proposed Mr. R. H. Merovian of St. Paul, Minn., for membership, and after being balloted for was declared unanimously elected.

The society then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:

President, R. R. Bogert; Vice President, W. F. Smith; Secretary, Philip La Tourette; Treasurer, Dr. W. H. Mitchell; Librarian, R. R. Bogert, Executive, Jos. Rechert; Chairman, H. M. Craft, Henry Collin.

Novelties reported.

Peru Post-card—1c provisional surcharged on 5c.

2c provisional surcharged on 5c.

3c with the "Correos Lima" surcharge.

Uruguay—1c green, 2c red, 7c blue, 10c brown, 20c bistre 25c steel blue, by Calman.

Hayti—20c perforated, by Mr. Collin.

British Guiana—newspaper wrappers, by Mr. Bogert.

Mr. Collin stated that a new postal note had been issued, this was objected to as a new issue as it was not a postage stamp, though Mr. Collin contended that it was.

Mr. Rechert stated that the vignette was collected as such in Europe. Mr. La Tourette stated that in his opinion it was more a revenue than a postage stamp. Mr. Calman stated that as near as he could get at it, it was an official revenue. From this the discussion drifted on to the question, should all that are used for postage be collected, or only such as are authorized and intended for such a purpose. Peru being cited as an example. Dr. Mitchell said that the Chilian stamp used in Peru during its occupancy by Chili were not Peruvian stamps, and should not be collected as such.

Mr. Calman also stated, that furthermore, that in such cases the letters were post-marked for instance "Lima, Chili" and not "Lima, Peru," being virtually a portion of Chili, and that all stamps bearing the Chilian arms as a surcharge were provisional issues of Chili, and were not in any sense Peruvian stamps.

The society then adjourned to meet in September or at the call of the President.

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Dealers wishing to advertise will please send us copy for "adv." as soon as possible, as we go to press without delay on the day stated above.

Hereafter no discount will be allowed on continued "ads," we have placed "ads" at such a low rate that we cannot insert them for less.

The Chronicle.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—The following additional official stamps have appeared, the 2, 24 and 60c.

BRITISH GUIANA—A 1c green and a 2c rose newspaper wrapper, same type as present adhesives.

FRENCH COLONIES—The 10, 20 and 30 centimes unpaid letter, used in the colonies are now unperforated.

JAMAICA—A reply card has been issued of the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ d x $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

NEW CALEDONIA—The 40c has been again surcharged 5 (not 05) as in 1882, and is found with the surcharge inverted as well as upright.

NORWAY—The 3 ore orange, and 12 ore green, of the new type have been issued.

ORANGE FREE STATE—The 2d stamp and the 1d card of the new issue have appeared. The former in mauve and the latter in orange on thick white card.

PERU—The 5c provisional post-card has been surcharged 1c.

The 2c current post-card surcharged on 5c. and the 3c post card is surcharged "correos" at the top, and "Lima" below.

PORTO RICO—The 20c is now dark green, the 80c dark red, the $\frac{1}{2}$ mil. claret and the 1 mil. is carmine.

ST. CHRISTOPHER—The 1d is now carmine.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA—50c brown of the current set has been issued.

URUGUAY—The following new stamps are about to appear:

- 1c, green.
- 2c, red.
- 7c, blue.
- 20c, bistre.
- 25c, steel blue.

VICTORIA—A new 2sh 6d stamp was issued last April.

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BAYONNE CITY, N. J., AUGUST, 1884.

No. 11.

PROVISIONALS.

BY RAMBLEK.

(From the *National Philatelist*.)

NOW that these abominations have gone up and down the face of the earth, and waxed fat and multiplied to an unheard of extent, it seems fitting that some one should take up the subject and open a discussion which may ultimately prove of benefit to Philatelists.

In olden times a provisional stamp was a great exception, but now-a-days they seem to be the rule, particularly with Great Britain and her possessions, the Spanish-American Nations, and some of the French, Spanish and Portuguese Colonies.

What with surcharges, half stamps, fiscals used for postal purposes, and make-shifts of every kind and description, the average collector has his hands full in keeping up with the times.

The past six or seven years have witnessed an increase to an alarming extent in the number of provisional stamps. Were the stamps themselves only rated and collected, it might perhaps not have become as serious an evil, but every trifling error and inaccuracy in the setting up of the type (for of course the printer is the important factor in all surcharged stamps) is duly

chronicled by the philatelic press, and naturally, these "errors" bring fancy prices in the hands of the dealers. What is more disgusting to a collector than having paid, say \$5, for a provisional upon its first appearance, and upon a dealer's assurance that a limited number only of this particular stamp having been issued, they would naturally be an enhanced value as time went by, to find two or three months afterwards, the same stamps are sold at only 50 cents to \$1, and that too by the same dealer from whom he purchased for \$5; and yet, in all this, the dealer probably is perfectly sincere, and speaks from what he considers thoroughly reliable information. Witness the case of the surcharged Cyprus, 30 paras on one piastre. When they first appeared the report was industriously circulated, by the Philatelic press and by dealers, that but about 150 of them were sold by the authorities, and consequently the stamps at once commanded a fancy price, specimens fetching to our knowledge as high at \$10.

Now this stamp is in fair abundance, and can be purchased for from \$3 to \$4, all properly post-marked and apparently genuine. Look at the late provisional issues of British Guiana. At first they could hardly be procured for love or money, but now they are coming out in schools. This stock was purchased almost exclusively by post office clerks and collectors in that colony, who have held them ever since at exorbitant

prices, so that dealers did not care to invest.

Now that they are becoming so plentiful it is fair to suppose that these gentry are getting perhaps a little short of cash, and of a certainty, desire to realize upon their investment.

In this connection we desire to state that a large number of these British Guiana lately passed through our hands, in entire sheets, and that, on a number of these sheets, about half the stamps were duly post-marked Georgetown, with some date in July, 1883, while the other half of the sheet was uncanceled, the sheets of course bearing yet the original gum.

Thus all tastes may be suited by the dealer, and the collector of cancelled or uncanceled specimens now duly acquire his prizes.

(To be continued,)

The Local Stamps of St. Louis and Cincinnati.

By DR. W. H. MITCHELL.

As nothing has yet been published about these interesting stamps, we will give our readers a few facts concerning the same, which we know will prove of interest.

In the latter part of November, 1882, a company organized in St. Louis, Mo. for the purpose of conveying letters and packages in the business or central part of the city, under the name of the "St. Louis City Delivery."

At first the scheme was regarded as a humbug by merchants, but the business of the company increased so rapidly, that at the time of their dissolution, they enjoyed the almost general patronage of the people in their district, and were making money fast, (also causing a quite perceptible decrease in

the local revenue of the U. S. P. O. Department,) when the Government stepped in, in the form of a U. S. Marshall, and denounced the business as an infringement on the U. S. privilege, or rather monopoly, of carrying mails on a post route—the streets of the city being considered as such, and ordered a discontinuance of the same, which order was of necessity promptly complied with.

About January 12, '83, a member of the St. Louis company was sent to Cincinnati, to establish a branch office for the same purpose, to be known as the "Cincinnati Delivery Co.," but they had only fairly started when they were compelled to quit about three weeks later.

In St. Louis 25,000 stamps were issued, 20,000 were sold to the company's patrons, nearly all of which were actually used.

In Cincinnati about the same number of stamps were issued, 5,000 of which were sold, but only 3,000 were actually used.

The design of the stamp is very simple. In the center a carrier on duty, above the name "St. Louis," or "Cincinnati," and below "City Delivery," and the number of the office, on the Cincinnati, "64 West St.," and on the St. Louis, 506 "Olive Street."

The color is pink, but the Cincinnati are a shade darker than the St. Louis. Altogether they present a very neat appearance.

As very little was known about these stamps, heretofore, Philatelic publishers have desisted from enumerating them in their catalogues and albums, but they will probably in Stanley Gibbons & Co's next appendix and also in some American Catalogues.

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Volume I. is now nearing its completion. When the BAYONNE PHILATELIST was started, it was an experiment, and was only intended to supply a local want, but it has met with so much encouragement from Philatelists all over this wide, wide world, that we have resolved to see it through its second volume and will exert our efforts to make it—as in the past—a success.

It has been said by an editor of larger experience than ourselves, "That contributors never send an article to a paper unless they have an axe to grind."

Now contributors and all Philatelic writers, the BAYONNE PHILATELIST is just the grindstone on which to grind your axe, and we will turn its crank to the satisfaction of all concerned.

As most all of our subscriptions end with the present volume, we would like all new subscriptions to begin with the new volume.

Volume I can be furnished complete after September 1st, for 25 cents. We have only a very few complete files and collectors desiring them should order at once "lest they get left."

We have received numerous complaints of late from our subscribers, that they have failed to receive their papers.

Each paper is sent out regularly each month, and if they fail to receive them it is not our fault.

The Chronicle.

MEXICO—The new official stamp has appeared, bearing the following words "Correspondencies official" below instead of the value.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA (Santander)—Two stamps have appeared, 5 cent red and 10 cent lilac.—(Der Ph.)

Migma.

—Where is the new United States postal card, that we have heard so much about.

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Vol. I.

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No. 12.

PROVISIONALS.

BY RAMBLER.

(From the *National Philatelist*.)
(Concluded.)

While there is nothing really improper in a possessor of a sheet of these stamps having them cancelled to suit himself at the Post Office, still we must say that we think the holders have been a little too complaisant in this matter. It smacks too much of a desire to suit all styles of collectors.

There is a post-master in the little one horse West Indian Island of Dominica, who has made himself particularly obnoxious to collectors and dealers by paudering too evidently to tastes for varieties.

This party's name is perfectly well known to us, but we refrain from repeating it here, for obvious reasons.

To him alone we believe may be laid the shoal of noxious weeds, called "half stamps," that have lately emanated from the West Indies; particularly those from St. Christopher, Nevis, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, &c. Great numbers of these have lately passed through our hands, and every entire envelope we have seen was addressed to this post-master, while those parts of envelopes sent us have the post mark of Dominica, as the receiving office, as well as the regular post-mark of the Island whence they emanated.

This party has also inflicted upon us three varieties of regularly surcharged Dominican 1/2 stamps, and not content with his gains in this respect, has passed through his office stamps with surcharges upside down, and half stamps with surcharge omitted.

Altogether the page in our album allotted to Dominica is now (dis)graced with fourteen monstrosities evolved from this party's genius, for of course, both halves of these surcharged stamps are collected.

Dominica's surcharged are now as plentiful as the leaves on the trees; the market is overstocked with them; no one wants them; and yet these provisionals, when issued about a year ago, brought big prices.

We have dwelt somewhat at length upon this, as we think that this post-master's conduct should be well known to the Philatelic world.

What will he give us next? Stamps issued to provisionally satisfy legitimate business demands are all right, but what shall we say to those wretched creatures that are now being foisted upon the unoffending pages of our albums (we mean stamps made to sell not to use)?

Under no circumstance should the collector touch a half stamp, issued since 1881, unless it is upon the original envelope, plainly showing that no additional postage was paid by the recipient. Parts of envelopes showing the half

stamp and postmark only, should be of no value in a collector's eyes, as they prove nothing. Anything may be placed alongside a two cent stamp in this country, and duly postmarked.

Therefore only retain half stamps (if you must have them), that appear upon the entire envelope.

Who is guarantee for the strange Costa Rica surcharges that have lately made their appearance?

We understand that the entire remainder of the issue now obsolete was sold to an enterprising individual, and in order that he might have something to show for his money, the government kindly surcharged in various ways, shapes and manners, a portion of his purchase.

This party brought his investment to New York, but our dealers fought shy of his strange surcharges, and finally, he was obliged to seek (and find) a market in London.

In conclusion our advice to collectors upon the subject of provisionals, is to wait till you see how the cat will jump.

It may be perhaps, once out of twenty times, you will pay a trifle more in six months time, but, in the majority of instances, you will make money by waiting for the stamps to find their proper level.

THE REASON WHY.

Several months ago a letter was published in this paper stating that in many cases the names of innocent persons had been published as frauds, and that publishers should be extremely cautious in printing the same.

In how many cases of the so-called frauds do the publishers investigate the case in hand? We may say very few indeed.

Simply because someone says they are frauds, the next issue comes out with the names and addresses in full.

If every case could be proved by the publishers, well and good, but do not rely on hearsay. "A man (or a boy) is innocent till proven guilty," and entitled to the benefit of a doubt.

Black Lists and Rogue's Gallies are not Philately, and the cause is not advanced one iota by their publication.

If there are known forgeries in existence, announce them, and that will be sufficient, and will place collectors on the alert.

The main cause of this hubbub is the "Approval Sheet System," which should be abolished in the interest of the collector and dealer, and for the good of the cause.

There is a class of "Would-be dealers," for whom the approval sheet system has special attractions who send out stamps on sheets to collectors who do not desire them, and the only result is annoyance and trouble.

If dealers would not be cheated, then let them require satisfactory references from strange customers, and let collectors patronize only such dealers as are of sufficient reputation and responsibility to warrant the same.

With this understanding there would be no frauds.

And lastly let papers devote their space to the dissemination of such knowledge as will benefit and improve their readers, and not waste any time on matters Non-Philatelic.

Does Philately mean anything? If it does, keep up its standard.

Let others do as they may, but as for us if we cannot do *justice to all* concerned, we will leave the whole thing severely alone, and devote all our space we can to unravel the already much tangled thread of Philately.

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EDITORIAL.

With this number Vol. I is completed and as fortune has smiled upon us, we take great pleasure to announce another volume.

We most earnestly hope that the support that has been given us during the past year will be continued during the next volume. We express our thanks to subscribers, advertisers and publishers for their good wishes.

New features will be introduced and no effort will be spared to make our paper a welcome visitor to all interested in our "hobby," and profiting from the experience of the past we expect to accomplish the best results. We call attention of advertisers to the above schedule of rates, from which we shall allow no discount under any circumstances; we have placed our rates very low and within the reach of all.

We have made a few typographical errors in this volume, but they will be readily understood by all Philatelists who may find such errors.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

As a short supplement to the Article on the St. Louis and Cincinnati Locals, in last month's issue, we would note that the company was compelled to redeem all uncancelled stamps, at face value and in order to protect themselves before selling their remainder to dealers, cancelled the majority of them, hence a cancelled specimen does not signify that it accomplished the design for which it was intended, those cancelled with a pen with figure "3" were evidently done by outside parties.

OBITUARY.

Died suddenly on July 26th, F. W. Dibblee. Mr. Dibblee was an ardent collector of United States stamps, and his collection was a particularly fine one, including essays, proofs, and curios.

His loss will be deeply regretted by those who were fortunate enough to meet him.

Migma.

—Philately at present is absolutely at a stand-still. We predict the coming season will be a very successful one.

Mr. T. Martin Wears has brought out his "Sydney News." *The Record* says, that Mr. Wears has attempted to do what the best Philatelists have shrank from, but to Mr. Wears is due great credit for the concise and able manner in which he has treated his subject, and his book should meet with a ready sale.

—FORGERIES of five cent yellow and fifty cent black of Tolima, have appeared from the usual source, "The Old Bay State."

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THE PHILATELIC PRESS.

BY P. LA T.

A curious thing about collectors is the apathy they show for Philatelic literature. Few are willing to pay even the postage on most papers now published, saying "they do not find anything of interest in their pages and that they can not learn anything from them."

This is a great mistake. There are a number of good papers now issued, and there have been some most excellent ones discontinued for want of patronage. The most advanced collector will learn some thing from them if he will read them carefully, and if these papers were supported as they should be, they would grow in size and interest until they would be a genuine help to Philatelists.

All publications to improve must be encouraged and supported by the people in whose interest they are published and the Philatelic press is certainly of direct interest to collectors, as they chronicle new issues, clear up doubtful points of old ones, publish exchange notices free for persons with stamps to exchange, give the names of leading dealers, and in fact, keep Philately going.

The subscription rates of these are as a rule so small that they are in the

reach of the most impecunious school-boy and a good subscription list with a new-paper of any kind, means plenty of advertisements and increased reading matter, and there is not a shadow of a doubt but that with good support from those who could and should support the Philatelic press, would become highly entertaining and instructive and would be the means of interesting many in Philately who do not at present even know the meaning of the word.

Although there is plenty of room for more collectors, what is most needed is instruction for those already in the ranks and the only way for them to become familiar with their science is to study it.

They must accept their literature in its present state hoping and feeling that by small pecuniary support and by what is just as important, contributions of good reading matter, to advance Philately in this country to the position it holds in the old world: A science upheld by Statesmen and Savants.

NEWS FROM TURKEY.

The Sublime Porte having decreed that the Post Office shall be entirely in the hands of the government, hence the stamps of the German Empire, surcharged for use there, will in all probability go out of use and become extremely difficult to obtain.

Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL.

First regular meeting of the season was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 9, 1884, in room 38, Tribune Building, New York City.

Meeting was called to order 7.45 P. M. President R. B. Bogert, in the chair.

Mr. Jos. Holmes Jr. of 40 Fulton Street, New York City, was proposed for membership, said proposition being referred to the Executive Committee for action next meeting.

Mess. J. Rebert, R. B. Bogert and Henry Collin were appointed as special committee to correspond with Foreign Philatelic Societies in reference to addressing the Postal Union Convention which is to be held at Lisbon early next year, regarding the rates of postage on certain printed matter.

The subject of celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the Society was referred to the Executive Committee.

Meeting then adjourned at 9 P. M. to meet Tuesday evening October 14 1884.

PHILIP LA TOURETTE,

Secretary.

The Chronicle.

BULGARIA—Three surcharged stamps :
3, black on 10 Stolinka.

5, red " 30 "
15 " " 25 "

DUTCH INDIES—(Suriname) The 12½c post card, brown, has been surcharged "7½ cent" in blue.

MALAY PENINSULA—(Johore) The British are slowly extending their territory, viz : 2 cents, Straits Settlements, surcharged

JOHORE

(Perak) is now surcharged in smaller type on 2c Straits Settlements, rose viz :

PERAK

MEXICO—A 5 centavo card has appeared with stamp of the latest style of adhesives.

PERU—The 3c, 4c and 5c single, and 2c, 8c, 4c, 5c and 6c double cards, have been surcharged.

UNITED STATES—The P. W. states that there is a new die of the 2c envelope which closely resembles Die "B," '83, the principal difference being that there are two and one half links above the figure 2 at the left side of the stamp. It goes on to say that they have only seen it on size 5, white, and the used copies were postmarked in June. It is considered a distinct die, and not die B retouched. We have seen the above, and most certainly agree with them.

(Official) The War Department 1c wrapper for the Signal Service has been succeeded by a new Penalty Wrapper, watermark, 254 x 163 mm., bearing instead of the old 1c stamp an official frank, oval in form, 28 x 25 mm., reading above, "War Department," below, Signal Service, U. S. Army." In centre the usual warning, "Any person, etc., * * * * * subject to a fine, etc." Type, set red on manilla.

U. S. COLOMBIA—(Bolivar) The P. W. states that some of the used stamps are dated 1884.

VENEZUELA—(Local) The La Guira, St. Thomas, and Puerto Cabello S S Co. have issued the following, viz :

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ANNUAL GREETING.

A short and prosperous year has just drawn to a close and ere we would embark upon the unknown future, we would make no rash promises, that circumstances would prevent us from fulfilling.

For our paper we desire able articles that will advance the "Science" of Philately, and we invite all to use our columns to express their views in regard to the many undecided questions of our "Study."

To collectors we would suggest the formation of Philatelic Societies to meet regularly at stated intervals for the exchange of information, their duplicates, and general knowledge, besides the social element that cannot fail to be of benefit to all interested.

We would ask secretaries of all societies in the United States, Canada or Great Britain, to forward us abstracts of

their meetings that would prove of interest, or benefit to their fellow philatelists.

We hope to see less of the past trouble arising from the misunderstandings between the sender of, and the receiver of—that bone of contention—the approval sheet.

We have expressed our views in regard to this before, and no doubt our readers will see the truth of it.

Of publication we would announce that, the long looked for, and impatiently waited for, "Color Chart," is nearly completed, being now in the hands of the binders, and doubtless by this time they are ready for distribution.

We would draw the attention of dealers to the fact that our journal circulates almost entirely among collectors, hence, they can see that an advertisement would prove to be to their advantage.

Trusting that the season of 1884-5 will unearth many of the mysteries of the past, and prove a busy and successful one to Philatelists in general is the earnest wish of

THE EDITORS.

Migma.

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