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Canal Zone Stamps

"A temporary arrangement was made by the Governor of the Zone with the Panama Postal authorities by which the use of Panama stamps surcharged 'Canal Zone' was authorized for use in the different Post Offices, for both foreign and domestic mail matter until the regular United States postage stamps could be received.

"In the circular published concerning the establishment of the new postal service persons were warned not to purchase more stamps than were necessary for immediate use, as, after receipt of the United States stamps, those of the Republic of Panama surcharged 'Canal Zone' would not be valid either for use or redemption.

"Ten Postoffices have been established as follows: Aneon, Culebra, Matachin, San Pablo, Gorgona, Empire, La Boca, Bohio, Gatun, Cristobal.

"The provisional stamps were placed on sale on June 24th and discontinued on July 13th, 1904, as the United States stamps were received on the latter date. Every precau-

tion was taken to strictly confine them to postal needs, as the supply was limited and only sufficient for the estimated postal necessities. The denominations are 2 centavos, 5 centavos, 10 centavos. The 5 and 10c. are the third Panama issue surcharged 'Canal Zone' in blue black color, with hand rubber stamp, surcharged horizontal. The 2c. are the fourth Panama issue surcharged.

"The numbers issued are as follows:

2 centavos	2,500
5 centavos	8,000
10 centavos	5,000

Varieties with number:

- 2 centavos, inverted surcharge, 100-1 sheet
 - 5 centavos, inverted surcharge, 100-1 sheet
 - 10 centavos, inverted surcharge, 200-2 sheet
 - 5 centavos, surcharged diagonally, 100-1 sheet
 - 5 centavos vertical row of 10 not surcharged, occurs in two sheets, 20 pairs, one without surcharge exist.
 - 10 centavos, vertical row of 10 not surcharged, occurs in one sheet, 10 pairs, one without surcharge exist.
- No double surcharges exist.

"All postmasters were instructed to sell only one dollar's worth, silver, to any purchaser, and this rule was rigidly enforced, so that a large quantity of unused stamps in the possession of one person could not occur, and when such are of-

ferred in quantity and entire sheets it is a clear indication that they are counterfeits.

"I know positively that the above is true, and in this connection I wish to warn dealers and collectors against counterfeits. If the stamps have already been offered in quantity and sheets they are counterfeits, because I know positively they have not been sold in this manner."

Above is extract from the information furnished by Dr. J. C. Perry to the Stamp News, and he supplemented it with the following additional information:

"It was ascertained that sufficient stamps were not on hand for dispatching the United States mail July 13, and it became necessary to surcharge a limited additional number as follows: 100 2 centavos, 500 5 centavos, 150 10 centavos. Consequently the exact number of stamps issued were: 2600 2 centavos, 8500 5 centavos, 5150 10 centavos.

"As some delay was experienced in issuing the new Canal Zone stamps, the provisional issue was continued in use until July 17, therefore the issue was in use from June 24 to July 17. I will also state that I know positively that the whole issue was placed in cir-

ulation and that there were no remainders."—McKeel's Stamp Collector.



Changed Our Mind

We told many stamp companies that our magazine would be $7\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, but have changed our mind, and instead will make it $5\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ for the present. Of course this will necessitate a change in the price of advertising space.

We also have made a slight alteration in the name, our intention at first being to call it "Engstrom's Monthly Stamp Advertiser," but after some thought on the matter concluded to make the name ENGSTROM'S MONTHLY STAMP NEWS.



Advertising Department

We did not have many advertisements this month because we did not try very hard and a few thought it would not pay. We trust we will have more advertisements for next month. We want all advertisers to understand that if your advertisement does not pay we will refund your money. Try it once and you will try it again. The price of advertising is 10 cents a line, 65 cents an inch or \$6 a page. Try an inch next time.

The Shrinkage of Rarities

It is now some years since Mr. M. P. Castle drew general attention to that factor in stamp collecting which he termed the 'shrinkage of rarities'—i. e., the gradual decrease in the world's visible supply of all the older issues possessing any degree of rarity, through accident, loss, wear and tear, etc. The question has recently arisen whether this shrinkage is, after all, a sufficiently tangible factor to need to be reckoned with during the present generation. That some fine stamps are each year lost to Philately through total destruction there is, of course, no question; and there are doubtless quite a good many that, from one mischance or another, become more or less damaged. But is the percentage large enough to cause philatists any grave concern? Is it not, in fact, so infinitesimally small that many decades must elapse before it will have any very appreciable effect upon supply and demand? We do not overlook the fact that really rare stamps as a rule are appreciating somewhat in price each year. But we believe this to be due to increase of demand rather than to decrease of supply. Practically all of the world's fine stamps—save of course

those that lie undiscovered in non-philatelic obscurity—are in the hands of the elect—of dealers and collectors who may be depended on to handle them and cherish them with the utmost care. It seems unlikely that one good stamp out of ten thousand suffers either total extinction or serious damage in the course of each twelfth month.—*The Stamp-Lovers Weekly.*



Not the Only One

Ours is not the only stamp paper recently started. *The Stamp-Lovers Weekly* of Bethlehem, Penn., was started in September, and is an excellent stamp medium, full of good newsy reading matter.



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WHY I COLLECT STAMPS.

BY H. C. JENNINGS.



WHY I collect stamps has become quite a question in my mind since I have been thinking of writing on the subject. I am

positive of one thing, however, and that is, that it is not a financial question, because even though I have often wondered how much my collection would sell for, I am more than sure I would not sell it, even though I were offered a good margin above what the actual value would be.

There is a pleasure that cannot be described in looking over the leaves of an album and thinking of the hard chases one has had over the capture of an especially desired copy and you again and again feel the tinge of pleasure as you turn the pages and see here and there copies of stamps that may take you back to your early boyhood days and bring back sweet recollections that might have been lost forever if it were not for those continuous reminders you have of the time gone by.

It seems to me that Philately would be a sordid occupation or waste of time for anyone if they

were only collecting from a financial standpoint.

Think of the education one can derive from a careful and systematic study of stamps and of the amount of good to the young collectors, if once in a while they would get an encouraging word or helpful hint from some older person, instead of a laughing, jesting answer, and how little some people know about what they are jesting.

There is lots of good that can come from collecting stamps for the young boy or girl if they are helped and shown how to collect in the right manner.

I think the fever of collecting is on everyone to a certain extent, for who ever saw a boy that did not collect something, even if it were of no more interest than cigar box lids. He is bound to collect and if we were to train him to use his energy in collecting something which will prove a source from which a lot of education can be derived as well as pleasure, and then at last if it must be, a financial question can be considered. But I have no sympathy for the speculative collector at all as he never has any true love for his stamps for he only

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sees a money value in them and loses all the true collector's spirit when he is considering all the time how much profit he will make in his collection. He is nothing more than a gambler in stamps. Now don't confuse my meaning by considering one who sells stamps. He is a dealer, not a collector, and it is his business, not a hobby. Now in ending I will say if we encourage collecting at all let's work together to collect, not from a financial standpoint, but rather from an educational one and then only we meet collectors whom it is a real pleasure to sit down with and have a good friendly chat on the stamp question, and when collectors like that meet they never fail to learn something from one another, but go away with a deeper and broader view of their pet hobby and not have that disgusted and bored feeling, which listening to a speculative collector always causes one to have.

So hoping if this should meet the eye of any young collectors, that it may at least influence them in the right direction, and that the time is not far away when stamp collectors will all collect for the same reason.—Written for the Philatelic West and Camera News, Superior, Neb.

Notes of More or Less Interest.

Ptolemy Soter, of Egypt, was the first monarch who placed his own head upon his coins.



Persons residing in the Philippines pay but 1 cent postage on a letter weighing a half ounce.



If you are looking for a good stamp medium for advertising your business try the ENGSTROM MONTHLY STAMP NEWS. Money refunded if it don't pay.



The Eagle Carrier stamp, one of the most interesting of all the early U. S. stamps, is supposed to have been principally used in the cities of Cincinnati and Philadelphia.



A correspondent calls attention to the fact that Philately is receiving attention in school books. He writes: "I recently noticed in West's Modern History a cut of the first English penny stamp, and under it the inscription: 'This is the first adhesive penny postage stamp ever used. The design was used without change for thirty years, from 1840 to 1870.'" The Philatelic West and Camera News.

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