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EDITORIALS.



THE customary saying: "We make our philatelic bow and assure, we are here to stay" is a too often heard expression to be of any value. Certainly we wish to stay, but we cannot promise this without your help. And to you we appeal, to be with us, and with your help we will stay, without the same it is untrue if we say we will stay.



"COSTA RICA" will cover an entirely new field among collectors and dealers, and if the proposed reduction of foreign postage (from 5 to 2c.) will pass, as it is likely to be; the General Postmaster of the United States being in favor of it, our publication will have the same benefit to U. S. collectors as well as for foreign collectors.



WITH this number we begin to fill out the unexpired subscriptions and ads to "El Filatelico Comercial" of San Jose. Costa Rica, Hoping the change will be agreeable to all concerned, we want to publish a paper that will please one all our readers.



WE are in need of a few articles pertaining to Philately; will pay a reasonable price for all accepted. Your subscription is earnestly desired at present, send coin or new 1c. stamps, as quickly as possible. Advertisers should try an ad in our latin-american paper. To insure insertion send copy not later than the 23d of each month, enclosing the amount.

COMPLIMENTS of the season and good business, we wish to every one. Our monthly will circulate mostly among Central and South America countries. Do you not think that "Costa Rica" will be a good medium to engage more friends? Try it, we ask your opinion and assistance.

PHILATELY will be again demonstrated on the second Exhibition of Postage Stamps by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, from the 3d to 11th of this month. We will give to our readers a review in next issue, and will say like Mr. Luff, that "a postage stamp is a tiny thing but it holds in its pictured space thoughts that embrace the beginning and the end of things, life, death, and—we know not what."

THE largest number of Souvenir Cards are sent in Germany from the great monument in Wiederswald which reached the highest record last year, viz: 216,000 postal cards. Then follows Kyffhausen Monument with 168,000, the Bastion with 155,000, the Wartburg with 146,000 and so on; at all of these favorite pleasure resorts, there is a constant increase from year to year since 1893, with enough impetus.

WAR between Costa Rica and Nicaragua is say to be. The Editor of this paper as a citizen from Costa Rica, has received some news about the financial situation of his country; the troubles are, that Nicaragua is anxious to re-take the strip of land near the proposed canal which Costa Rica wrested

from her on account of war in 1856; that the President Iglesias is a true enemy of Zelaya, President of Nicaragua; that the Republican Party are not in accord with the Iglesias' reelected Government at his own wish; that Mr. Federico Mora, another enemy of Mr. Rafael Iglesias, the reformist of Costa Rica's Constitution, is now ready to invade his own country with a big Nicaraguan force and cross the San Juan river to the coveted territory; that 4,000 soldiers have Costa Rica in the Guanacaste territory to resist any attempt; that the ambition of Nicaragua is to get control of her lost territory in order to broaden her interest and influence in the canal arrangement.

So, the stamps of Nicaragua, year 1896, and the Guanacaste surcharged stamps on Costa Rica, at present are like those of the victorious Boer Republic.

POST CARD MANIA SEIZES THE NATION.

ONE of the most curious collection manias of the century is the one so prevalent now in Germany, that of collecting picture post cards. From the Empress downward every one collects and pesters his friends in every part of the world to send him fresh specimens.—Some enterprising dealers the other day offered for 2 marks a piece cards with pictures of the Ile du Dable, posted from Cayenne, announcing the departure of Captain Dreyfus from prison. Thousands of orders were received, but the French government seized the packet, nipping the speculation in the bud.

The mania received new impetus from the opening few weeks ago, of a picture card exhibition at the Babaria House, Berlin. Over ninety firms in the world, exhibited thousands of designs and views of every town, statues, etc., etc.

The Kaiser is a great partisan of the picture post cards, which he thinks adds to the loyalty of his faithful subjects by bringing before them the deeds of their celebrated forefathers. The Postmaster General, too, is an eloquent advocate of them, as since the craze came in the postal revenues have been going up by leaps and bounds. The scenes of hundreds of military exploits of the empire are immortalized for the humble groschen.

USE BIRDS AS MAIL CARRIERS.

Great Carrier Pigeon Post in Daily Service between Auckland, New Zealand, and an Island 60 Miles distant.

UNIQUE among the postal systems through which have been developed means for communicating intelligence and aiding in the spread of civilization is the the pigeon post which is in daily service carryng mail between Auckland, New Zealand and Great Barrier Inland, known as the Great Barrier pigeon post. It affords an example of work acomplished by feathered messengers more promptly and safely than it could be done by human means.

Under its operation letters can be sent from any part of the world and delivered promptly at Great Barrier Island, whereas without the intervention of the winged letter-carriers they might be delayed a week waiting for the sailing of a steamer from Auckland for the Island.

The idea of establishing a pigeon mail service between the Great Barrier Island, which is 60 miles by water from the city of Auckland, was originated by Walter Fricker of that city after the wreck of the S. S. Wairarapa. On this occasion birds were used to carry dispatches from the wreck to Auckland, there being no cable communication, and a steamer only once a week. The population at that time was limited to about one hundred.

Then came the opening up the gold, silver, and copper mines, which industries were responsible for the increase in the population to 700. It was soon found necessary to obtain some better means of communicating with the mainland, and the Great Barrier Pigeon Post was inaugurated.

At the outset each bird carried one message only at the cost of 2 schillings, but subsequent experiments proved the birds could carry four sheets of tissue paper of quarto size, and the rate was reduced to sixpence for a message of one sheet.

The training of birds from Auckland to the island, which is low-lying and often enveloped in haze seemed to present insurmountable difficulties, the birds being reluctant to leave the mainland on the long journey across the sixty miles of Hauraki Gulf,

but with patience and perseverance this was overcome. The service now has a large number of these diminutive messengers traveling both ways daily.

On account of extra risk and trouble the charge from Auckland to the Island is 1 shilling a sheet. Correspondence is dispatched daily from the island as required between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and from Auckland up to noon daily. The time of closing is earlier from the city, owing to the difficulty experienced by the birds in "picking up" the island on account of the mists in the afternoon.

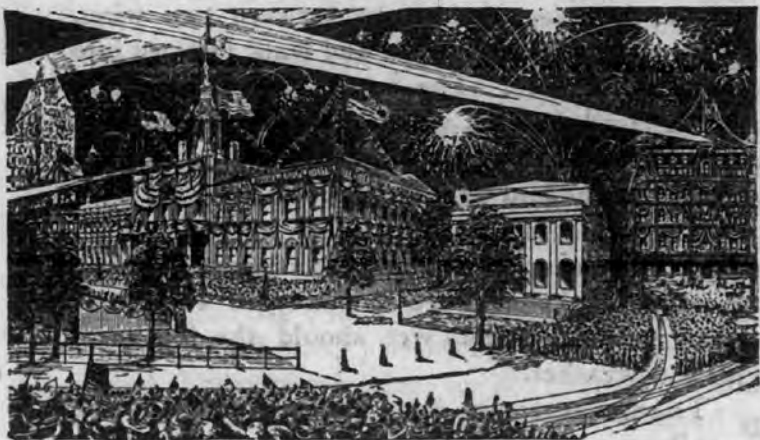
The birds are trained so that on arrival at either terminus they place their necks between two wires, raise these on their shoulders, and walk forward into a box 2 feet square. The wires then fall back against a piece of metal, which rings an indicator bell, and notifies an attendant, who removes the message and permits the bird to enter the loft.

The messages are folded sealed with a stamp, and are then attached to the pigeon's leg. Around the outside of the message is placed a waterproof legging to insure it from wet, should the bird meet with bad weather.

Triangular stamps have just been issued by the Great Barrier pigeon agency. If one has friends on Great Barrier Island and wishes at times to correspond with them without delay, a stock of this pigeon stamps should be procured. Then he can post his message from any part of the world to the Great Barrier pigeon agency, Auckland, N. Z., who will tie the copied message upon the leg of "Hauraki" or an-

other of their swift messengers and away it will go over the treacherous sea which separates Great Barrier Island from the mainland. If he incloses a six-penny return journey stamp, the reply will come winging its way back to Auckland without further trouble to him. From there, of course, the message would reach him by the ordinary post.

DEWEY'S FESTIVAL DAY.



Deberan contentarse nuestros favorecedores con la vista que reproducimos. Ella presenta el día de la fiesta del Almirante Gral. George Dewey, en su arribo a esta ciudad, despues de la desastrosa guerra hispano-yankee; esos juegos pirotecnicos y la iluminación del City Hall son terribles para la vieja Iberia.

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AMBICION.

TAREA algo dificultosa es la de fundar una Revista, dadas las faenas que de antemano se han pensado y tomando por base los pobres cimientos en que se funda el editor. Mas, apartandonos de ese criterio y dirigiendonos bajo punto de vista instructivo y comercial, nuestra pigmea publicacion, luchara hasta vencer, siempre que Ud. y demas lectores, cooperen en su favor.

Nos prometemos agradar, siguiendo una via, no cientifica, mas llena de albores prosperos, levantando siempre el estandarte de la verdad y difundiendo las acertadas ideas que nos dominan; y asi, cual rayo q' hiende e ilumina la atmosfera "Costa Rica" el coleguita fiel, hendira con sus copias del estrecho de Behring hasta el de Magallanes, viendo a sus devotos silenciosa, desde la tea de la estatua de la Libertad.

Consolidada con "El Filatelico Comercial" de San Jose de C. R., nos es grato enviar el apreton de manos a la Prensa Fitatelica, Politica e Independiente, esperando de los protectores el premio a nuestra nueva empresa.

Amando Cespedes M.

AMERICA PARA AMERICANOS.

POLITICA EN FILATELIA.

DECIRME, que los coleccionistas de sellos de correo no se mezclan con la Politica, y que nuestra Universal Prensa, no se presta para entrometerse en actos de intereses populares, es decirme, por este oído me entra y por el otro me sale; mas en mi concepto la Ciencia que estudia los sellos postales, es la demostración clara y terminante de los hechos de los gobiernos, puesto que ella manifiestase como cualquiera otra, aumentando nuestros conocimientos en historia, mitología, geografía, artes, lingüística, botánica, numismática y muchas materias de aprendizaje.

El siglo XIX esta ya expirando y creo que la nueva centuria, acaso a los latino-americanos nos costara sangre o lagrimas. Acaso digo y han dicho muchos, y convencido estoy por lo que mis ojos ven.

America, dulcísimo nombre que a costa de sangre heroica ha ganado sin número de laureles, tan cantada por los poetas, se escandaliza y tiembla hoy, cual sus montes por causas volcánicas.

Vivo aquí, en medio de los yankees, en esta populosa ciudad, mas me concidero tan pequeño, respectivamente, que alzar mi voz no puedo. — Amo la tierra que me vio nacer, desde Mexico hasta Argentina, y abismado ante la grandiosa estatua de Bartholdi, esa que Francia regalo a Estados Unidos, y que alzandose triunfante a la entrada de la Bahía de New York, ilumina con su antorcha al mundo ente-

ro, mi corazón latino-americano palpita sin cesar. Y saber que nuestra noble raza, mecánicamente desaparecerá bajo la errónea interpretación que los anglosajones dan a la frase con que encabezó mi artículo, doctrina de Monroe, y que Estados Unidos, según las palabras de Juan Jacobo Astor, que hablo en París, el 22 de Febrero último en un banquete conmemorando dicho día como nacimiento del inmortal Washington, será beneficiado por la expansión del territorio en su propio destino, es saber la gran verdad.

¿Que significan los hechos que desde 1893 venimos viendo? Que quieren decir las palabras "Provisional Govt." sobre los sellos de Hawaii; "Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, Phillipines" sobre los sellos de United States of America? — Anexion, conquista. *That's all*, como dicen ellos.

Y a pesar de esto —entendiéndolo demasiado bien—democráticamente y con diplomacia vamos caminando, sin saber que quebrantamos la cruz de la Independencia, el heroísmo de nuestros antepasados.

Si según eso, incredulos hayan todavía, que nieguen mi decir, aquí otros ejemplos: los sellos de Francia y Alemania sobrecargados con nombres de nuevas Colonias, y los sellos de la Republica del Transvaal, y los del Estado Libre del Orange, dadas las actuales circunstancias.

Filipinos : Boers :: Oro : Diamantes. Facilmente he resuelto dicho ambicioso problema, que derramando sangre a torrentes quieren resolver Uncle Sam y John Bull. Filatelia, acabara por demostrarlo.

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SI al publicar nuestras paginas, si al cumplimentar los deseos que nos unen talvez nos veamos desalentados, quiza echados al olvido, seguiremos incansables el rumbo y la ambicion que mantenemos.



AGONIA centenal, 1900 llora ya; las puertas del siglo XX se abriran con esplendor, y Paris con su grandioso Certamen Universal despedir podra al siglo que nos vio nacer. Veremos nuestra Ciencia Filatelica, hacer su debut magestuoso demostrando la verdad que muchos todavia ignoran.



STANLEY Gibbons nos ha remitido su catalogo de sellos; como libro, elegante apariencia tiene en biblioteca y como texto cada coleccionista debiera poseerlo. No dudamos de ello recomendandolo a todos.



TAMBIEN Galvez nos ha sido propicio. Su regular catalogo es un *standard* que los aficionados espanoles debieran tomarlo por base para cambios.



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