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— Editorial. —

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The cover page is a very elaborate design portraying the features of the publishers and marking the significance of the issue.

Their achievement came Sat. February, 26.

Just because we do not believe there are enough collector's journals being published at present is why we started this little paper.

Notes.

The new McKinley post card is of a pale blue-gray color, with a new stamp portrait of our deceased President McKinley, taken when he was a young man.

Recent Issues of U.S. Stamps on Experimental Paper.

Only the 1c, 2c, 2c. Lincoln, 6c. and 10c. values on this paper have been discovered although it was officially announced that all values from 1c. to 15c. had been issued. The 6c. and 10c. are both retailing at one dollar each. The 2c. Lincoln at twenty cents, while the 1c. and 2c. are going at triple face and over. The Post-Master General has announced the experiment a failure and no more will be printed.

The Chinese commemoration stamps, three values—2, 3 and 7 cents, are a limited issue to celebrate the accession of the Emperor Hsuang Tung. They are beautiful stamps.

NEW 10. AND 20. U.S. STAMPS.

Dies for the new 1c. and 2c. U.S. Stamps bearing the above numerals are being prepared for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Those now in use are devoid of these identifying characteristics, and in a sense violate the Inter-national Postal Union rules.

NEW DESIGN FOR PENALTY ENVELOPE.

A new design of the penalty envelope is appearing for the Bureau of Engraving and printing. It is a neat design in a handsome shade of brown, bearing the customary legend of penalty and an illustration of an old style hand printing press. We are also informed that the Department is considering the idea of issuing a set of official stamps. Whether this be true or not we are not in position to state.

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2-CENT, MINOR VARIETY, CURRENT ISSUE.

There is a minor variety of the 2-cent U.S. current issue. In the colorless oval ring surrounding Washington's head is a colored dot, exactly opposite the point of the nose, appearing on different plate numbers. It may be an imperfection in the dies or it may be a secret mark. We are rather inclined to believe it to be the latter.

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The premium with Mr. A. C. Roessler's Stamp News this month is an unused post-card of Nicaragua.

Stamps Printed on Bluish Paper.

Statement of postage stamps, series 1909, above 2c denomination, printed on bluish experimental part-rag paper:— 4,000, 3c; 4,400, 4c; 4,000, 5c; 5,200, 6c; 4,000, 8c; 4,000, 10c; 4,000, 13c; 4,000, 15c.

A. M. Travers,
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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

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Richard Sharp, of the Jubilee Stamp House, North Bersted, Bognor, has been collecting postage stamps for forty-four years. He has an entire room papered with them, and festoons of stamps hang across the room. There are about five million stamps in all, and their face value is 400 000 dollars.

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The Cents of 1908 and 1909

Philadelphia Mint: Indian Head 1908—32,327,987. Indian Head 1909—14,370,645. Lincoln, with V D B.—27,995,000. Lincoln, no initials—72,702,618.

San Francisco Mint, "S": Indian Head 1908, amount not given. Indian Head 1909—309,000. Lincoln, with V D B.—484,000. Lincoln, Without initials—1,825,000. — The Philatelic West.

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JUST AS GOOD.

"Have you any postage stamps?" asked the man entering the drug store.

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WHICH ONE?

An Italian organ-grinder who frequented the downtown district of New York was an enthusiastic stamp collector. One warm afternoon he was seated under the awning of a fruit store, his monkey perched on his shoulder, which one seemed intent upon running his hand through his master's hair. The attention of two gentlemen who were passing down the street, was drawn to the strange pair.

"Over there," said the younger man to his companion, "is a most enthusiastic collector." "Which one?" queried the other. Then the young man saw the point.

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The P. O. Department at Washington has just issued orders that the increased cost of rolling stamps must be borne by the consumer. The extra charge will amount to 6 cents for 500 on unperforated stamps, and 9 cents for a roll of 1,000 unperforated stamps. The perforated variety will cost 8 cents extra in rolls of 500, and 12 cents in rolls of 1,000.

Says the acting third assistant post-master-general, "The department hopes later to be able to reduce or discontinue this extra charge, but it cannot be done with the present limited facilities."

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EDITORIAL.

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The Michigan Philatelist has ceased publication, but we are assured that it was no financial failure, but a lack of support by collectors.

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LUCKY THIRTEEN.

Another Experimental Paper Variety Discovered.

Mr. John E Lord, while traveling about the country on his accustomed business, has been buying supplies of the current type thirteen-cent stamp, with no thought of looking for the experimental paper variety. At one office he got a quantity of the ordinary stamps and as he was leaving, he saw a "shade" and hurriedly tore off ten of the stamps from the sheet, with the clerk's permission. Some time later when Mr. Lord examined the ten stamps, which were in two horizontal rows of five each, he found that they were on experimental paper. —Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

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New Covers For Stamp Books.

A change in the cover design for books of stamps is now in course of preparation. The new ones will bear the department's official seal and will be artistically lettered.

Proof Sets of U. S. Coins, 1909.

Minor Coins	- - - - -	(Sets)	4293
Silver	„ - - - - -	„	560
GOLD			
Double Eagles	- - - - -	(Pieces)	69
Eagles	- - - - -	„	74
Half Eagles	- - - - -	„	78
Quarter Eagles	- - - - -	„	137
Supt. of U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.			

Blued Paper Issue.

The intaglio plate-printing process by which our stamps are produced necessitates a preliminary wetting-down of the paper, which is bleached chemical wood stock. This wetting causes a varying shrinkage, which has resulted in heavy waste from the cutting of the perforations into the design. Thus blued paper in the hope of eliminating the loss, but it was found to shrink very unevenly. Some stamps printed on this paper, which is of a slight bluish tinge, were issued to the Post-Master at Washington, D. C., being as follows: 1c. —1,480,000, 2c. —1,494,000 and Lincoln 2c. —673,000. Some "Linkums" were issued to other Post Masters, but no record was kept. For the higher values, see March K. C.

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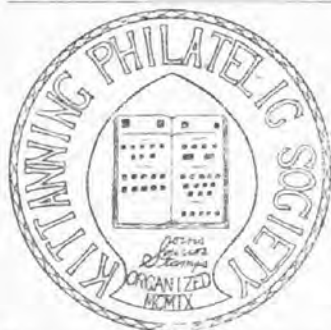
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Stamp, Coin, Shell and Curio Catalogues Why
can we not have a precanceled postage Stamp
Catalogue?

Ohio Valley Stamps.

The Directors of the Ohio Valley Exposition intend to ask the P. O. Department for a commemorative issue of Stamps. Here's hoping they get 'em! We only need about a dozen more to make 57 varieties, '09—'10

Mr. H. S. Adair, present Secretary of the A. P. S., stated that he does not desire a re-nomination and Mr. Chas. R. Morris, who holds a high position in the Auditing Branch of the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., has been nominated to succeed him.



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Editorial.

Post Card collectors, who do not, should take the "Book in Blue," published monthly for the "True Blue Exchangers," by E. E. Ericson, Elroy, Wis.

Doctors claim one poison will go against another. "True Blue" is good for the "blues."

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Where are those new "Washington" nickels the press was making such an excitement over several months ago?

Notes and Notices.

Orders have been issued that stamp sellers throughout the country must deliver stamps to buyers with the gummed side up for sanitary reasons. The germs left on stamp shelves by infected hands or clothing could adhere to the sticky side of the stamps and thus be communicated to the mouths of users.

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Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, has introduced a bill to permit Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt to send all mail matter under his written autograph through the mail during his natural life.

Franking privileges similar to this one are now enjoyed by Mrs. Cleveland, and Mrs. Harrison, widows of Presidents.

—THE STAMP JOURNAL.

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— **A SPECIAL STAMP.** —

TO ADVERTISE 1910 MEETING G.A.R.

We are informed that a special stamp will be issued to advertise the meeting of the G. A. R. in Atlantic City, N. J., next September. The information has not been confirmed.



15c. U.S. 1909 on Blued Paper.

CLEVELAND MAN THE POSSESSOR.

Mr. W. C. Roades, of Cleveland, O., was the discoverer of the 15-cent stamp, current series on experimental paper. It is thought he has all the unused copies. He, also, has in his possession a copy of the 5c. on this much commented upon paper. He is a member of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, which held its twentieth anniversary celebration in Cleveland, Mar. 19.

Cleveland Special.

Mekeel's certainly is the Big Chief for special numbers.

Mar. 26, they issued the "Cleveland Special".

The cover page was drawn by Geo. Wm. Unger and saying that it is a fine design is only beginning. May they live long to put out many "Specials." So say we all of us.
—Ed.

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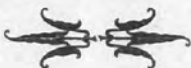


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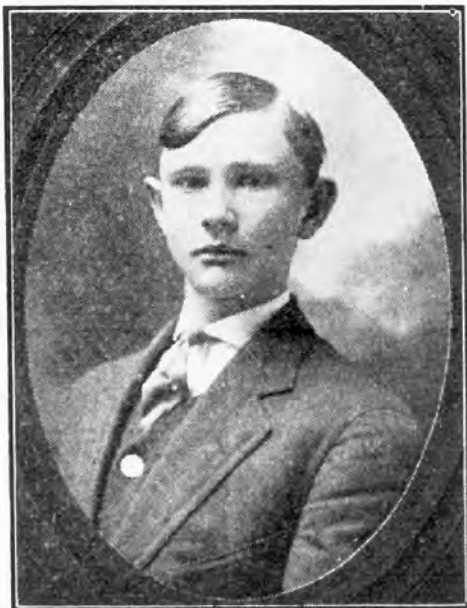
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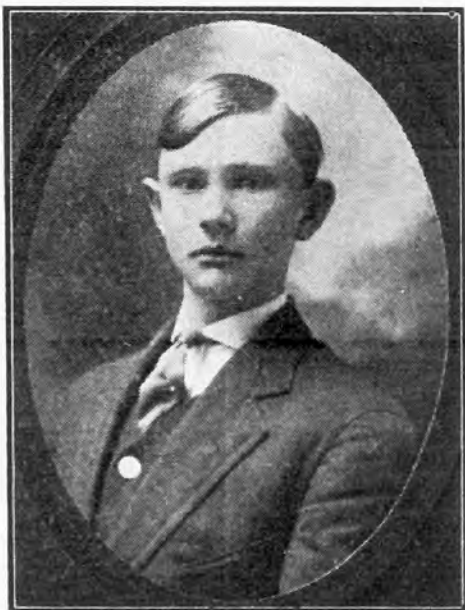
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EDITORIAL.

Well, here we are again, in a new form and with an increase of four pages. This paper although being a publication for collectors in general is more in the interests of Philately.

Now, we don't mean to act two-faced or any thing of the sort, but we feel that Philately demands our attention more than Numismatics, Philocarty, Conchology, Archeology, Bibliography, Mineralogy, Paleontology or any other of the kindred hobbies.

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When it comes to criticizing journals and journalists, the Philatelic Monthly has all others beaten by far. Keep up the good work P. M.

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Why is it so many firms persist in sending approval selections to persons from whom they have received no request for same? There is no hobbyism in this, but a pure case of speculation, and no earnest business man will do such work. It is a big speculation as to whether they will ever hear of them again.

Can we wonder why so many beginners are induced to keep approvals received from such dealers? No postal law requires the addressee to pay for a parcel received by mail when not solicited. Thus you will see why our black-lists are so profuse with names of dis-honest collectors. When will this practice stop?

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New Issue for Greece.

A new set of stamps is being prepared for use in Greece. These stamps are to be manufactured by the chromo-lithographic firm of Aspiotti & Co., Corfu. There will be three designs. The 1, 3 and 10 lepta will show the Hermes of Tonagra from an ancient coin. The 2, 20 and 25 lepta will show the Goddess Iris, standing between two pillars, also from an ancient coin. The 5, 30 and 50 lepta will show Hermes the Courier. This last design will also be used on the post cards. The new stamps will be put on sale in July.—Am. Boy.

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Hawaiian Research.

Henry J. Crocker, of San Francisco, has been working to establish the so-called reissues of Hawaii five and thirteen-cent stamps, 1864 on ordinary white wove paper, as regular issues. He has proven that both the five and thirteen cent adhesives were ordered before any succeeding five-cent stamp appeared.

It is to be hoped that all cataloguers will hereafter list these stamps as regular issues.

Mr. Crocker has brought to light much valuable information concerning the early issues of Hawaii. — Ed.

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The "Misstrike", a Rare Coin.

Perhaps once in ten million times the two little notched fingers on the minting machine that grip the blank disc and draw it forward to the die fail to spring away. When they do, the coin gets shoved only partway across the die and but part of it is stamped. The coin thus made is called a "Misstrike." It isn't everybody knows that each coin goes under the dies twice. The first time it is struck with a blank, dome-shaped set of dies to put an edge on the disc. Then it gets the regular die with the familiar head on it.



New Washington Half Dollars.

Representative Carlin, of Virginia, has introduced a bill "to commemorate the memory of Gen. George Washington in his home town as a farmer, Mason, fireman, surveyor, a patron of the public school, a churchman and a citizen" by the erection of a monument in Alexandria. For this purpose the Secretary is authorized to coin 300,000 Washington silver half dollars, and the proceeds of the sale of these, after paying the cost of the silver and coinage, are to go to the monument fund. It is estimated that this will give the fund about \$75 000.

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NEW WASHINGTON HALF DOLLARS.

The designs on the proposed coins are to be Masonic, fireman, agricultural, surveyor, school and church, and are to be prepared by the director of the mint. No head or figure of Washington himself will appear on them, it having been his express wish that no representation of him ever appear on the coins of the country he helped create. Not long ago an official of the mint prepared a die for a new coin bearing the head of Washington, but when it was submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury he cited this request and ordered that no coins of that kind be struck.

It was characteristic of Washington's natural modesty that he should thus prohibit this method of doing him honor, and his wish has been always respected, so far as coins are concerned, but on postage stamps, something of which Washington never dreamed, the features of the Father of His Country have appeared billions of times.

The above mentioned coin, prepared under the supervision of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and rejected by the Secretary of the Treasury, was the much-talked-of "Washington" nickel.



The Premium with the April number of Mr. A. C. Roessler's Stamp News, is an unused, cut square wrapper of Ecuador.

A. C., certainly is a liberal chap.

U. S. Stamps, '70-'93.

This book is in perfect harmony with the U. S. book of the first series, taking up where it left off and leading up to the Columbian Issue of 1893. It is No. 2, 2nd. series of the Melville Hand-Books, 47 Strand, London.

Well, Isn't This Going Some?

At a recent meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, 2,363 Sydney Views were on display. This certainly must have been a fine exhibit, taking into consideration that no member of the Royal Philatelic Society is a dealer. These were divided among fourteen exhibitors, Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg leading the list with 600. His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales was sixth with 180.

The April Number of The Book in Blue, a post card collectors' magazine is here. It contains many interesting articles, of value to any collector.

Mr. H. B. Clark has severed all connection with the Hobby Club and Hobbyist.

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We intend, next month, to open a Post card department. All those interested will please communicate with editor.

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COLLECTING

BY J. H. O'BERN.

Quite a lot of criticism has been going the rounds in the various stamp journals as to what we ought, and what we ought not to collect. After carefully reading E. R. Vanderhoof's article, "Serving a Strange Master," in the April Hobbyist, will say that he expresses my ideas on the subject to the letter. I have been an all-round collector for twenty-five years, collecting Stamps, Coins and Curios of all kinds, newspaper and magazine articles on various subjects, Lithograph prints, and—well, you may be prepared to throw up your hands—playing card backs. Have you ever given the latter a passing notice? If you do you will see curious and artistic beauties in the different designs, made up of conventionalized leaves and flowers, mythical creatures, grouped in a geometrical and symmetrical radiation. I did not acquire the taste of collecting through some one else, I was born a collector.

Observance is one of my natural faculties, and having that trait when too young to comprehend or appreciate its value, anything curious or out of the ordinary was sure to attract my attention. I have always been an admirer of Mother Nature's marvellous works, and will mention the wonderful creations of the genius of Man. This, I think, will explain in part, why I am so intoxicated, as it were, with the hobby of collecting in its various branches.

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1909 U. S. Issues

By C. M. JICKLING

The stamps of the United States issued during 1909 and the latter part of 1908 present enough varieties to make a fair sized collection.

In the close of 1908 an entire new set was issued of values from one cent to one dollar. The new set caused a great deal of comment by some of the philatelists and those interested because the same head of Washington appeared on all the values except the one cent which was bedecked by the head of Franklin.

This, the current issue, is most beautiful, the colors being admirable. There are rumors about that the government intends to have numerals placed on the one and two cent denominations. These I can not say for certain, are true.

In January 1909 the Post Office Officials announced a new two-cent stamp bearing the head of Lincoln similar to the current set to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of our Martyred President. This stamp was issued February 12th 1909 and remained before the public for about a month.

The current set and the Lincoln stamp arrived imperforate and later with the vending and mailing machine perforations, and also, on experimental paper in rather large quantities.

1909 welcomed a new special delivery stamp, known as "The Merry Widow Hat" stamp. This was another beautiful addition to our collections. The new delivery was soon recalled because it confused the Post Office clerks on account of its similarity to the one-cent denomination. The old blue special delivery was renewed.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was the cause of an additional two-cent stamp with the head of William H. Seward. Soon, another two-cent stamp appeared announcing the Hudson-Fulton celebration. Both of these stamps arrived imperforate but probably for no certain reason. These two stamps represent the only example of United States advertising labels.

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