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LOCAL STAMPS.



REVENUE STAMPS.

One of the most interesting series offered to the stamp collector are the U. S. Locals, and in one sense the most profitable, but at the same time, are the least desirable for the new comer in the field.

U. S. Locals may be divided into two classes. First, the provisional issues of the government post-offices. Second, the issues of express and despatch companies.

Baltimore, Brattleboro and Millbury, Vermont, New Haven, Connecticut, New York, Providence, Rhode Island, and St. Louis are of the first, issued by the post-offices.

The earliest was issued at New York, in 1842; the latest, at Millbury, Vermont, in 1847, shortly after which, the postage stamp came into use.

Some of the rarest of the rare, are the Baltimore, Brattleboro, New Haven, and St. Louis. These stamps have been sold as high as \$5.00 each.

The issues of the express and despatch companies are not, as a rule, as rare as those of the post-offices, though many varieties will bring from \$5 to \$10 each.

The use of Local stamps seems to have begun about the year 1844 and continued until within a few years, when the government stepped in and put an end to this interference with its postal business.

Since that time, no attempt has been made to use Local stamps in the U. S.

G. W.

The use of revenue stamps began about two hundred years ago, and has continued by most civilized nations to a greater or less extent ever since.

In collecting revenue stamps, we have a wider range of date and real rarity, and yet the rare revenue stamps have never commanded the high prices of our U. S. Locals, and probably never will.

Originally, documentary revenue stamps were printed on the paper, like the stamp issued by England under the famous "stamp act," which was one of the principal causes of the Revolutionary war.

The stamped paper with the stamp act impressed upon it, is very rare and could be easily disposed of for \$100.

After the Revolution, our government began making their own stamps, both postage and revenue.

These, however, are not adapted to the amateur, being difficult to obtain.

At the beginning of the present century, revenue stamps went out of use in the U. S. and did not appear again until the breaking out of the late war, when a tax for internal revenue was placed upon many articles and also, upon nearly all legal documents. An interesting series is formed from these stamps, among which, are many specimens which are very rare.

This series may be classed under two grand heads, Documentary and Proprie-

tary; the last, into three subdivisions, Match, Medicine, and Playing Card stamps.

A six cent, orange, Proprietary, perforated, is valued at \$10. One dollar and fifty cent, orange, Foreign Exchange, unperforated, at \$5. Twenty dollars, orange, both perforated and unperforated, at \$25. Five hundred dollars, head of Washington in circle, is the rarest of Documentary stamps.

There are many scarce and rare stamps among the Match and Medicine series. Here we have different shades of paper, which has to be taken into consideration.

The James Swain 6 cent, orange of the Medicine series, is valued at over \$100.

G. W.

**INTERESTING CLIPPINGS FROM
THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.**

Seventy per cent of the work at the Washington Post Office yields no revenue. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, connected with the Treasury Department, charges for every piece of work done for the Post Office Department, but the Treasury Department places in the mails, 161,000 pieces per annum of registered mail alone, not including a vast quantity of ordinary mail to be carried all over the United States, for which the Post Office Department gets no compensation whatever.

That the mails are not used solely for the transmission of intelligence is proved by a curious collection of articles depos-

ited in the museum of the Dead Letter Office, ingots of gold, specimens of valuable ores, kid gloves from the wreck of the Oregon, imported colognes wrapped in dried herbs to conceal them from custom officers, Indian pipes, tomahawks and a birch bark canoe, lava from the Modoc beds, cocoons of the silk worm, agate from Lake Superior, reading cards for the blind, birds' eggs, cakes, fruits, medicine, knives, pistols, rings, watches, live bees, serpents, horned frogs and centipedes, and a few of the articles representing various assortments rapidly accumulating there.

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In the large towns the money is carried as a letter, to the payees residence.

This is a novel way of collecting as it saves the parties a great deal of expense.

In this way it is quite certain that the bills will all be collected, as the government does the work.—*Moxley's Exchange.*

"Inclosed."

A Detroit lawyer received a letter from Texas the other day on which the postage was of an issue current fifteen years ago, and on the envelope of which there was a request to "return if not delivered some time pretty soon." The contents read: "Sometime in the year 1700 a man by the name of Hooten took up two acres of land in your town. He is dead. I am his heir. I want to find out all about it. I want you to search the records and send me all the papers and information you can. If them two acres is there yet I want 'em.

If not, I don't. I only want what belongs to me as his lawful heir. Inclosed you will find 25c. in stamps to pay you for your trouble. I am well. Answer as soon as possible."—*Detroit Free Press.*

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Barbados, 3 var.....	.10	.05	Venezuela, 3 var.....		.5
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*State, 1c green.....
*War, 1c red.....
* " 2c ".....
* " 3c ".....
* " 6c ".....
* " 7c ".....
* " 10c ".....
* " 12c ".....
* " 15c ".....
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nimity among the retailers in nearly every branch of business.

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No. 11.

THE LOOKED-FOR MAN.

[FROM THE CENTURY.]

He "is not fair to outward view";
O, no! quite plain is he,
With "commonplace"
Writ on his face
For all the world to see.

He ne'er has "faced the cannon's mouth",
Or "sailed the raging main"
Or "snatched a child,"
With courage wild,
Before a rushing train.

He is not rich, or bright, or young;
Yet, when he walks the street,
The fairest maids
Lift window-shades
And listen for his feet.

And if he stops, the proudest dame
Seems pleased—or heaves a sigh
If, walking fast,
She sees at last
The postman pass her by.

AFTER MAIL THIEVES.

HOW INSPECTORS FERRET OUT DEPREDATORS.

A Few Interesting Cases—A Mail
Thief is Almost Sure to be Caught
—A Thieving Rodent.

Around the walls of the government building, if one will look closely, he will observe what appears as registers, high up near the ceiling. They are innocent looking enough to distract the suspicions of the most wily thief. But every day,

behind one of these iron grating, there may be found a post-office inspector, intently watching the actions of the clerks, either in the main distributing room or in the register or money order departments. Should there happen to be any complaint of missing mail there is a scurrying in the inspection department and every man on the staff is put on to test his mettle with the case which confronts the department. And the wonder is that, nine times out of ten, the case is worked to a successful conclusion and the guilty person convicted of the heinous crime of tampering with Uncle Sam's mail.

"We get some pretty tough cases" said an old inspector, yesterday, "but it has been my fortune to run down every case on which I was set to work."

"What was the most difficult case you ever had?" asked the reporter.

"It happened while I was stationed at Utica, N. Y., about seven years ago," replied the inspector. "Many letters containing valuables had been missed, and by dint of hard work we managed to trace the job down to one clerk, a shaved-faced young fellow, of about 22 years. He was a clerk who distributed the letters into the boxes of the carriers. As I said, we managed to get this far on the case and then I sat my trap. I had a decoy letter, containing a \$20 gold piece, mailed from a country town in Connecticut to a prominent stove dealer in Utica. The letter failed to reach the carrier promptly and I felt we had our man solid at last.

"I waited for him until the dinner

hour, and as he was leaving the office accosted him. He came with me, and look as closely as I might I failed to detect any signs of uneasiness in his features; they were perfectly immobile. He walked with me into the office of the postmaster and submitted to a thorough search, but no trace of the letter or \$20 gold piece was found on his person. To say I was dumbfounded is drawing it mildly. He appeared to be very indignant. But whether I was right or wrong at the time, the petty robberies came to a sudden stop. No more complaints were heard for a month. Then they began again. This time I bound I would not fail, so I set a close watch on my man. One day when I was about to give up the case in despair, I noticed the fellow tearing up an envelope and dropping it to the floor. When he had gone I picked up the scraps of paper, and after a hard job managed to piece it. I was disheartened when I saw that the envelope had been addressed to himself. I was about to walk away when a sudden idea struck me.

"I came down the next morning before the young clerk came to work, and stationed myself behind a letter rack, free from observation, but in such a position that I could see the fellow's every action. I saw him take several stamped and addressed envelopes from his pocket and walk over to the stamping table and cancel the stamps. During the course of the morning I saw the fellow slip four letters inside as many envelopes and seal the envelopes. Then I knew my suspicions were correct. I went to the carrier who carried the letters to the young man's home and secured the four letters addressed to the fellow himself.

"Have you carried many letters like this?" I asked him.

"Yes, sir," the carrier said, "I carry four or five a day."

"I then called the fellow into my office and told him that we had determined to have the mail of all clerks delivered at the office to lighten the duties of the carriers. I then told him I had four letters for him and handed him the missives I had received from the postman. The fellow turned pale and was on the verge of fainting when I asked him to open and read the letters in my presence. With trembling hands he did so, and inside the envelope, addressed to himself, I found four valuable letters addressed to a large wholesale house. He broke down and confessed that he had been stealing for about six months, and that during that period he had abstracted nearly \$1,500 from business letters. He had spent the money in gambling."

"The hardest case I ever had to work on," broke in another inspector "turned out to be no case at all. It was in a small town in Ohio a few months ago. From this town had come numerous complaints of missing mail, valuable and valueless pieces disappearing regularly. I was sent down to work the matter up. I worked as hard as I could and failed to detect any guilty person among the several employed in the office. As a last resort I determined to spend one night in the office. It proved to be a very successful night. Shortly before midnight I heard a scratching in the lower letter boxes and carefully began to investigate. I opened a drawer and out jumped a big rat. I watched him disappear through a hole and then went home. Next day the floor was torn up, and in that rat's hole we found scraps of paper, checks and currency, all used as a soft, downy bed for the family of rodents. It was a blessing for that town, as a new post-office was secured at once."

"One time," said another inspector, "I was fooled by a pair of high-topped boots. Many letters had been missing from the

trains running between Cincinnati and New York. By means of decoy letters I traced the robberies down to a railway mail clerk, but was unable to catch him in a theft for a long time. After many letters had disappeared, I got mad one wet night, and just as the clerk stepped from his car I placed him under arrest. The truth of the matter was that I really had no grounds on which to arrest him, so I took him to a hotel and rented one room for both of us. A nice grate fire was made in the room, and I took off my shoes to dry my feet in the grateful warmth. My prisoner remained quietly in his chair until I requested him to remove his big boots and feel more comfortable.

"Then he began to fidget uneasily and I grew suspicious. With a rush and a jerk, I pulled off one of his boots, and out dropped three letters. The other boot yielded up half a dozen. Never until that moment had I had the least suspicion of those clumsy, big boots, and were it not for that lucky grate fire I should probably have never been able to convict my man."—[Cincinnati Times.

CANADA'S RAREST.

A few years ago while traveling with a philatelic friend from New York to Boston, a most remarkable event took place which brought us in connection with the largest of Canadian Collectors. We were seated in the cabin on the second deck of the steamer *Pilgrim*, discussing philatelic matters in general, when a stranger entered, and, seating himself beside us, became much interested in our conversation. On my claiming to be one of two collectors in America who possessed used specimens of the 12 pence Canadian stamps, he became very talkative, and asked permission to see the stamp, which was granted, and placed in the

palm of his hand. The stranger was examining the stamp very minutely when a gentleman happened to brush against him, carrying as we thought the stamp with him. This gentleman at once offered himself to be searched, which was done, but no trace of the stamp could be found.

A large number of the passengers, hearing of the affair, gathered around, and the suspicion was directed to the stranger. Who rising exclaimed, "Gentlemen, I refuse to be searched, but I give my word of honor that I know nothing whatever of your stamp more than yourself."

Mourning my loss I retired to my stateroom, and paced the floor for nearly an hour, when, suddenly, drawing my hand from my pocket something fluttered to the floor.

Stooping to pick it up you can imagine my surprise and joy at beholding the gem of my collection again.

The stamp instead of being swept away had fallen in my own pocket. Having placed the stamp in my pocket book I hastened to inform the passengers of my recovery, and also to ask pardon of the gentleman so wrongly accused.

What was my astonishment on entering this gentleman's domain at seeing displayed a 12 penny stamp the image of my own. I knew then that I was in the presence of the famous Canadian collector.

Friend, said the Canadian, you now see the reason why I refused to be searched, had this stamp been found on my person you would have sworn it to have been yours.

From this time forth we became fast friends and many a pleasant evening have we spent since together, often referring to the days of our Pilgrimage.—By Sullexas.

—*The Halifax Philatelist.*

THE ORIGIN OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Origin of Postage Stamps had a tingle of romance in it. It was thirty-seven years ago that Rowland Hill, while crossing a district in the northern part of England, arrived at the door of an inn where a postman had stopped to deliver a letter.

A young girl came out to receive it; she turned it over and over in her hand and asked the price of postage. This was a large sum, and evidently the girl was poor, for the postman demanded a shilling. She sighed sadly and said the letter was from her brother, but that she had no money, and returned the letter to the postman.

Touched with pity, Mr. Hill paid the postage and gave the letter to the girl, who seemed very much embarrassed. Scarcely had the postman turned his back when the young in-keeper's daughter confessed that it was a trick between her and her brother. Some signs on the envelope had told her all she wanted to know, but the letter contained no writing. "We are so poor" she added "that we invented this mode of corresponding without paying for the letters."

The traveler, continuing his journey, asked himself if a system giving rise to such frauds was not a vicious one? Before sunset Rowland had planned to organize the postal service on a new basis,—with what success is known to the world.

P. C.

COLLECTORS ATTENTION.

Less than a year has passed since McFarlain, the noted Boston dealers in counterfeit stamps, was punished by the government for defrauding through the mails.

We all thought this was the last of counterfeit stamps in the United States,

but never-the-less you may look over your last months philatelic journals and in nine out of ten you will find the advertisement of a dealer in counterfeit stamps.

What! You say you can not find it? yes he says all stamps guaranteed genuine.

Now let us write for a sheet with that set of U. S. 1856. and 1861 on, and if it is satisfactory we will remit by return mail

Three days later we receive them with the following; Mr.——, Enclosed find stamps ordered. Guaranteed genuine by J. W. Scott. Please make returns promptly. Very Resp. J. T. Jelf, F. Atchison, Kans. I think they look very clean, to have been issued in 1856 and '61. I will just send this letter to J. W. Scott and see what he says.

A week later we open our mail and find a letter from the one and only J. W. Scott, stating he could not say as to their genuineness without seeing the stamps.

He goes on to say that he has ordered a set and will let you know his decision. Jelf wants his money, we dont want the stamps if they are bad. If they are genuine it is a bargain. Let us send them to Scott.

Answer comes: "Enclosed please find stamps sent me, they are simply proofs of the genuine stamps and are of no philatelic value. Yours truly, J. W. Scott.

What do you think of philatelic papers and their publishers, dear readers, if they are going to uphold such rascality as the above?

Did it actually occur you ask? The writer can answer and prove it from letters and stamps in his possession.

In number two of the *Standard Philatelist* we find a warning to collectors and dealers against J. T. Jelf, but we still see his advertisement in various journals.

What are we going to do about it? Are we going to support a paper that will not protect its patrons?

PONDER ON THE ABOVE COLLECTORS.

M.

She writes many letters unto me
Breathing vows of love so true,
And they're just as sweet as sweet can be;
But a very prudent maiden she
For they all come *postage due*.

Harper's Bazar.

THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

In Oct. 1874, a conference at Berne resulted in the establishment of the "General Postal Union" embracing all the European countries, with Egypt and the United States and resulting in a great simplification of international postal arrangement. This was followed in June, 1878, by a treaty signed or subsequently adhered to by all the parties to the former treaty with addition of British India, the colonies of France, Spain, Holland and Portugal, various British colonies Peru, Persia, Japan, Liberia, Brazil and Mexico.

The new convention receiving the name of the "Universal Postal Union." Under this important treaty, all consenting nations were declared to be a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence. Equal rates, weights and rules were established, and considerable reduction of postage have followed its adoption.

C. E.

—The way some country people inquire for their mails: "Is there anything here for John Stevens?" "No." "Is there anything here for Henry Stevens?" "No" after looking carefully, "there is nothing for the Stevenses." "Is there anything for Mary Stevens?" "No!" "Is there anything for Charles Stevens?" "No: I told you there was nothing for any of the Stevenses." "Is there anything for Susan Stevens?" "No." "Well, has my paper come?"

"CHILD'S PLAY."

Of course none of our readers consider stamp collecting or dealing "child's play." But those who have friends that so consider it, might inform them that Pemberton, Wilson & Co., an English firm, have just sold out for £13,500 net cash, or about \$67,500. Also that the Stanley Gibbons Co., L'd, of London, England, recently took account of stock, which amounted, at selling prices, to £37,000, or about \$185,000. Not much "child's play" about that.

—*Eastern Philatelist.*

ON CHANGE.

A new candidate from Hot Springs, Ark., is called the *Philatelic Review*, eight pages and cover.

The March number of the *American Philatelist* at hand; we see that sixty members of the A. P. A. have been dropped for non-payment of dues, and there are ten applications for membership.

The *Western Philatelic Empire* is the name of the paper of the Omaha Philatelic Society. It is handsomely gotten up, consists of twelve pages and a cover. We wish it success.

Another eight-page and cover paper, the *Philatelic Era*, comes from Portland, Me. It wisely decides that Corwin "has run to the end of his rope" in A. P. A. matters.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* is one of the most interesting papers we receive, the article by Dr. Heath still continues, his descriptions of the proposed stamps of Patagonia, and the definition of the word "collector," "philatelist" and "crank" are very good.

The *Southern Philatelist* is one of our enterprising papers, the official organ of the Charleston Philatelic Society.

We don't get many so small and yet so readable as the *Collector*, New Chester, Pa.

Mekeel's Address Book ought to make its appearance before long as it was promised for January and Mekeel usually lives up to his promises.

The Cream City Philatelist is a new 16 page paper published by Chas. T Taylor, at Milwaukee, Wis.

The *Philatelic Era* will fill all unexpired contracts for the *Philatelic News*, which we regret to say has woodbined.

Mekell's Weekly Stamp News comes to us regular every week, and is filled with reading that will interest all live philatelists.

B. M. Philatelic Globe.

Dear Sir:-

I am very sorry I could not fill the many orders received in answer to adv. in your paper. Other business demands my time, so I have decided to give up the stamp business.

Yours Respt.

H. S. Parker.

FRAUD DEPARTMENT.

TO THE DEALERS' NOTICE

We would like to hear from all parties who have been defrauded by Allan F. MacLean, Palmyra, N. J., and Eugene B. Cross, Beverly, N. J. As we are under the impression that they are one

and the same, we would like every dealer having an application from above parties to forward same to us without delay. We are very sure that this case is similar to the Union Stamp Co., alias John Borgeson, etc., case, and think it should be pushed. We think a few more cases will greatly assist in putting an end to the theft of approval sheets. We trust we will receive hearty co-operation.

EARL BROS., Wynnewood, Pa.

Kindly send me a specimen copy of the Phil. Globe and oblige,

S. Allen Taylor,
Foreign Postage Stamps.
24 Congress St. Boston.

At the old business again. He no doubt forgot to insert the word "counterfeit" in his signature.

Forrest S. Hays, of Galva, Ill., who has been advertised so often in the Eastern as a fraud has always proved honest in his dealings with us, and we think if he was treated fair, he would prove honest to all.

B. Manager.

An extraordinary bank-note made its appearance at the First National Bank in Chicago the other morning. It was a national currency note on a Kansas City bank, with a face value of \$50, but its back was printed from a \$100 note plate, while the number was inscribed upside down. The note is regarded as a great curiosity, and such a freak, it is said, has never before been seen outside the Treasury Department. Indeed, the bank officials are at a loss to explain how it could have got into circulation. It is worth its face value, \$50, but as a curiosity it is valued at more than double that amount.

A BOY'S CURIOSITY.

"No one need tell me that the bump of curiosity in the small boy is not at times productive of good results, I am letting him pry around all he can."

The man who gave utterance to these words was the Hon. Edwin Dickinson, of Springfield, Mass.

Several weeks ago I wrote an important letter at my place of business in Springfield, and inclosed a check for a large amount of money. I imagined that the letter was properly placed in the mailing box and afterward taken to the Post Office by the person whose duty it is to see to such matters. But the letter was lost. In some inexplicable manner it became a part of the contents of a box of paper that was sent to a firm in the center of New York State. An important transaction depended upon the safe arrival of that letter. It went on its new route, and was consigned to the mass of rubbish in a waste-paper room. Here came the small boy, looking for what he might find of value, and especially for old stamps and foreign postmarks. He discovered my letter, and it was forwarded to me. Mr. Parker has just handed it to me. The probability is that if that boy had not been bent upon prying around at least one mystery would have remained unsolved."

—Chicago Globe.

EDITORIAL.

In coming before the philatelists of the U. S. and Canada, we have no apology to make. We have only to say that our existence is by no means experimental and that this paper will be published monthly during the year 1891, etc.

We know what we are about, and we will say right here that money sent us

for subscription is guaranteed and collectors will run no risk in the investment.

Our subscription price is very low (25 cents for 12 Nos.) and there is no excuse why collectors should not commence with this number. Back numbers will be 10cts. each after one month old, so those who want their file complete will find it economy to send in their subscriptions in advance. It is not our plan to fill our columns with trash, but to make it an interesting journal and with this in view we now appoint you our special correspondent. Send us any item of news and we shall be very thankful, giving you credit or not, just as you desire. Many of our friends all over America promise regular letters, and we believe this paper will do much to bring the stamp collectors of this country nearer together.

THE GLOBE PUBLISHING CO.

We take pleasure in publishing the following recommendations as it will warn advertisers not to delay making contracts with us for we intend to raise our rates 50 per cent before very long. Several advertisers will be surprised at not finding their adv's. in this number, but we do only a cash business.

A. C. Hanford says: Just received copy of the GLOBE with my advertisement. I have already received over twenty answers and still they come. I enclose adv. for No. 2, of your paper.

Chas. W. McClain says: Your paper is a good advertising medium.

Harold Rossiteo: You will find enclosed subscription and adv. for No. 2, of the GLOBE.

Several parties have asked for eight or ten sample copies to be given away to their friends. We cannot send more

than one copy to one address, but if you will send us a list of your collecting friends we will gladly mail them samples and will pay you for your trouble in good used and unused foreign stamps.

We have made arrangements with several leading philatelic writers of the day to contribute to this journal and as we have enlarged it is our intention to publish all articles of interest to philatelists, either historical or news.

Collectors having any articles they think would be of interest to the philatelic public will do well to correspond with the editor.

In our candid opinion, everything of interest to a stamp collector should be published in a philatelic journal, be it post-cards, envelopes or stamps, their invention, introduction or history, or anything else appertaining to in any way to them. We must not forget that without the "Post-Office" there would be no stamps, and no "Philately."

A change of printers this month will account for the delay in getting out the present issue of our paper. We will be on time again next month, however.

The result of the Mason sale was a general surprise on account of the very high prices paid all throughout the sale. There was a very active demand for the U. S. department stamps; the bidding was very spirited.

One disagreeable thing about postage stamps is that they are apt to get stuck on themselves.—Binghamton Leader.

EDITOR'S WIFE—"Sanctorum, you look disgusted, anything gone wrong?"

EDITOR—"Yes; missed the mail, and

my typewriter is sick!"

EDITOR'S WIFE—"Too bad to miss male and female the same day!"

AN EASY PLACE.

"Hullo, Bill," said tramp No. 1. "Whatcher going to do for the winter?"

"I've got a place in the post-office."

"What do you have to do?"

"Keep an eye on the police so's I won't get put out."—Puck.

"We all spend money to advertise our business. If you have anything to sell, you make it known to the public, either through good salesmen to tell the people what you have, by advertisements in the papers, or by circulars, or some other way; most of us do it in all ways. You ought not to be in the business if you are afraid to advertise your goods; you ought to get out of the business. You must advertise.

All methods are good, but it is the opinion of shrewd business men, of wide experience, that advertising in trade papers for those who desire to reach a certain class of Collectors or dealers is not only the most effective but also the cheapest. A live advertisement, of a live business, in a live paper, is no more an experiment than money at interest is a fiction.

At a recent meeting of the National Philatelic Society, Mr. C. B. Corwin narrowly escaped being expelled, in consequence of a malicious attack upon the society, which he published in a paper edited by himself (no other paper will publish his ravings). As a member of the National, Mr. Corwin is, in the vernacular, a busted community, and he has only a few friends in the A. P. A., say about thirty-eight.—Stamp News.

One of the frauds advertised last month threatened prosecution. We hope he will. There was a young man in Chicago, who defrauded the leading dealers in the U. S. and then tried to bluff it out, but he received a few months in jail as a holiday present.

John Borgeson, *alias* the Union Stamp Co., of Chicago, whose trial occurred Nov. 24th, was sentenced Dec. 16th to eighteen months in the penitentiary. Let this case be a warning to the young swindlers who think they will escape punishment on account of their youth.—Eastern Philatelist.

We have received over 300 new subscriptions mostly from our own agents and we expect to double the number this month as we have purchased the address of over 1000, collectors, who are just becoming interested in Philately. We are also negotiating the purchase of over 1000 addresses of Bon fide and non address book collectors and to the above we intend to send sample copies the next few months.

THE OLDEST POSTMASTER.

DUBUQUE, IO., March 18. —Celestine Kaltenbach, of Potosi, Wis., the oldest Postmaster in the United States, died this morning, aged 78 years. He was appointed Postmaster in 1838 by President Franklin Pierce, and has held the office continuously.

William Meredith, Superintendent of Bureau of Printing and Engravings—From all parts of the country come complaints of the scarcity of internal revenue stamps. Collectors are continually writing to the Commissioner expressing fear that they will run short, and asking for larger supplies. I have been running the bureau to the full capacity of the

hand presses, and find that I can not print the stamps and money fast enough, even though I add two or three hours of overtime. So I have been obliged to notify the pressmen that the steam presses must be started up and run until we can get a stock of stamps ahead. The use of steam presses is strenuously objected to by organized labor. The chief argument is that such finished work cannot be turned out by steam presses as by hand presses. This applies with some force to the printing of currency. But as for revenue stamps it seems to me that steam presses are good enough. There is no danger of counterfeiting stamps; they are used but once and can only be handled by authorized agents. However, the resort to steam presses is only temporary.

The Philatelic Sewer as C. B. Corwin terms the Weekly Stamp News, we see he has enlarged to eight pages, no doubt the Sewer has done more to advance philately in the past four months than C. B. Corwin ever did as King of the New York Philatelists, Editor of the Metropolitan Philatelist or scrapper of the Philatelic World.

We recently sent an order to the Standard Stamp Co., being unable to fill it, they returned the amount in postal notes which the postmaster refused to cash on account of not being properly made out. Very accommodating of the Standard.

There is no merchant who does not desire to increase his business. The way to do this is to let the world of shoppers know what inducements you are holding out to them by advertisement.—Reading (Pa.) Eagle.

If you want to get rich you must let folks know you are in business.

EFFINGHAM NOTES.

W. T. Pape of this city recently sold his collection to a philatelist residing in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Pape's collection was one of the finest to be seen in our city.

Joseph Hoglen, now residing in Chicago, Ill., became interested in stamp collecting about two years ago. Most of his collection came across the Atlantic ocean, being forwarded to him by relatives traveling in European and Asiatic countries.

A well known gentleman upon being asked if he had any of his old letters with the original stamps upon them replied: "What do you want with old postage stamps? They're all out of date."—"Oh!"

Lt. W. P. Tomlinson, the prominent Effingham philatelist has returned from an extended tour in Europe and contemplates visiting Egypt at an early date.

The Fraud Reporter to hand. It should be in the hands of every collector and dealer.

The march No. of the P. J. of A. had some very interesting articles.

Grammel A. Davison will publish the first No. of The Post Office April 15th.

El. "Filatelista Mexicano" is announced to appear from Monterrey, Mexico. April 5th Edited in English and Spanish. subscription price 50cts per year.

The New Hampshire is first on our books.

The Quaker City illustrates The Great Father.

The Beacon also presents J. W. Scott in all his glory.

The North American bids fair to become one of the 400.

Talk about English. Where is their Weekly Stamp News?

The Ammerican Philatelist and Collector is announced from Marlboro, Mass.

Our subscribers are respectfully informed that exchange notices are not inserted free in this magazine. Our space is too valuable and our subscription rates too small to admit of a free exchange column. The price is so small, one-half cent a word, that all who really desire to exchange articles can afford to pay it. This explanation is made, as several subscribers sent in exchanges the past month desiring them inserted free.

The Atlantic Philatelist Advertiser is a New eight page paper from New York published by R. A. Deghin, 175. E. 77th St.

The Stamp Critic is a new one from Washington D. C. Published by The Stamp Critic Co.

The Mercantile Agency's Advance Reporter contains portraits of P. M. Wolsieffer, J. W. Scott, and E. B. Sterling.

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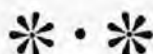
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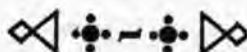
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