

THE

Nashville Coin News.

DEVOTED TO COINS, STAMPS, AND CURIOSITIES.

Vol. 1. NASHVILLE, TENN, JANUARY, 1884 No. 1.

RARE POSTAGE STAMPS.

Extravagant Prices Paid for Issues Made by a Nashville Postmaster.

One of the rarest known postage stamps, and consequently one of the most prized by collectors, is the ten cent stamp issued at Nashville in 1861, by Postmaster McNish, and bearing his name. Some months ago Mr. Carels sold one he had had for many years for \$25, and it was afterwards sold in Paris for \$50. It had been taken off the original envelope, and as counterfeits have been manufactured. Mr. Carels before selling it had to get letters from Mr. McNish, Dr. Blackie and others vouching for its authenticity. A son of Mr. Edmund Cooper, who is making a collection, found among his father's old letters an envelope bearing a cancelled specimen postmarked, etc. Recently he accompanied his mother to New York on a visit, and while there sold the stamp to a dealer for \$37.50. The stamp being on the original postmarked envelope, and bearing its own credentials, so to speak, made it much more valuable.

Even rarer than this stamp is the three cent stamp issued by Mr. McNish, as a used specimen has never been found, and one on the original

envelope and well authenticated would sell for a most extravagant figure. Mr. McNish also issued a five cent stamp, used specimens of which sell from five to eight dollars, the writer of this paragraph having sold a fine specimen for ten dollars.

"THE SUNDAY STONE."

There is a wonderful stone in the coal mines of England called "the Sunday Stone" and this is the way it gets its name. There is a limestone in the mine, and the water that is always trickling down carries with it this limestone, and all along the bottom of the pit it is continually making a layer of white, which little by little turns into hard stone. But when the miners are at work and the coal dust is plying about it, mixes with the limestone and a black layer is formed. Day and night are clearly shown by the black and white layers, and Sunday is marked by a white layer three times as thick as the usual width, so that when a section is dug through at the bottom of the coal mine, the days of the week can be easily traced and the "Sunday Stone" is plainly seen.

The end of the world—Land's End.

UNITED STATES COINS.

The rarest United States coin is the Double Eagle of 1849, of which there is only one in existence, and belongs to the United States Mint Cabinet. The next in rarity is the Half Eagles of 1815, for which, it is said the King of Sweden to complete his collection of United States coins, had to purchase one at the enormous price of \$2,000. Of this Half Eagle of 1815 there are only known five specimens to exist.

The Silver Dollar of 1804 is also one of the rare coins, of this dollar only ten genuine pieces are known to exist, all of which are held by collectors. Of the 1804 dollar several re-strikes have been made. To obtain a fine one from original die would cost at least \$1,000; there are many altered dates. The Half Dollars of 1796 and 1797, if in fine condition brings \$40, of the two, the 1796 is the rarer and usually sells at a still higher rate.

The Quarter Dollars of 1823 and 1827, if in good condition, sell readily at \$20 each; but if in strictly fine preservation, double that sum is cheerfully paid.

Of the Dimes, there are none of extreme rarity, still among the rare coins of that denomination, that of 1804 is the rarest, and if in good condition can be bought at from \$5.00 to \$10.00; but a fine specimen would bring a great deal more.

Among the Half Dimes, that of 1802 is the rarest, and a very fine piece with that date sells readily at \$100.

GOLD COINS OF UTAH.

Gold coins were coined at Salt Lake City, Utah, by direction of the late Brigham Young, Governor of Utah at that time. The denominations were \$20, \$10, \$5, and \$2.50.

The \$5 piece was coined from 1849 to 1860. There were two sets from different dies. The other denominations were coined from 1856 to 1860 inclusive. Medals have been coined in gold, silver, and copper, for rewards at agricultural fairs.

The *Desert Museum*, at Utah, Cabinet No. 4, is devoted to coins, and contains the gold coins of Utah—the silver and gold of that region; the nuggets and the first silver brick made there, also the first manufactured gold of Salt Lake, etc., etc. The coin collection contains many rare coins of the Kingdom, Republic, and Empire of Ancient Rome; also many rare antiquities in gold, silver, and bronze. JOSEPH L. BAREFOOT,

Curator and Manager.

THE STAR-FISH CACTUS.

All plants of the cactus kind are so wonderfully made that they are able to bear the heat and dryness of very hot climates, without showing any evil effects, they draw in the heavy dews that fall at night—literally drink them in—and then when the heat of the day comes on, this moisture supports the plant and gives it health and strength. Flowers often grow out of cacti in a very curious form. Some have been found where the flower greatly resembles a star-fish.

POST OFFICE CURIOSITIES.

The Post Office department has opened at Washington a museum of articles, which have reached the dead letter office, either as undelivered, because the proper parties could not be found, or as unmailable articles. The museum occupies a good sized room, and the cases reaching from floor to ceiling, are full. Among the articles is a huge rattlesnake, coiled in a glass jar, with open mouth and forked tongue. He was put into the mails alive, inclosed in a perforated tin can. Beside him is another huge snake, perhaps four feet in length, and next to that a couple of centipedes, equally as poisonous in their bites, and almost invariably fatal. They were all put into the mails alive. On the other side of the jar containing the rattlesnake, is a baby alligator, and the head of another perhaps a year old. Below is a collection of specimens from various mines in the West, the value of which is considerable. One little package among these contains about \$100 worth of gold. On a shelf above is a collection of coins, some of which are very rare, several coins dating back full 200 years being among the number, there is a locket bearing on the back the inscription "Mrs. Lucy Randolph, died 1783. One hundred years ago. The locket contains a picture of a soldier, and it is supposed that he confiscated it somewhere in the South during the war; had his own picture inserted instead of the one whose name it bore, and sent it to his sweet-heart, who never called

for it at the office of delivery. Beside it, is another picture a gentleman and a lady in a gold frame, which has been in the department over 40 years awaiting a claimant. Besides this is a set of false teeth upon a gold plate, and just below is a bottle of beer which some kind-hearted person had sent to a beer-drinking friend, but which failed to reach its destination. There are several bridles, various parts of a saddle, horse shoes, and a light iron hitching post—every thing, as the lady in charge of the museum oddly remarked: "Every thing but a horse."

FOR SALE.

A FEW CHEAP MEDALS.

1883.	Southern Exposition at Louisville, W. M.	15
1883.	Centennial at Newburg, W. M.	15
1883.	Evacuation of New York, imitation gold, small.	10
1883.	Same—head of Washington, W. M.	15
1883.	Same—bust of Washington, Clinton and Knox, W. M., in box	25
	Territorial Anniversary, Santa Fe, N. M., W. M.	15
1882.	Baltimore Oriole Celebration, W. M.	15
1883.	Military Drill at Nashville, Tenn., W. M., large, in box	25
1833.	German-American Bi-Centennial at Germantown, W. W., in box	25
1882.	16th Encampment Grand Army Republic, Baltimore, W. M.	20
1883.	17th Encampment, G. A. R. Denver, Col., W. M.	20
1883.	Sesqui-Centennial, settlement of Georgia, W. M., in box	25
1881.	Yorktown Celebration, W. M., in box	25

JOHN A. MURKIN, Jr.,

67 West End Avenue,
NASHVILLE, TENN.

The Oldest British Stamp Paper.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS JOURNAL, Coin Collectors News and Antiquarian Fayette, a large monthly, devoted to Philately, Numismatics, and Bric-a-Brac. Subscription 36 cents per annum, post free. Advertisements—Whole column \$2.50; half, \$1.36; quarter column, 72 cents; one inch 36 cents. Specimen copy free. Address everything to
C. H. NUNN, Publisher,
Bury, Saint Edmunds, England.

The Nashville Coin News.

DEVOTED TO
COINS, STAMPS AND CURIOSITIES.

P. F. SHIELDS, - - - - - Publisher
JNO. A. MURKIN, - - - - - Editor

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.

Per annum, post free 25 cents
Foreign countries, post free 35 cents

ADVERTISING RATES.

Half inch.....\$.35
One inch...... 50
Half column..... 1.75
One column..... 3.25
One page..... 5.00

TERMS—Cash in advance. A discount of 20 per cent. will be made on advertisements of one half column, or more, if continued over three months.

All advertisements must be in by the 10th of the month to secure insertion in the next month.

Amounts under \$1 may be sent in 1 or 2 cent stamps. Address,

P. F. SHIELDS, Publisher,
Nashville, Tenn.

Entered at the Post Office at Nashville, Tenn., as second-class matter.

JANUARY, 1884.

NEW ISSUES.

We were unable to secure the new issues for this number, but will positively have them read by our next

WE present you this month the first number of the "NASHVILLE COIN NEWS" and hope you will examine it carefully. We intend making it a first class monthly paper in every respect, and are satisfied we can do so with the support of our patrons. It will be devoted to the interest of all collectors. We wish to increase the circulation as much as possible, do not fail to read our premiums. Each subscriber is entitled to a free notice of exchange.

COMMUNICATIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS

Pertaining to any of our several branches, are at all times respectfully solicited, and accorded full courtesy and attention. Will be glad of any voluntary favors which our friends and readers may bestow. Contributors should notice the following rules: Write on one side of manuscript paper only, and in ink. No anonymous matter inserted. Unaccepted contributions returned only when sufficient stamps are enclosed.

PREMIUMS.

Any one sending us 25 cents in payment for a year's subscription, will receive one of the following premiums:

- No. 1. 100 fine stamps.
- No. 2. 2 rare copper cents.
- No. 3. Shield's coin catalogue.
- No. 4. 1 fine bronze medal.
- No. 5. new nickels without cents.

If premium No. 2 or No. 5, be selected send 2 cents extra for postage.

WE wish every advertiser who receives a copy of this paper to give us a trial advertisement. With our large circulation it cannot fail to pay.

WHEN answering advertisements please mention this paper, and you will greatly oblige the publishers.

PUBLISHERS finding this notice marked are invited to exchange papers regularly.

EVERY advertiser should send his card to be inserted in the Dealers Directory.

Dealers' Directory.

We will insert your card like the full wing in this directory, one year, at the following rates: One Line 25 cents; 2 lines, 50 cents; for each additional line 35 cent per year.

STAMP DEALERS

W. WILLIAM EMORY, Fitchburg, Massachusetts

W. F. BISHOP, LaGrange, Ill.

L. W. DURBIN, Fifth and Liberty Streets Philadelphia.

COIN DEALERS

J. JOHN A. MURKIN, Jr., 67 West End Avenue Nashville, Tenn.

P. F. SHIELD, Nashville, Tenn.

COIN JOURNALS

NASHVILLE COIN NEWS, P. F. Shields, Publisher, Nashville Tenn.

STAMP JOURNALS

G. GRANITE STATE PHILATELIS, John M. Hubbard, Publisher, Lake Village, N. H.

AUTOGRAPHS

C. P. GUNTHER, 78 Madison Street Chicago.

J. AS. McHENRY, 208 South Spruce Street Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Old and Rare Foreign and United States Coins and Medals Indian Relics of all kinds, United States and Confederate Fractional Currency, Old Papers, Old Letters, and other Curiosities. Ewing Thompson, Cor. Church and Vine Streets, Nashville, Tenn.

COLLECTORS NOTICE.—The publishers of the *International Stamp Album* are preparing the plates for the next edition, and will include space for the three varieties of Allen's Chicago City Dispatch stamps, so no collection is complete without them. We offer a few of one of the rarest varieties, either used or unused. Red on Yellow—5 cents each or 50 cents per dozen. C. H. MEKEEL & Co., Poplar Ridge, New York.

PACKET NO. 6—Contains 60 rare used and unused postage stamps all different, including Bolivia, old Hawaiian, Malta, South African Genuine U. S. Locals. Many kinds rare South American and West Indian, Samoa, Iceland, East India, Japan, Ceylon, Bulgaria, Constantinople, local, and many are rare stamps not usually found in packets. Price post-free 40 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. Rare stamps received. C. H. MEKEEL & Co., Poplar Ridge, New York.

Exchange Column.

NOTE—The publishers reserve to themselves the right of deciding whether an Exchange shall appear or not. To avoid any misunde standing or disappointment, hereby we, they advise Exchanges to write for particulars to the addresses given before sending the articles called for.

An Indian hat-het, 10 shells from the Indian Ocean, 3 from Sandusky Bay, and copper ore from Battle Mountain, California, for a bull's-eye lantern in good condition.
STANLEY CURRAN, Sandusky, Ohio.

Twenty-five foreign stamps, for every Indian arrow-head; 50, for every Indian hatched; stamps, for Indian relics.
REID HUNT,
Martinsville, Clinton Co. Ohio.

Good and rare foreign and U. S. stamps, for the same, old European especially wanted; rare stamps or bound books, for back numbers of stamp papers. Send list.
W. H. McDONALD, Wrentham, Ill.

A 1 ounce pack of sand from the Atlantic, for every mineral specimen 2 by 3 inches; 2 ounces, for every specimen 2 by 4 inches.
J. S. W. HARRINGTON, Box 31 Logan, Ohio.

A fine collection of mineral, embracing gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, zinc, and nickel ores, for 50 perfect arrows or spear heads.
P. S. S., Box 3210, New York City.

Fifty foreign coins, for a large font of type; 25, for a set of U. S. stamps of 1869; 16, for the 85¢ Nova Scotia stamp.

GEORGE CURTWAY,
Care of L. I. A. N., Tonawanda, Erie Co. N. Y.

A 10-cent Mexican silver coin, a 20-reis, Brazilian copper coin, a French copper coin dated 1781, and an old English copper coin dated 1750, for other coins; also 2000 foreign stamps (75 different kinds,) for a hand-stamp with type, etc. No reasonable offer refused.
ROWAN A. GREEN, Anson, Jones Co. Texas.

A collection of coins, stamps in album, and *Mary Queen of Scots*, for best other of a photographic outfit.
J. A. EDDY, 3873 Ellis Av., Chicago, Ill.

Fifty kinds of Ohio minerals, for Indian relics; 50 kinds of choice wood specimens, also tree and flower seeds, for relics, etc. Please write and subscribe.

J. HAMPTON, Box 116, Mount Victory, Ohio.

Advertising cards, for acorns. Please write before sending.
J. B. DOMINICK,
622 Pavonia Av., Jersey City N. J.

The 12 and 15-cent issue of 1869, for the 5, 24, or 30-cent issue of 1851 24-cent Treasury, any newspaper above 10 cents, or any Executive or State departmentals (no specimens); a book (*Following the Flag*) for 10 cents U. S. issue of 1847, 90-cent of 1851 or 1861, 24, 30, or 40-cent of 1869, or 24-cent Treasury; picture cards in set, for stamps; 1 picture card, for every stamp from South America, Asia, or Africa; 3 5-cent Canadian registered, for every 7-cent of 1870; or 2 5-cent blue, for every 2-cent brown.
J. V. WOOD,
27 Conkey Av., Rochester, New York.

Twenty postmarks, for 10 scrap pictures. Accepted offers answered.
MAMIE BOYCE, Findorne, N. J.



Antique Coins, Autographs, Revenue and Postage Stamps, Confederate Money, Bonds and Stamps, Arms, Idols, Indian Relics, Gems, Old Watches and Clocks, Mutilated Coins and Paper Money, Old Bank Bills, etc. Send stamp for prices paid.
MERCER'S CURIOSITY STORE.

147 Central Avenue.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

COLLECTORS, ATTENTION.

DON'T READ THIS!

My unequalled approved Sheets are the best out, at 35 per cent. References required.

L. H. GALE,

157 Union Street,

Nashville, Tenn.

THE INTERNATIONAL DEALERS' DIRECTORY

contains a larger list of names of dealers in stamps (both in United States and Foreign) Coins and Curiosities, than any other work published. Besides this it contains a list of Collectors, Stamp and Coin papers, and Countries in Postal Union. Send for a copy. Price only 15 cents.

J. H. RAYMOND,
Publisher, 126 Elm street,
Chicago, Ill.

Autograph Letters Wanted.

Genuine letters, written by eminent men or women of this or any age, such as Statesmen, Politicians, Generals, Governors, Jurists, Authors, Poets, Artists, or notorious characters, will pay a liberal cash price for any of them. Write, saying what you have. All letters promptly answered.

Address,
C. F. GUNTHER,
78 Madison street,
Chicago, Ill.

TO COLLECTORS.

I have on hand a few fine autographs, which I will sell or exchange for others.

OSCAR FITZGERALD,

671 Broad Street.

Nashville, Tenn

United States Local Stamps.

25 varieties of genuine local stamps, 52c.
10 varieties 17 cents.
112 page catalogue, 32 cents
1,000 assorted foreign stamps, 33 cents.

Eight page circular free.

J. T. HANDFORD,

P. O. Box 1870,

New York City

SEND 3 two-cent stamps for a sample copy of the UNION EXCHANGE LIST, devoted to the interest of those desiring to exchange stamps, coins, relics, curiosities, etc.

Address
GEO. A. BOGART,
Publisher of the Union Exchange List,
Evanston, Ill.

F. L. MILLS,

—Dealer in—

Foreign and U. S. Stamps

124 Walnut Street,

CINCINNATI,

OHIO.

MIXED STAMPS—Superior mixed, just as imported. Per 100, 10c.; 500 25c.

SPLENDID MIXTURE—100, including Cape, Servia, Victoria, Tasmania, Mexico, Egypt, etc. Price 3c.

PACKET MINE—Contains 100 varieties, such as Sandwich Islands, Mexico, Queensland, Portugal, Turkey, etc. Price 21c.

IMPERIAL ALBUM—A new design, bound in cloth, with gilt lettering, etc., illustrated. Price 85c.

STAMP WORLD—Established 1880. A monthly twelve page paper, for collectors. Subscription 25c per year. Samples free.

STAMP COLLECTORS' COMPANION—A fifty page book for collectors. Only a few left. Price 25c.

Any of the above sent post free on receipt of price.

FREE.

TEN Stamps and circulars for stamp, 100, all different, including Hayti, Cuba, Jamaica, Argentine, etc., 20c. 100 assorted 7c. 1,000, assorted, 30c. 10 Austria, 5c. 6 Mexico 10c. 7 Portugal, 10c.

The above lot, post free, 75 cents.

EAGLE STAMP COMPANY,

3025 S. Park Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

100 all different foreign stamps, 12c; 100 well mixed foreign stamps, 5c. Agents wanted to sell sheets of stamps on approval. Reference required.

W. T. HARTWELL,

Bridgeport, Conn.

Agatized, Opalized, Petrified

and Silicified wood, Moss Agate, Cinnabar, Dentrites, Fossil, Coral and Shells. Fossil shark teeth and fern leaves, foreign coins and postal cards. For good sized minerals and silver and copper coins, send for lists.

W. G. JERREMS, Jr.,

38 Aldine Square,

Chicago, Ill.

Miscellaneous Curiosities.

Germantown Centennial Medal, very fine	\$ 25
1,000 Foreign stamps, well mixed	45
\$688.50 in Confederate Money, 1864	1 35
Florida Alligator egg	35
200 varieties of foreign stamps	75
50 United States postage stamps, old and new, envelopes and adhesives	50

Copy of the first paper in America, 1704, also picture and history of the first Locomotive Steamboat, etc., 12c.

P. O. box, 195.

H. N. GILKISON,
Manassas, Ohio

Confederate Notes, Confederate Notes.

T. B. BENNEL

WILL GIVE THE HIGHEST PRICES FOR THEM IN ANY QUANTITY.

Also has on hand the largest stock in the United States. Buys American and Foreign Coins, Stamps, Indian Relics, Rare Books, Curiosities, etc., and has on hand a large assortment. Richard Blooms Bible Commentary, with 150 rare stamps, price \$1.00.

Mutilated Gold, Silver and Currency bought.

Note the address,

T. B. BENNEL,

304 Broadway,

NEW YORK.

J. Colvin Randall, Just Out! Just Out!

Collector and Dealer In

Fine American, Gold, Silver and Copper

COINS!

United States Gold prior to 1834,
WANTED.

1905 Chestnut Street,

PHILADELPHIA, - - PA.

BY SENDING

Six one cent stamps to the undersigned, you will receive by return mail a book containing the names of 300 collectors of Coins, Stamps, Curiosities, etc. Address

WILBUR L. LEWIS,
Rockford, Iowa.

My new illustrated 24 page Catalogue; the most complete general catalogue published, containing prices of United States Dollars, Halves, Quarters, Dimes, Half Dimes, Three Cents, Two Cents, Cents and Half Cents; also Fractional, Colonial and Confederate Currency; besides hundreds of Foreign stamps and Coins, sent post free, with two medals, on receipt of 10 cents.

W. F. GREANY,

827 Brannan st., San Francisco, Cal.

STAMP COLLECTORS.

Our large new Catalogue, containing lists of single stamps, sets, packets, etc., at surpassingly cheap prices, will be sent on receipt of stamp.

STAMP DEALERS

Will do well by sending for our new wholesale list, post free, on receipt of stamp.

NOTE:—50 Venezuela, finely assorted, 60c.; 50 U. S. of Columbia, well assorted, 50c.; 100 finely assorted stamps, for sheets, \$1. Send a trial order.

W. F. BISHOP,
La Grange, Illinois.

