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RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

Any information our readers can give a stany time, regarding recent emisons or changes, will be gratefully resived and credited.

ANGOLA.-A 30 reis card has been ised, and also one of 20 reis, carmine.

BARBADOS.—The stamp on the 2d. regration envelope is blue, and the inriptions red.

BERMUDA.—A 1-2d. green is reported. BR. HONDURAS.—The 6d. is yellow.

CAPE VERDE,-Cards, 20r., carmine, d 30r., green.

CEYLON. — With surcharge done in bylon, 5c. on 24c. green and 24c. purple, c. on 16c. and 36c. With surcharge of different type, done in England, 5c. on lilac, 10c. on 24c. purple, 15c. on 16c. low, 28c. on 32c. blue, 30c. on 36c. we, 56c. on 96c. gray, 1r. 12c. on 2r. 50c. 1-brown.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Cards have been ued resembling those of France, 10c. ick on lilac, $10 \times 10c$. black on blue, m 1. We have the 30c. adhesive, own (V. 10).

REAT BRITAIN.—The surcharge, "I. Official" exists on the 1-2d. black, 2d. lilac, 5sh. carmine, 10sh. blue, £1 wn.

UINEA.-20r. brown (V. 21), 25r. li-(IV. 7), 40r. yellow (I. 16).

WALLOR.—The following Br. Indian mps are surcharged for use in this te: 1-2, 1, 1 1-2, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 anna, npee. Post cards, 1-4, and 1-4x1-4 an-Envelopes, 1-2, 1 and 4 1-2 anna.

APAN.—From the Collector's Companwe find that Mr. Thomas informs in that Japanese department stamps shortly to be issued.

AGOS. — The Collector's Companion tes that the 4d. has been changed to c and the 6d. to olive. MACAO. - Cards, 20r. carmine, 30r green.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Cards of 20r. carmine, and 30r. green, have appeared.

NATAL .- The 1-2d. is now yellow.

PERU.—" Der. Ph." notes the 2c. red without any surcharge.

PHILIPPINE I.—The 24-8 blue, surcharged "Habilitado — PaCorreos — De 16 Ctos."

PORTO RICO.-The 3c. card is brown on white.

PORTUGESE INDIA.—Cards of 1-4 tanga green and I tanga blue are in use.

POUNTCH.—The la. comes on white wove paper, and the 1-2, 2 and 4a. on thick bluish laid paper.

PUTTIALLA.—The whole set comes with surcharge in two horizontal lines.

ROUMANIA.—There is a 11-2 bani, black. The 30 bani, unpaid, is now redbrown.

SIRMOOR.—A new set of stamps with portrait of native ruler. with turban, in oval band, is issued. 3 pies, brown, 6 pies, green, 1 anna, blue, 2 annas, rose. Perforated 14 1-2.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.-The 1sh. olive of the current type is out.

ST. LUCIA.—Le Timbre Poste notes the Id. In gray-black, probably issued before that in carmine.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON.-The 4c. is surcharged 5, S. P. M.

ST. THOME.-Cards of 20r. carmine, and 30r. green, are out.

St. VINCENT.—The 21-2d. stamp has received a second surcharge, which consists of a large figure "1d," the value 2 1-2 pence being ruled out with two lines. This is already obsolete, as the 1d. has been issued in carmine.

TOLIMA.—Le Timbre Poste mentions a 5 peso, yellow-brown on blue paper.

TURK'S ISLAND.-A double 1-2d. card has been issued.

Written for the YANKEE PHILATELIST. PHILATELY TO-DAY.

BY TOPAZ.

Philately, the science of stamp collecting—that alluring, fascinating pastime—is about thirty years old and it bears its years well. Although the "stamp rage" has been at times more vigorous than at present, the number of real philatelists, collectors who study their stamps, is larger than ever before. Just now it is the dull season, but stamp collectors like other people must have relaxation and turn their minds to other pursuits for a while. In the fall we predict that the wanderers will return again to their albums, and collect with renewed energy, after the invigorating experience of a summer vacation.

Certain people of a pessimistic disposition talk about the degeneration of the philatelic press and the superior qualities of the stamp papers of one and two decades past. For the benefit of the beginner we will say that, for the money, the stamp journals of to-day give to the collector much more useful information than those of "the good old times." This is the era of the cheap press for collectors and the excellent periodicals now devoted to Philately are within the reach of all who have interest enough to desire them. In a former age, when philatelic papers ranged in price from fifty cents to a dollar a year, and collectors were few in number and nearly destitute of • cash, comparatively few were regular subscribers to any of the journals of the day, but now, at the existing low rates, nearly every stampist takes at least one of the representative organs of the science and many subscriber to a dozen or so.

As to the dealing in stamps there is very little change, except in the enormous increase in the number of dealers, and the quantity of stamps to be dealt in. The honest, reliable dealer, who was never known to sell a doubtful stamp, is still thriving, and the sharp counterfeiter is also yet on deck. The impositions of the speculative dealer still harass the philatelic world and delude stampists, as they did twenty years ago, and probably always will.

The stamp collectors of the present day are vastly better off for guides as to the arrangement of their stamps than formerly. The improved albums and catalogues render it comparatively easy for the philatelist to dispose his collection eorrectly. But there is still room in this direction. There are three standard stamp catalogues published in America

The first is illustrated, but the publisher is far behind the times and fails utterly to comprehend the new issues. The second is all that could be desired in this last particular, but is not illustrated. The third is finely illustrated and brought up to the time of going to press, but it includes so many disgusting frauds in its list as to determine the collector that a new catalogue is needed, which shall be illustrated, fully brought up to date and carefully compiled so as to exclude all black sheep. A St. Louis firm has promised us such a one next fall. Let us hope it may be up to the mark.

While we are moved with sorrow at the death of General Grant, our great captain, who saved the republic in its time of need, comes the thought, "Would it not be appropriate to commemorate the departed hero on one of the postage stamps of the country, as when Garfield was taken from us?" It is to be hoped that somebody will make this suggestion to the government, and surely we all believe it would be adopted.

We have received the following papers: Philatelic World, Empire State Philatelist, Capital City Philatelist, Stamp World, Collector's Companion, Toronto Philotelic Journal, Agassiz Journal, Youth's Gazette, Philatelic Journal of America and Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette.. We desire to exchange with all philatelic papers. Publishers will do us a great favor by sending two copies.

We find that the *Philatelic Journal of* America has returned from its summer vacation that the *Companion* mentioned this month. But the omission of the Philatelic Directory which the P. J. of A. was going to compile each month from their subscription list looks bad.

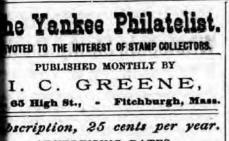
Stamp dealers who make a specialty of approval sheets will find here the addresses of two agents who will sell all the stamps sent them and — keep the money: Mr. Geo. N. Stead, Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Fred Roe, Moravia, N. Y. Church members, perhaps.

So-called reprints of the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine are in the market. Although printed by the German Government they differ sufficiently from the originals to be considered *imitations* only. A type set stamp cannot be successfully reprinted.

On the 17th of August Mr. W. L. Emory will return from his vacation and open one of the finest stocks of stamps for approval sheets in the United States

The Collector's Companion of August contains a fine sketch, headed "Thos. C. Watkins."

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Written for the YANKEE PHILATELIST. REECE AND ITS STAMPS.

BY PHRANQUE.

recee is the southern part of the most ern of the three peninsulas of Europe th project into the Mediterranean It is triangular in shape, and is alsurrounded by water. It contains rea of 19,350 square miles, with a lation of about 1,457,800. The reignking of Greece is George I, who e into possession of the throne in ber. 1863, when he was not yet teen years of age. He is the second of King Christian IX of Denmark, younger brother of the Princess of es.

THE STAMPS.

reece first issued stamps in 1861. y consisted of the following values: pton, deep-brown; 2 lepta, bistre; 5 a, emerald-green; 10 lepta, orange, h large numerals of value on back);

20 lepta, blue; 40 lepta, violet; 80 lepta, rose. This set was printed in Paris and are finely executed. They are printed on tinted paper. Description: Profile of Mercury to right, in circle, on solid ground; "FAA TPAMM," above, value below, in straight lines; ornaments in corners; lined spandrels; Greek border at sides; head is surrounded by beaded circle.

In 1863 a new set was issued, which were printed in Athens and coarsely executed. The design is the same as the 1861 issue. Values: 1 lepton, brown; 2 lepta. bistre; 5 lepta, emerald-green; 10 lepta, orange; 20 lepta, blue; 40 lepta, violet, lake and orange; 80 lepta, rose. All of this issue, with the exception of the 1 lepton and 2 lepta, have numeral of value on back.

In 1876 a 30 lepta, dark brown, and 60 lepta, dark green, were added. In 1882 the color of the 20 lepta was changed to rose and the 30 lepta to blue.

In 1875 a series of Unpaid Letter stamps was issued. Values: 1 lepton, 2. 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 70, 80 and 90 lepta, 1 and 2 drachms. Description: Numeral of value in centre, Greek inscriptions above and below, all enclosed in circle, surrounded by band containing Greek inscriptions; lined spandrels; ornamented frame. The entire stamp except the numerals and inscriptions contained in centre circle is printed in green, the remainder in black.



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ARGENTINE.-The 24c. is surcharged official" in red and in black, in two fferent styles of type.

CEYLON.-The 6c. cards are now sur-barged "10 cents" in black.

COREA.-A new issue is expected ortly.

FRANCE.-We learn that this country s followed the example of Germany, in suing stamps for use in the Levant. he current French stamps are sur-harged with the word "Piastre" and e figure of value before and after. hose already heard of are I plastre on e 25c.; 3 plastres on the 75c.; and 4 astres on the 1 franc. The surcharge in black.

GREAT BRITIAN.-Mr Warner has own us the following stamps surarged in Turkish money for use in the evant. They were issued Aug. 1st. paras on the 21-2d.; 80 paras on the 1: 12 plastres on the 2sh, 6d.-Philatelic forld.

MACAO.-Two new provisional stamps. he 50 reis is surcharged 10 reis in blue, d the same value also surcharged 40 is in red.

MEXICO.-Wells, Fargo & Co., having ceived a concession from the Mexican vernment, have issued some franked velopes. They are white of different zes, and some have the inside blue. In oper right corner is a stamp of current esign, and at the left a label printed in reen and inscribed "Express, Wells, argo y cia.—Precio, 15 (or 25, 30) ctvo. -franco en la.—Republica Mexicana—y or todas las lineas de la compania."

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le.	("	30c.)	**	Europe.

The price having been increased from 5c. to 20c. and from 30c. to 35c. that hange has been noted on four of the

The 6c. adhesive is printed in brown. A 2 centavo post card for use in the city has been issued. It is headed "Servicio Postal Mexicano" in curve, and below in straight line "Tarjeta Postal;" then, "Senor" and three ruled lines, the last preceded by "En este lado solo debe escriberse la direccion." At the sides A stamp of cur-"Servicio Urbano." rent design is printed in green in upper right corner, and the usual arms at the Inscriptions in black on buff card. left.

MONACO .- The long expected stamps have at last been issued. They bear the portrait of Prince Charles III in circle, with "Principaute de Monaco" above, and "Postes" below. Large figures of value are in the lower corners. 5c., blue; 15c., red; 25c., green.

PERU.-A 5c. card with lilac surcharge has been issued, with large figure 5 in the circle in right upper corner.

SIAM entered the Postal Union July 1st. We may now expect to see new stamps, cards, and perhaps envelopes and bands.

SHANGHAI.- A provisional post card, 20 cash blue, has been issued.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON. The 40c., unperforated, has been surcharged 10c.

TRANSVAAL. - Der Philatelist illustrates a provisional, the 3d. orange, sur-charged up the center "Halve Penny," and the original values struck out.

UNITED STATES .- The new card. The stamp consists of a poorly engraved portrait of Jefferson in oval frame, with The branches at sides and value below. inscription now reads "United States-Postal Card.-Nothing but the address to be on this side" The first line is curved on a scroll, and the second in a fancy label with rosette-like ornaments at the ends; between the two is a small label with 13 stars. The impression is brown on buff. The following is a description of the new immediate delivery stamp: A line engraving on steel, ob-long in form; dimensions 13-16x17-16 inches; color.dark blue. Design : On the left an arched panel bearing the figure of a mail messenger boy on a run, and surmounted by the words, "United States;" on the right an oblong tablet, ornamented with a wreath of oak and laurel, surrounding the words, " secures bove envelopes by a red surcharge. immediate delivery at a special delivery

office." Across the top of the tablet is the legend, "special postal delivery," and at the bottom the words, "ten cents," separated by a small shield bearing the numeral " 10."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.-The Philatelic *Record* hears that a new set is shortly to be issued, of the type of the 1-2d. and 3d., as the plates are getting worn.

Written for the YANKEE PHILATELIST. THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF SPAIN.

BY PHRANQUE.

It took Spain some ten years to see the value of the postage stamp after Great Britain had set the example; consequently the first emission occurred in 1850. This set comprised five stamps: 6 cuar-tos, black; 12c., lilac; 5 reals, red; 6r., blue; 10r., green. This set contained crowned profile of Queen Isabella. The next issue occurred the next year in 1851. as follows: 6 (seis) cuartos, black; 12 (doce) c., lilac; 2 (dos) r., orange; 5 (cinco) r., rose; 6 (seis) r., blue; 10(diez) r., green. The profile of the queen with fillet of pearls adorns this stamp. The new year-1852-brings out a new series of stamps: 6c., pale rose; 12c., pale vio-let; 2r., pale red; 5r., green, 6r., pale blue. Isabella appears also upon this set in profile. In 1853 is again issued a new set, containing the following: 6c., carmine; 12c., viole.; 2r., scarlet; 5r., green; 6r., dark blue. This set also contains profile of the queen. All of the preceding stamps contain date of year in which they were issued.

In 1854 the following were emitted: 2c., green; 4c., rose; 6c., carmine; 1r., blue, (of various tints); 2r., scarlet; 5r., green; 6r., blue. This issue contains the arms of Spain; it is also dated, with the exception of the 2c. stamp, which con-tains no date. The 2c. and 4c. may be found impressed on blue-tinted paper, the 2c. on paper water-marked with loops. The 1855 issue comprised the following values: 2c. green, 4c. carmine, 1r. blue, 2r. violet. These were printed on blue paper, having water-mark of loops, and contain profile of Isabella. The same were issued in 1856, printed on rough white paper, water-mark of diagonally crossed lines. Also in 1857 the same set was issued, printed on smooth white paper having no water-mark. A 12c. orange stamp was prepared with this set, but was never called into use for postal service. 1860 brings out a new issue, containing profile of the queen, and comprising the following values : 2c., green ; 4c., orange; 12c., carmine; 1r., blue; 2r., cent of accuracy required in lilac; printed on tinted paper. In 1861 a nation is 95.—Daily Sentinel.

19c., brown on brown paper, stamp, wa issued to go with this set. In 1862 th following stamps were issued: 2c., blu on lemon; 4c., brown on salmon; 12c blue on flesh; 19c., rose on blue; 1r brown on yellow; 2r., green on flesh This issue was so satisfactory, apparent ly, that they dropped the custom of yearly emission, for none appeared i 1863. In 1864, however, the following appeared: 2c., blue on lilac; 4c., rose of flesh; 12c., green on pink; 19c., lilac o pink; 1r., brown on yellow; 2r., blue o pink. This issue is dated. 1865 brough out the following set : 2c., carmine; 12c. blue and pink; 19c., brown and pink; 1r. green; 2r., lilac. In the same year Spain issued its first perforated stamps, as with the addition of a 4c., blue, stamp they perforated the above set. A curious error occurred in this issue, as the 12c and 19e. are sometimes found with the head of the queen inverted.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

W. H. Bigelow, superintendent of the New England division of the railway mail service, has compiled an elaborate array of statistics showing the progress made in the division from June 30, 1882 to the same date of the present year, believing that the abstract of the daily work of 398 clerks is the best evidence of the efficiency of the service. Mr. Bigelow says, "When we consider all the adverse circumstances under which we have labored for the past year it is certainly gratifying to know that our record is still maintained and that it will favorably compare with that of any other di-vision." The number of lines has decreased, in the period mentioned, from 78 to 76, owing to the consolidation of short runs. The number of clerks is increased from 355 to 398-357 being on The number of letters disthe road. tributed has increased from 213,559,880, in 1882, to 276,777.350, in 1885, the year ending June 30, and the other mail has increased in proportion.

The number of errors has decreased from 21,389 to 16,901. Where 13,000 pieces of mail went correctly in 1882 for each one missent, 22,000 went correctly in the past year. The final examinations of clerks appointed on probation in-creased in average accuracy from 96 to 98 per cent. John E. Corbin of Spring field, a clerk on the Boston and Albany line, passed a perfect examination in four states in the last year. One man was dropped for carelessness. The per cent of accuracy required in the exami-

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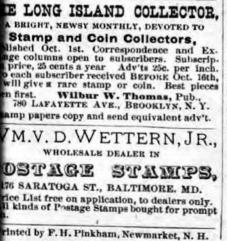
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Argentine Republic, 1862, 5c., \$0.02 14 11 44 10c., .03 .. 44 ** 15c., .04 44 three var., .07 Hamburg, 1 1-2 sch., perf., .01 66 1 1-2 ** unperf., .01 .. 2 1-2 " .02 perf., .. 2 1-2 " unperf., .02 Spain, Don Carlos, 1 r., blue, .07

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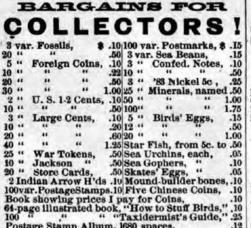
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