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The Postage Stamps of Russia.

The stamps of Russia are more delicate to handle than those of any other country and collectors of stamps from this country must be careful how they handle them. It is the safest plan to collect only those that have not been cancelled or affixed to an envelope or wrapper as they will not stand a bath. If they are wet to remove them from an envelope or wrapper after being cancelled the colors are almost sure to fade or run. This fact has been attributed to the printing of the stamps in water colors, but a well known authority has given the following as an explanation: "From the first the paper, before having the stamp printed upon it, is coated with a preparation of what is said to be oxide of zinc, similar to that employed in making enameled paper, and this is applied more or less thickly. The effect of this is that, even when thinly applied, anything used to clean the stamp would be almost sure to ruin it, and when thickly applied, the whole impression comes off in a film, if the stamp is put in water.

Russian stamps have always been designed, printed and engraved at the State Printing Works at St. Petersburg. The value is in kopecs and rubles; 100 kopecs making one ruble which is equal to about 75c of our money.

The first adhesive postage stamp issued by Russia was in January, 1858, and bore the inscription "Potshowaja Marka," meaning postage stamp. These words were in Russian

type and were printed around an oval containing the arms. At the bottom of the stamp was the inscription "10 kopeca lot," meaning "10 kopecs for one lot," lot being the unit of weight.

Sometime in 1858 the same designs, values and colors were printed on paper that was not watermarked. In the summer of 1864 three more stamps were added to the issue of 1858 and were one, three and five kopecs in value and all of the same design. They were printed with black ink on a colored background. The next change we find was in 1865 when the perforation was changed to 15 instead of 12 1-2 as it had previously been. This was the only change until 1868 to 1871 and then it was not a change of color or design but of paper. A watermark of wavy lines was introduced. Only a slight portion of this watermark can be distinguished on each stamp but generally enough to clearly fix the issue.

During the years of 1875-1879 three new values were issued, they were two, seven and eight kopecs. The Postal Union rate was responsible for these stamps. The eight kopec variety was short lived being withdrawn on the alteration of the rate.

The year 1883 saw many changes in the stamps of the Russian Nation. First, the one, two, three and five kopec stamps were no longer printed in two colors. The background was changed from numerals to net work and printed in the same color as the rest of the stamp.

Five new values were added, namely, fourteen, thirty-five and seventy kopecs and three and one-half

and seven roubles.

The year 1889 also saw radical changes. A new series of stamps were issued. In value they were four, ten, twenty, and fifty kopecs and one rouble. These stamps need no description as they are a part of nearly every collection.

1890-1892. This set of stamps with those of 1889 make a series known as the "thunderbolts" issue. Across the post horn, at the base of the arms arrows or "thunderbolts" as philatelists have termed them, were added. There is no other change in value or color.

Gold Dollar Lost 50 Years, Found.

A gold dollar, dated 1788, lost nearly fifty years ago, was found recently at Riverhead, R. I., while workmen were remodeling the old William Elton homestead there. The piece was lost by the Elder Elton and fell behind the mantle in one of the rooms. Mr. Elton, not wishing to tear out the mantle at that time decided to suffer the loss of the coin, but he told his son, Charles S. Elton, of the loss of the coin and the latter having it in mind, told the workmen to search for it. This they did when they tore out the mantle and the piece was found. Mr. Elton says he will have the coin mounted and will keep it as a souvenir.

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The dollar of 1804 is known among collectors as "The King of American rareties." They are divided into two classes, first, originals, which are from two dies, an obverse and a reverse—On the obverse side is a draped bust of Liberty facing the right; the head bound with a fillet and hair flowing. Six stars before and seven behind the bust above Liberty. The upper right hand star almost touches the letter Y. On the reverse side is a heraldic eagle bearing on its breast a broad shield, in his beak a scroll, inscribed E Pluribus Unum. There are 12 arrows in its right talon and a branch of olive in the left. Above an arc of clouds from wing to wing of the eagle. In the field beneath 13 stars, United States of America. The edge is lettered One Hundred Cents, One Dollar or Unit, which are lightly struck in some parts. There is one specimen in the mint today and weighs 415.2 gr. The sales recorded for this coin have brought \$750, \$700, \$600, \$1200, \$1000 and one in fair condition was sold as low as \$325.

In 1858 there were struck at the Mint restrikes of this coin with plain edges. Three have been recovered after diligent search. Two of these were destroyed at the Mint the third placed in the Cabinet where it remains. The difference between the original coin and the restrike of 1858 is as follows: On the obverse side the original die was re-cut in the word Liberty, the stars and date, which made them larger and deeper. This is noticeable most in the stars, which are broadened; also in the date, making the outline sharp and square, whereas in the originals they were rounded. On the reverse side, a die other than the original was used, which differed in many respects, the most noticeable being that the A touches the eagle's claw, the OF much nearer the end of the eagle's wing. The edge is plain and the coin weighs 381.5 which was considerable lighter than the original. In the winter of 1868-69 all the dies were destroyed. No counterfeit dies of the 1804 dollar are known to have been made.

American Philatelic Society Convention.

The next meeting of The American Philatelic Society will be held in August at Detroit, Mich. A general invitation is extended to collectors everywhere. The Detroit Philatelic Society has charge of arrangements, General C. A. Coolidge being at the head. It is expected that many stamp exhibits and the reading of papers on Philately will enliven the convention.

It is hoped that the society will accept the invitation of the Chicago Philatelic Society to meet there in 1911 unanimously, as it has been many years since a meeting was held in Chicago. The latest bulletin of the society shows a membership of nearly 1900.

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Editorial

Before my publication, The Pastime Post Card Exchange, was hardly in the mail, I received several requests to make it a magazine for collectors in general and, after carefully looking over the present publications devoted to the interests of collectors, I decided that there was still "room for one more." So with The Pastime Post Card Exchange only a month old it has become The Collectors' Advocate.

I am sure all the members will be glad of the change as it gives a broader field to work upon and possibilities of a larger and better paper. It is with pleasure that I send this issue to those whom I think will be most interested and while it is small I shall make no excuses but leave it to the readers to decide the worth of the paper. Personally I think that with only a month's preparation, I have done very well, but hope with your help, to make each issue just a little better than the former. The Pastime Post Card Exchange will become a part of The Advocate for the benefit of subscribers who are interested in post cards only, and I shall try to make it a pleasing feature of each number. I have in preparation a series on post cards that I feel sure will be of interest to not only post card collectors but the readers in general.

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The March number of The Philatelic West, contained the following: "Judging from the number of stamp papers appearing lately, it would seem that this country is turning out a big bunch of editors. With large printing bills to meet and no second-class mailing rates, it seems as though money is not so scarce after all."

And the above was written before Bro. Erodstone had seen or even thought of seeing Volume One, Number One of The Advocate. Well, Friend Brodstone, let us inform you that the Advocate has come to stay and while small at present, we are young and hope to grow. Judging from the way subscriptions and advertising came in before the first number was issued, we feel that when we are seventeen years old, as you are, we will be just as big. We are going to try and make a better appearance, typographically, right from the start.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of two post cards from Mr. George H. Henry of Stubenville, Ohio, showing this gentleman wearing a buckskin coat adorned with 1300 elk teeth. A collection like this is worth a large sum of money. Mr. Henry has been collecting them for the past eight years.

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The number contains a historical sketch of the Weekly from the time of its founding Jan. 7th, 1891, to the present time by C. A. Howes. A table showing the position this millennial number holds with the issues of other papers past and present, giving as near as possible the whole number of papers issued by fifty of the leading publications of the past twenty years.

An article on "U. S. Official Seals" by L. Harald Kjellstedt, "Mr. Pack's Uruguays" by J. Murray Bartels, "The Tipping of the Scales" by Charles E. Jenney besides the regular departments and reports of various societies make up the balance of a very interesting and appropriate celebration number."

A Rare Envelope Find.

Mr. Henry Schumaker of Roslindale reports the finding of about 150 two cent vermilion envelope stamps of the 1903 issue with the letter 'I' entirely missing in the word Washington. Many envelope specialists say they have never seen or heard of this variety.

Stamp Collecting. The most absorbing hobby of the present day; many people are at a loss to understand the fascination that surrounds the pursuit of Stamp Collecting. If they will look up the vast amount of literature, they will find it more abundant than any other "devoted to stamp hobby it is enormous." The first stamp was issued by Great Britain in 1840 and collecting has been a hobby ever since then which shows a long term of over half a century.

Now if some overworked person wants indoor relaxation, there is nothing more mind resting for him or her than to turn over the pages of a stamp album and note the soothing effects of the many beautiful colors of stamps and their designs.

Stamp Collecting may be indulged in by all ages, it is now a favorite indoor pastime and relaxation of brain workers. Its cost may be limited to cents or dollars, and it may be made a pleasant pursuit or an engrossing study, or it may be even be diverted into a money making business.

The enormous prices paid for rare stamps and fortunes that are spent and made in stamp collecting is shown by the sale of The Seybold Collection for \$26,000 recently.

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It is now a well known fact among stamp collectors that the one and two-cent regular issue stamps, also the two-cent Lincoln stamp appeared last year on what was called "experimental paper." It has been officially announced from Washington that all the current values from the one-cent to the 15-cent inclusive have been printed on this paper. It is not difficult to obtain specimens of the one and two-cent values and also of the two-cent Lincoln, but the higher values are not easily obtained. The six-cent and ten-cent have been obtained by some collectors and it is reported that the 15-cent has shown up at the Cleveland, Ohio, Post Office.

The Third Assistant Post Master General says, "That all the denominations of the 1908 issue including the two-cent Lincoln were printed on the blued paper for purpose of color experiments but will not state how many were put in circulation. It seems strange that the sharp eyes of collectors of U. S. stamps should have overlooked these stamps until this late day when there has been so much interest taken in stamps of this country during the past two years owing to new designs, commemorative issues, and different methods of separation, but such seems to be the case. Collectors will do well to search for the higher values printed on the blued paper as it seems that they will be harder to obtain than the values of one, two and six-cent. Use care in purchasing these stamps, should any be offered, for be it remembered, the bluish paper may possibly be adopted. If the Department is satisfied with its experiments with this new paper, then, he who has paid fancy prices for stamps of this kind will be sorry. Better hang on to any that you come across in the event of no more being issued, for if no more are issued the higher values are going to be scarce and bring high prices.

(Concluded in May number)

Pastime Post-Card Exchange.

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New Issues.

Early information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address, New Issue Editor, Collectors' Advocate, Tilton, N. H.

Note—Owing to the seeming lack of interest among collectors, we will devote only an occasional space to the chronicling of pre-cancelled stamps or permits.

United States—The 2c Lincoln is reported to have been found with inverted watermarks.

Special Delivery stamp No. 895 has been reported, measuring 35x21 1-4 mm., the usual size is 36x20 3-4 mm.

Cleveland Bundle reports having found the 2c current issue stamp, with a break in the white circle around Washington's head, on the left side opposite the mouth. Mr. Bundle has also sent a stamp of the current 2c issue having a red dot in the white circle around the head, the dot being opposite Washington's nose.

The 2c claret wrapper of 1907 has been reported with the 1894 watermark.

Herman W. Boers reports to Mekeel's Stamp Weekly of the finding of three wrappers of the current set, with a white line across the value, in a different place on each of the three stamps. On one it touches the left edge of the "N" of "Cent"; the second divides the "E" of the same word, while the third crosses just to the left of the "C."

The Current 1c wrapper has been found with the double impression of the stamp.

Bolivia—The 1c value of the new commemorative set, has been issued. It is pale red brown on black and bears the portrait of Miguel Betanzos.

Cuba—A new set of telegraph stamps, seven in number, have appeared. They are printed in two colors and bear the portraits of Bernabe Boza, Jose Lauret, Flor Clembret, Andres Moreno de la Torre, Oscar Primelles, J. M. Aguirre and Narciso Lopez.

Canal Zone—The new 8c adhesive stamp with surcharge reading up has appeared and completes the set. Color, violet and black.

Dominican Republic—The 4c postage due has been issued on watermarked paper.

Dutch Indies—The 10c surcharged "Java," is reported to have been found with an error, the final "A" having been omitted.

Kiautschou—With the appearance of the 4c stamp on watermarked paper, the 10c

is the only value lacking in the water-marked set.

Carbon—The following is a complete list of the new set of adhesives from this country:

- 1c, red orange and violet brown.
- 2c, dark red brown and black.
- 4c, dark blue and violet.
- 5c, blue green and olive grey.
- 10c, carmine and red.
- 20c, black and brown.
- 25c, dark blue and pale brown.
- 30c, black and red.
- 35c, black and pale green.
- 40c, violet brown and pale blue.
- 45c, red and violet.
- 50c, blue and black.
- 75c, orange red and violet.
- 1fr, dark brown and brown.
- 2fr, carmine and brown.
- 5fr, dark blue and brown.

Late information from Lemaire's Journal says:—The words "Congo Francaise" which appeared on the new stamps, will be shortly replaced by the general term "Afrique Equatoriale Francaise," under which head will be grouped all the French Colonies in that part of Africa, similar to "l'Afrique Occidentale" on the West Coast. A uniform series of stamps will be issued, with the names of the different Colonies inserted.

Germany—Offices in the Levant: The German card with only the stamp and "Postkarte" on the front side, with the current overprint for the Levant has appeared. Color, carmine on buff.

Gibraltar—The 2d and 1sh stamps have appeared in new colors as follows: 2d, gray. 1sh, black on green.

Hong Kong—The \$2. King's Head stamp is reported in a new printing. The issue is on chalky multiple paper, color black on carmine.

Jamaica—The new 3d stamp, printed according to the new color scheme, violet on yellow, appeared at Kingston March 15. It is printed on ordinary multiple paper.

New Hebrides—In accordance with the agreement with the British Government, the French have issued a set of stamps bearing the word "Condominium." In value and type they are the same as the previous issue. Except for the addition of the word "Condominium" printed on the bottom, they are the same as the stamps of New Caledonia. The following is the complete set:

- 5c, pale green and black.
- 10c, carmine and black.
- 25c, blue and red on greenish.
- 50c, carmine and black on orange.
- 1fr, blue and red on yellow green.

Some interesting statistics of the latest consignments of Fiji stamps surcharged "New Hebrides Condominium" are given by *Ewen's Weekly*, from which it appears that a third supply dispatched May 10, 1909: "It is intended to replace the pre-values:—1-2d, 7,200 (including 1,920 with the single watermark); 2d, 7,200 (second shade); 5d, 7,200 (second shade); 6d, 7,200 (second shade); 1s, 7,200 (multiple watermark); while the fourth consignment on August 27, 1909, was composed of 12,000 each of the 1d and 2d, and 6,000 of the 6d and 1s values. In the face of the information given in a recent issue, it would appear that a fifth supply had been prepared. The same journal prints the following extract from a letter by the Resident Commissioner under date of Nov. 10, 1909: "It is intended to replace the present provisional issue by a permanent one of joint Anglo-French design, which is at present under consideration; but I am unable to give even an approximate date of its appearance."

Northern Nigeria—The 1d in a single color, carmine, has appeared on multiple paper.

Queensland—The 5d value now appears on Crown A paper making 15 values of the current set having this watermark.

Salvador—A second value of the new set has appeared, the 5c purple and black. The design is the same as the one cent value.

Siam—The following quantities of stamps surcharged with the new satang values, is reported by *Gibbon's Weekly*:

2 satang on 1 att, yellow and green, 1,056,426; 2 satang on 2 atts, green, 1,000,000; 6 satang on 4 atts, rose and carmine, 557,761; 6 satang on 5 atts, rose and carmine, 28,531; 12 satang on 8 atts, olive and dull black, 919,197; 14 satang on 9 atts, blue, 941,467; 6 satang on 6 atts, carmine, profile, 160,752.

All the above except the last were of the King's Head and Pagoda type, the last being the profile issue of 1904.

Sierre Leone—The 1 1-2d stamp printed in a single color, orange, on ordinary multiple paper, has appeared. This stamp is printed according to the new color scheme.

Uruguay—The 5c value of the new printing has appeared. Same design as Scott's, but the color has been changed to slate blue.

Zanzibar—The 6c rose, of the current issue, with the rosettes in the watermark vertical instead of horizontal as hitherto, has been reported. All the current stamps of Zanzibar now have the vertical watermark except the 12c purple.

Coins have been issued and made current in gold, electrum, platinum, silver, nickel, copper, brass, iron, lead, tin, wood, porcelain, glass, leather, seal-skin and parchment.

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Blued Paper.

Continued from April number

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Gibbons claims that 10,000 each were issued of the one and two-cent values and of the two-cent Lincoln, that is twenty-five full sheets as there are 400 printed to the sheet. If this is correct it is reasonable to assume that there were twenty-five sheets of each value printed, as this would be such a small order there would be no cause to make it smaller for any one denomination only, as the 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 13 and 15 cent values are printed in sheets of 200 it is possible that there would be only 5,000 of these values providing the order called for 25 sheets of each value.

It is said that the six and ten-cent values have been offered at \$1.00 each and providing no more issued, this price is very reasonable, but should the Department decide to continue the use of blued paper a dollar would be a pretty stiff price for stamps valued at six and ten cents respectively.

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B. Max Mehl of Fort Worth, Texas, has published a valuable work for coin collectors, "The Star Coin Book." This book gives the dates of all U. S. and foreign coins, paper money, etc. It is really of great value not only to collectors but to the general public as it lists the prices quoted for various coins and contains much other valuable information and data.

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Editorial

Beginning with this issue, the "New Issue" department will be a regular feature. Every possible bit of information from every source regarding "New Issues" will be published, and any information you can submit will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Let us have the largest and best department under this heading.

Many of our subscribers are writing for subscription blanks to send their friends. This seems pretty good evidence that The Advocate has been well received. If you have any collector friends, why not ask them to become subscribers. I will be pleased to send you as many blanks as you can use, and, as a little extra inducement, I will allow a 20 per cent commission on all subscriptions secured.

Since the first issue of The Advocate made its appearance, I have received many letters of praise from all parts of the globe for its publication. Not only were the contents of the April number favorably commented upon, but the printing, make up, and even the neatness of the mailing wrapper seem to have met with general approval. Judging from the letters and subscriptions already received, I think the Advocate has made a good impression and found many friends and supporters. I wish to take this time to thank the many collectors who have so thoughtfully written words of praise, and also to thank the various publications for the space they have devoted to my first issue.

I wish The Advocate to be what you

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Notes on Coins.

Ptolemy Soter, King of Egypt, B. C. 305-284, was the first monarch who placed his own head upon his coins.

The letter "U," as well as the letter "V," on all ancient coins, and most of the mediaeval, is represented by "V."

Petrarch, the famous Italian poet, who lived during the fourteenth century, has the credit of having been the first coin collector.

For odd shapes in coins, China and Japan have the lead; in those of the greatest weight, Sweden excels; the smallest are those of Nuremburg and Lepaul.

The first thaler, or dollar, was

coined in December, 1484, by Archduke Sigismund of Tyrol. The word dollar, introduced into this country by the Dutch, means "from the valley," the first dollars having been coined in an Austrian valley.

The earliest coin struck in America was minted in the city of Mexico less than 64 years after Columbus discovered the Western continent. It was in the reign of Charles and his mother Johanna of Spain, whose names the pieces bear. They are in both silver and copper, and have the mintmark of C. M., but without date.

The earliest coin known was stamped by the Lydians in Asia Minor about 700 B. C. It is in electrum, and oblong in shape. The obverse has a series of grooved parallel lines; reverse, an oblong punch mark (or sinking) between two square punch marks. It is called a staler; later it was the name given to a gold piece, which in the different parts of the Greek world varied in weight from 112 to 194 grains.

Curio Gifts to Bowdoin.

A recent report from Brunswick, Maine, gives the following information: Among recent gifts received at the Walker Art Building, Bowdoin college, are a case of antique china, two old brass five branch candelabra and two old brass Roman lamps which have been given by Mrs. Bangs of Waterville in memory of her son, Daniel Bangs, of the class of '91.

Other gifts include a Lafayette badge, by Dr. Nat B. T. Baker, '02, of Woodland, worn by his grandmother at the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill Monument in 1825, and two Roman coins struck about 144 to 154 B. C., presented by Miss Alice Sewall of Bath.

Increase in Tariff on Post Cards Forces Foreign Manufacturers to Move to America.

At the last session of Congress it was voted to place a heavy duty on picture post cards and since this tariff went into effect the importations have dropped in number from millions to thousands. As a greater number of cards are imported from Germany than any other foreign country, the German printers are most affected and two members of a firm of German printers and publishers, who issue and send millions of cards to this country annually, have been here for some time past completing plans to print their cards in the United States.

One of the largest plants in this country is owned and operated by H. C. Leighton of Portland, Maine, who, by the way is Mayor of the city. Two members of a great German firm recently paid him a visit and frankly stated that they were seeking a desirable field in which to locate. They also stated that within a year they would have in operation an enormous plant to supply their trade here. The Portland Board of Trade entertained the visitors, it is said and made a bid for the industry. It may be of interest to collectors to know that in Portland the first picture postals were designed.

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Reputed Tomb of Menelaus.

The excavation of the Menelaon, the reputed tomb of Menelaus and Helen, has brought to light some interesting Mycenaean relics, among them traces of frescoes, fragments of pottery, bronze and lead votive offerings, beads, double-headed axes, terra cotta objects, and the like. The Menelaon itself was probably built about 5 B. C.; in other words, 600 years later than the traditional period of Menelaus.

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NEW ISSUES.

Early information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address, New Issue Editor, Collectors' Advocate, Tilton, N. H.

United States. The provisional 2c revenue of 1898 is reported with double impression of the surcharge.

C. M. Breder reports to Mekeel's Weekly of the finding of the current 2c stamp with lines of perforation so badly placed that nearly an eighth of the stamp to the right is included.

A copy of the 2c envelope of 1903 has been shown with the "T" of "Washington" missing.

Azores. The full set of stamps for the Portuguese Colonies for this country have appeared much earlier than expected. The design is quite different though the portrait is the same and in the same sized circle as those of the mother country. The figures of the value are in the upper corners with "Reis" arranged in the spaces above the circles and the portrait is near the top of the stamp. The word "Azores" runs across the bottom of the stamp in a broad band. All inscriptions are colorless on a colored ground. The colors are very much the same as the new set of Portugal stamps only they appear somewhat brighter. The values and colors are as follows:

- 2 1/2r violet.
- 5r black.
- 10r gray green.
- 15r pale red brown.
- 20r carmine.
- 25r dark brown.
- 50r dark blue.
- 75r yellow brown.
- 80r gray.
- 100r brown on green.
- 200r dark green on salmon.
- 300r black on blue.
- 500r dark olive brown and violet.
- 1000r dark blue and black.

Austria. The issue of two newspaper bands with stamp showing Mercury's head to the right are reported by Maury's Collectionist as follows: 2h blue on light yellow and 2h blue on light blue.

Bahamas. The current 6d King's head stamp has been reported in pale yellow instead of orange yellow.

Bavaria. This country is to issue all values of its postage stamps from 3pf to 80pf in rolls of 1000 stamps each. 22pf over the face value of the stamps will be charged for each roll.

Belgium. It is reported that a set of Charity stamps is to be issued in connection with the Exposition, to be good only in Belgium. The values will be 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c. The first three will be sold at double their face value, and the other will cost 15 centimes, the difference between the selling price and face value to be devoted to the project for building a sanatorium for consumptive women. The Queen has designed the stamps which will show Saint Martin offering half of his cloak to a poor man.

Benadi. The 5c on 2 besa, blue green is now printed in dark green instead.

China. Two new values of the type of 1908 have been chronicled by Champion's Bulletin: 3c green and 7c brown carmine. The 4c stamp is shown in a new printing but with the same design; 4c red.

Colombia. In June will celebrate the Centenary of its Independence by the issue of a set of postage stamps from 1 centavo to 1 peso. These stamps will be current until March 1, 1911.

Congo. The 50c value has been issued with both Belgium and Flemish inscriptions.

Costa Rica. Six values of a new series of stamps from this country were recently shown. The stamps are dated 1909 and are of small size and single color, each stamp having a different design handsomely engraved and printed. The words "Costa Rica Correos" and "U. P. U. 1909" at the top of the stamp and the value in words and figures below the portrait.

- 1c brown; statue of Juan Santa Maria.
- 2c green; portrait of Juan Mora F.
- 4c red; Jos. M. Canas.
- 5c orange; Mauro Fernandez.
- 10c blue; Branilo Carrillo.
- 20c dark olive; portrait of Julian Vollo.

Ceylon. In consequence of the unification of the postage, telegraph and foreign bill stamps, for which separate series have hitherto been provided, the Colonial Office Journal announces several forthcoming changes in the current postage stamps of this Colony. Six new denominations are to be issued, viz., 10c, 50c, 1, 2, and 10 rupees, and five of the existing values are to be discontinued, viz., 4c, 12c and 75c, R1.50, R2.25. In addition to the new values listed above new plates are to be brought into use for the printing of the 2c, 5c and 6c stamps of the current series, and in future the composition of the sheets of the various values of Ceylon stamps will be as follows:—5c, 480; 3, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50c and 1 rupee 240; remainder 120.

The colors are also to be revised to conform to the Colonial color scheme, those of the new denominations being as under:

2c orange, 5c purple, 10c sage green and purple, 25c gray, 30c blue purple and green, 50c brown, R.1 purple on yellow, R.2 red on yellow, R.5 black on green and R.10 black on red. Of these the 5c value only will be printed on chalky paper as heretofore.

Crete. A new issue of the 1L postage due with surcharge "Hellas" in large "block type" is reported by Ewen's Weekly.

Italy. A new 5c stamp celebrating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Sicily has been issued. The stamps are larger than the current stamps of Italy, the design being 21x27 1/2., and quite striking in appearance. The following from Mekeel's Weekly is an excellent description of this new issue:

The inscriptions read "Francobollo—Postale Italiano" at the top in two lines running the whole width of the stamp with the dates "1860" and "1910" at the bottom. "5" appears in the lower left corner, and "Cent" in the lower right corner, both in circles. A circle below the portrait has the three-legged arms of Sicily. The portrait of Garibaldi, which is the prominent feature of the design, seems large for the size of the stamp, and is framed in an upright oblong space by bands of laurel and oak. The 5c stamp is sold for 10 centesimos and the 15c for 20 centesimi, the difference between the face value and the selling price to be turned over to the fund for the fetes to be held at Palermo. Three million copies of each stamp are said to have been printed. The stamps are perforated 14-14 x14.

Great Britain. The 11-2d stamp is reported in a new shade of purple.

Mexico. The new 2c envelope is reported in a different color, green.

Persia. Seven values of a new set of stamps have appeared as follows:

- 1c orange on violet brown.
- 2c purple on violet brown.
- 3c green on violet brown.
- 6c vermilion on violet brown.
- 5c gray on violet brown.
- 10c violet on violet brown.
- 13c blue on violet brown.

The stamps are printed on very soft silky white paper.

Spanish Guinea. Mekeel's Weekly reports the 1c and 2c of 1907 having been surcharged "Habilitado" and new value in red. 5c on 1c dark green, 5c on 2c dark blue.

Russia. (Offices in China). The current, 1k, 2k, 4k, 7k, 10k, and 70 k, stamps of Russia surcharged for use in China have been shown.

Transvaal. The one pound green and violet have appeared on chalky paper.

Turkey. The 2pa brown black on carmine has been over printed 2pf to serve as postage due.

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As it has been taken for granted that these objects were modern imitations and prices were cut down in accordance, the Indians have fallen in with the humor and found it more profitable and quicker to let the buyer do his own sizing up of the antique value of the curio.

However, Mr. Niven was surprised to find among the number of such objects purchased by himself, several that bore unmistakable signs of great age. Curious pieces of pottery purchased by him on the streets had been buried so long that their substance had become of great hardness and to show a high degree of petrification that must have required, not centuries, but thousands of years.

Questioning the vender, he has been shown where they were dug. The place is some miles west of Tacuba.

The diggings show that the Indians have been exploiting the mounds for many years.

Skulls have been found that possess peculiar anthropological value, showing a type of people entirely different in the structure and shape of their skulls from any other before found.

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Editorial

The June number being unavoidably late, we have decided to combine it with the July issue. Subscribers will lose nothing by this however as twelve complete numbers constitute a year's subscription.

It took the Postoffice Department less than two weeks to decide that the Advocate was entitled to second class mailing rates. Hereafter you will miss the one cent stamp from the wrapper of the paper. The money saved in postage will be spent in improving the Advocate from month to month.

NOTICE.

The advertising rates in The Collectors' Advocate for the summer will be as follows: Display 25c per inch flat. Trade Column, Two words for one cent. Beginning with the September issue the following scale will be in force and will continue until further notice. Forms for the September issue close August 25th. All contracts for advertising taken prior to August first will be at the above rates.

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The Rex Stamp Co., St. Charles, Mo., are reported to have failed. The stocks to be sold to satisfy creditors. Many publishers of stamp papers and also dealers will no doubt be losers as the Rex people have been famous for not paying a bill if they could possibly help it. We have a little account with them as well as many others.

Beginning with the Aug. issue I take pleasure in announcing a series of articles to appear in the Advocate the subject being Money of the Past and Present. These articles should be of interest to every coin collector. If you are not already a subscriber to the Advocate, send in your subscription today and not miss a single issue.

In the May issue of the Advocate the article regarding the tariff on post cards said that H. C. Leighton of Portland, Maine, owned the largest post card factory and was also the mayor of that city in 1909; the first part of the statement was correct, but the latter should have said that Mr. Leighton's father was the mayor, Adam P. Leighton. I am indebted to Chester H. Lucas for the correction.

Don't forget to send early information regarding "New Issues" to this office. Let us have as complete a record of new issues as possible. Through the summer interest in collecting is apt to lag, but let us make this summer an exception as the present indications point to a busy summer. Advertisers will do well to take advantage of the hot months to clean up their surplus stock. An advertisement in this paper will go a long way in helping you dispose of any odds and ends that you may have on hand and get your stock in shape for the fall business.

Subscriptions to THE ADVOCATE have been coming in daily since the appearance of the first issue and I had about decided to advance the advertising rates, as I think my circulation warrants, but after some consideration I have come to the decision that I will keep the present rate in force through the summer months with only a slight advance as follows: Instead of the "three months for the price of two" plan that has been in force from the start the rate will now be 25c per inch flat for display advertising and two words for one cent, nothing less than 15c for notices in the trade column. Beginning with the September issue, forms of which close August 25 a new rate will be in effect and will be found in another part of this issue.

Undoubtedly, the finest and most beautiful post cards ever issued are the famous Musee cards. They are printed in two colors, and about 20 different tints are made to blend in the picture. The result is a most artistic piece of work.

The immense coin collection of Mr. Farran Zerbe was recently placed on exhibition in a bank in Scranton, Pa. In the six days that the coins were on show the bank was visited by several thousand local people, many of whom, no doubt, after seeing the exhibition took a renewed interest in the subject of numismatism. In the collection were coins from practically every country on the globe, and a number of them were exceedingly valuable. Many of these coins are peculiar to our idea of money, for instance, the Bullet money of Siam, the Hat money of Pohang, the Gold Oban of Japan and the Key Money of China.

A Post Card Anniversary.

This year the picture post card, that has deluged the four quarters of the globe, becomes 40 years old. Germany once held to the idea that she started the craze in 1872. The actual beginning, however was made in France two years earlier. A humble book-seller named Bernardeau lived in Ville-le-Guillaume. He conceived the idea of getting up a post card with a lithograph design on the back, to sell to the Mobile Guards then in camp at Couhe. These original post cards some of which are still in existence, were crude enough when compared with the more or less artistic product. They showed warlike weapons in allegorical piles, and the inscription "War of 1870, Couhe Camp. Souvenir of the National Defence. The Army of Brittany." That was all except a small space for a brief message. It was a new and easy way of getting around letter writing and the cards sold well for those days.

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"It is believed," Mr. Adams said, "that this half dollar, which is one of the four samples struck off in the New Orleans mint by the confederate government, was once the property of Jefferson Davis, president of the confederacy. I have a letter written by Mr. Davis in 1879 stating that one of the coins was presented to him and that it was taken from his trunk after his capture."

The obverse side is of the regular United States government design, while the reverse shows the shield of seven bars and seven stars surrounded by wreaths representing sugar cane and cotton plants. On the border is the inscription, "Confederate States of America, Half Dollar, 1861."

Spiral Arrow Heads.

Several chalcedony arrow heads, which were found in New Jersey some time ago, are so peculiar in form that, if they are genuine relics of Indian times, they seem to indicate that the Red men may have sought in some cases to give their arrows a twisting motion like that of a rifle ball.

The arrow heads in question are cut in a spiral shape, and one of them makes a fifth of a turn in its length of two and one-half inches. Dropped point down in water, it is said it will perform a complete revolution in a space of thirty inches.

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NEW ISSUES.

Early information regarding new issues will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Address, New Issue Editor, Collectors' Advocate, Tilton, N. H.

The New Argentine Set. A new set of stamps of the Argentine Republic issued in honor of the first Centenary of Argentine Independence has been received and the following is a brief description: With two exceptions, the 1c and 12c, the stamps present the portraits of Argentinian worthies or reproduce scenes of historical interest in this country.

The stamp is about the same size as the official set of 1901, rather large. The designs are very handsome.

The 1-2c is an oblong stamp showing a monument, the Commemorative Pyramid. Its color is blue and slate blue.

The 1c is green and black in color, portraits of Rodriguez Pena and Vileytes.

2c—Olive and black: Salon of Rodriguez Pena.

3c—Yellow green: Azcuenaga and Alberdi.

4c—Blue and green: Fort and Palace of the Viceroy.

5c—An upright stamp, in size like the rest of the series, 20x32 mm, Portrait of Saavedra contained in large oval in the upper part of the stamp with "Republica Argentina" in a curved line above, placed directly on the background. The figures of value appear in the upper corners, placed diagonally in small, pretty shields. Below the portrait appears the name and dates "1810-1910," on a ribbon crossing a handsome wreath of laurel extending part way up each side of the portrait oval. A tablet across the bottom of the stamp has the value in words. Color, carmine.

10c—Yellow, brown and black: "Beruti y French Repartiendo Divisas."

12c—Blue. Has a picture of the Treasury Building, an imposing structure with large dome.

20c—Dark brown and black: Castell and Mathen.

24c—Red brown and dark blue: "Cabildo Abierto."

30c—Violet and black: Belgrando and Larrea.

50c—Rose carmine and black: "el 25 de Mayo de 1810."

1p—Blue—Moreno and Paso.

10p—Orange and Black: San Martin. "ative Monument" appears on this value as on the 1-2c but it does in no way conflict with it.

20p—Blue and Black: San Martin. San Martin is distinguished by being placed on this, the highest value. All the

horizontal oblong stamps have the figures and words of value at the bottom with "Republica Argentina" in a curved line at the top and the dates "1810-1910" in the upper corners at the ends.

Five of the stamps have double portraits. The 5c and 50c values have figures of value in upper corners, with the dates at the bottom. The 50c is upright and in two colors. The 3c, 5c, 12c, and 1p are also in two colors.

The new set is an improvement over the San Martin set which it displaces and are to be current, to the exclusion, temporarily at least, of the stamps previously current.

Austria: A new value of the postage due set has been chronicled, the 25h carmine.

A celebration card to note the International Huntsmen's meeting at Vienna has been received. It is a white card with a plain border of square dots—three headlines ornamented with oak leaves and acorns—current stamp at right and a black eight-pointed star at left. The reverse shows the old Emperor in hunting costume and a dead deer at his feet.

Announcement has been made of an intention to issue one or two new sets of stamps August 18, 1910, on the occasion of the Austrian Emperor's 80th birthday. The present designs will be retained, but the new series will bear the dates, "1830-1910." The first series will run from 1 heller to 1 krone, while the second will comprise the values 2k, 5k and 10k.

Azores.—The *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift* chronicles the following new stationery:

Envelopes.

25r—Chocolate on buff.

50r—Blue on buff.

Post Cards.

10r—Gray green.

10 and 10r—Gray green.

20r—Carmine rose.

20 and 20r Carmine rose.

Letter Cards.

25r—Chocolate.

25 and 25r—Chocolate.

50r—Blue.

The 10r and double cards are now without the ornamental (?) heading around and at the left of stamp. They now have a plain curved headline above "10 Rels" with stamp at right and arms (new) at left. Below this is the divided face similar to last issue. The 20 and double are very similar to last except the stamp, a new form of type and color of card which is now white.

Belgium.—Four values of the new charity stamps have been received. They are large in size and of two types. Type I, the 1c and 5c while the 2c and 10c are of type II. The two designs are very similar, both showing St. Martin on horseback in the act of dividing his cloak with a beggar. They

are printed in sheets of 100 the first printing being 3,000,000 of each value. They will be available until July 1911.

The value is in a square in the lower left corner, and the word "Caritas" extends across the stamp under the picture, "Belgique," "Belgie" extends across the top at each of St. Martin's head, and Type II has the date "1910" under "Belgie." Type I has the inscriptions in colored letters on a colorless background, the background of the picture is shaded and partly cut out. Type II has a solid background of color for the picture, all the inscriptions are in colorless letters. The figures of value are in colors on all values, but on Type I the figures have a shaded line, while the others are plain. On Type II there is a colored line between the two lines of each language as well as between the two languages. The stamps are sold at double face, except the 10c which is sold for 15 centimes.

Falkland Islands.—Ewen's Weekly reports that two values of the current set have been issued in new colors.

Adhesives.

2d—Gray.

6d—Purple.

Hayti.—The first values of a new set have been shown, the designs being the same as the 1906 set, except that the portrait of A. T. Simon replaces that of Nord Alexis, and the colors are changed, all being in two colors with the centres. The 1c is "Centime de Gourde," the others being "Centimes de Plastre." Below the portrait appears "A. T. Simon, 1909."

Adhesives.

1c—de g Lake and black.

2c—de p Vermillion and black.

5c—de p Blue and black.

20c—de p Yellow green and black.

Iceland.—Gibbons Weekly notes a newly discovered error in the 1902 overprint "'02-'02," instead of "'02-'03." The error "'03-'03" has been previously noted.

Hungary.—A competition has just been held and prizes awarded for designs for the new series of stamps shortly to be issued.

Mexico.—The Nederlandsch Tijdschrift reports having seen current 5c and 10c stamps, with the new official overprint.

Netherlands.—Lemaire's Journal says that the color of the 17 1-2c is to be changed to blue and gray at the next printing.

Nyassa.—Ewen's Weekly reports that the 2 1-2, 5r and 10r have been reprinted, the frames being in slate black, instead of black, and the shades of the centres also differ slightly from the earlier printing.

Paraguay.—A new set of stamps from this country has been shown. One design is used throughout the set, the value being printed in figures in a large transverse oval. The design is an adaptation of the 1887 issue, Scott's A12, with material variations in the arrangement of the arms, which now appear in a circle in the upper part of the stamp, no part of which infringes upon the oval containing the figures of value. This circle contains a rayed star, with "Republica del Paraguay"

in small letters around the inner line of the circle. The curved line containing the word "Centavos" now touches the bottom line of the stamp. The lion and pole supporting the liberty cap nowhere appears on the stamp. "Union Postal Universal" is printed in the same manner as the 1887 issue, and the corner ornaments are also very similar. The new stamps are all printed on thin white wove paper, and are perforated 11x11 1-2. They are slightly smaller than the late issues.

Adhesives.

1c—Brown black.

10c—Yellow green.

20c—Vermillion red.

50c—Carmine.

75c—Blue.

Russia.—The 1r value has now been issued on the plain wove paper, with varnished lines over the face. The colors are the same as before.

South Australia.—The 4d stamp, long form, has been issued in orange, instead of red orange.

Turkey.—Recent changes in the postage charged on newspapers and periodicals in the Ottoman Empire indicate the early issue of stamps of 2 and 4 paras.—(Makeel's Stamp Weekly.)

Turkey.—Lemaire's Journal announces that the 2pi value of the new postage due set has been issued.

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Victoria.—The 9d has been issued in rose instead of rose brown, according to Gibbons' Weekly, the new printing being perforated 12 1-2.

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Money of the Past and Present.

From the Illustrated History of the United States Mint published by Geo. F. E. Evans at Philadelphia in 1887.

The need of a circulating medium of exchange has been acknowledged since the earliest ages of man. In the primeval days, bartering was the foundation of commercial intercourse between the various races, but this gave way in time, as exchanges increased.

In the different ages many commodities have been made to serve as money—tin was used in ancient Syracuse and Britain; iron in Sparta; cattle in Rome and Germany; platinum in Russia; lead in Burmah; nails in Scotland; silk in China; cubes of pressed tea in Tartary; salt in Abyssinia; slaves among the Anglo Saxons; tobacco in the earliest settlements of Virginia; codfish in New Foundland; bullets and wampum in Massachusetts; logwood in Campeachy; sugar in the West Indies; and soap in Mexico. Money of leather and wood was in circulation in the early days of Rome and the natives of Slam, Bengal and some parts of Africa used the brilliantly colored cowry shells to represent value and some travelers allege that it is still in use in the remote portions of the last named country. But the moneys of all civilized nations, have been for the greater part, made of gold, silver, copper and bronze. Shekels of silver are mentioned in the Bible as having existed in the days of Abraham, but the metals are believed to have been in bars, from which proportionate weights were chipped to suit convenience. The necessity of some convenient medium having an intrinsic value of its own led to coinage, but the exact date of its introduction is a question history has not yet

determined.

It is supposed the Lydians stamped metal to be used as money twelve hundred years before Christ, but the oldest coins extant are 800 years B. C., though it is alleged that the Chinese circulated a square bronze coin as early as 1120 B. C. All of these coins are rude and shapeless, and generally engraved with representations of animals, deities, nymphs and the like; but the Greeks issued coins about 300 B. C., which are fine specimens of workmanship, and which are not even surpassed in boldness and beauty of design, by the products of the coiners of these modern times. Even while these coins were in circulation skewers and spits were accepted by the Greeks in exchange for products, just as wooden and metal coins were circulated simultaneously in Rome 700 B. C., and leather and metal coins in France as late as 1360 A. D.

The earliest coins bearing portraits are believed to have been issued about 480 B. C. and these were profiles. In the third century coins stamped with Gothic front faces were issued, and after that date a profusion of coins were brought into the world, as every self governing city issued money of its own. The earliest money of America was coined of brass in 1612, and the earliest colonial coins were stamped in Massachusetts forty years later.

Ancient and extensive as the use of money has been in all its numerous forms and varied materials, it merely represented a proper value which had been created by manual labor and preserved by the organic action of society. In a primitive state, herds of cattle and crops of grain were almost the

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Editorial

August this year will be "Convention Month" in the philatelic world. The Metropolitan Philatelic Association will hold their annual convention at Binghamton, N. Y., commencing Tuesday, Aug. 9, and lasting until the business on hand is concluded. Official headquarters of the M. P. A. in Binghamton will be at the Hotel Arlington and it is expected that there will be a large attendance.

The next, and possibly the most important convention of the month, that of the American Philatelic Society, will be held at Detroit, Mich., the week of August 16. A big attendance is already assured. Official headquarters will be at the Hotel Cadillac while business meetings will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts on Jefferson Ave.

Detroit is widely known as the "Convention City" and is an ideal place for the A. P. S. conclave of 1910.

A special representative of The Advocate will cover both of these conventions and a full report will be published in the September issue. Don't miss our big Convention number.

As usual the U. S. Revenue Society will hold its convention at the same time and place as the A. P. S. This is an excellent arrangement, as many A. P. S. members are also members of the Revenue Society. The ballot contains the names of the following as candidates for the Board of Governors:

For President—John W. Provost.

For First Vice President—E. R. Vanderhoof and Franklin S. Smith.

For second Vice President—E. W. Smith, W. G. Saxton and K. M. Sherman.

For Secretary—Dr. H. A. Davis and Henry Ades Fowler.

For Treasurer—H. S. Ackerman.

It will make little difference however the election of officers goes the Society is certain to have a capable set of officials.

It is reported that a reduction in the size of the paper money of the United States is to be made if plans are carried out.

The object of the proposed change is to supply the country with a size of currency more convenient for handling and to save the government \$500,000 a year in paper and engraving.

The new sized bank note will be three-fourths as large as the notes now in circulation. On account of the smaller size, five instead of four notes can be engraved on a page of currency note paper, and this, in addition to the economy of paper, means a tremendous saving.—The Transcript.

As promised in last month's issue the article, "Money of the Past and Present," begins in this number. It is hoped that our subscribers who are interested in the collection of coins and medals will appreciate this feature and that each one will try to induce his friend to subscribe for a paper that is published for its readers. Subscriptions are necessary for the maintenance of a publication and it is from this source that the returns are expected.

Warships from every nation in the world will soon be arriving in Montevideo to take part in the Argentine

celebrations, and in order to give the seamen every facility the Postmaster General has created a provisional post office for their exclusive use, and has arranged for interpreters to be in constant attendance there.—Gibbons' Weekly.

The Philatelic Monthly of Milwaukee, Wis., has ceased publication for the balance of the year 1910, due to lack of time on the part of the publisher, but will resume publishing the fore part of 1911 under a new name and different size and style.

S. P. A. Year Book.

We are in receipt of a copy of the second annual year book of the Southern Philatelic Association. The contents are the constitution of the S. P. A., rules of the departments, account of the proceedings of the annual convention held at San Antonio, Texas, roll of members and some advertising. In appearance it is a decided improvement over last year's book. If anyone of our readers wish a copy, it may be obtained by addressing the secretary, R. L. Doak, West Lafayette, Ohio. Price 10 cents.

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—(Harper's Weekly.)

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Berlin, March 19.—An important literary discovery has been made at Zurich. Goethe's lost version of "Wilhelm Meister," in manuscript, has been unearthed from among some old forgotten papers. It is supposed to have belonged to Barbara Schulthess, one of Goethe's friends to whom he was in the habit of sending manuscripts.

The manuscript, which is in six hundred sheets, differs materially from the published version. Although it is not in Goethe's own hand, the genuineness of the MS. has been recognized by high German authorities. Hitherto its identity had been hidden by the absence of both date and title.

Rare Colus Bring High Prices.

At a recent sale of rare United States coins, some new high prices were obtained. Two half dollars of 1776 brought \$80 each; a fine 1797 brought \$120, another \$60; a variety dated 1866, sold for \$24. A quarter-dollar of 1796, \$24; 1805, \$30; 1806, \$12; 1837, \$31; 1827, \$140; while the prize quarter-dollar, dated 1823 brought \$300.

Dimes brought as follows: 1798, \$33; 1800, \$35; 1804, \$38; 1809, \$15; 1822, \$30; 1824, \$14; 1844, \$17; 1859, \$16.

A half dime dated 1802, one of sixteen known specimens was bought for \$290. Forty large cents of the regular issue dates ranging from 1793 down to 1841 netted \$1,282. A cent of 1795 was knocked down to a New York collector for \$145; another at \$75. This is the highest price ever paid for two cents of this date. Sixteen half-cents sold for \$590, the highest price being \$80 for one dated 1842. All the above coins were in excellent condition.

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The American Philatelic Society Convention.

The twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society held at Detroit, Mich., Aug. 15-20 was from every standpoint the most successful ever held by the society.

As early as Saturday delegates began to arrive and even the last day brought members, altogether about 118 were present. The headquarters of the convention were in rooms 106-108 at Hotel Cadillac. These rooms were opened Monday and on Monday evening in the parlors of the hotel a reception was given to the President and visiting delegates by the Detroit Philatelic Society. At this reception a collection of stamps as presented to Secretary Smith in single remembrances was shown, mounted according to countries, and was admired by all present.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Society convened in the auditorium of the Detroit Museum of Art. An address of welcome was delivered by the president of the Detroit Philatelic Society, General Charles A. Coolidge. An address was also made by acting Mayor David E. Heinman, in absence of the mayor.

Acting third assistant Postmaster General Travers was expected to be present, but was unable to do so owing to duties in Washington. In his place Postmaster Travers addressed the convention. An address of welcome was also delivered by Mr. Griffith, director of the Detroit Museum of Art.

Mr. M. P. Wolsieffer of Chicago was then introduced by General Coolidge and in a few well chosen words presented the President, H. N. Mudge, with an ebony gavel, silver mounted as a mark of esteem from Chicago friends. With a light rap of the new gavel Mr. Mudge called the convention to order.

The credentials committee then announced the following as the result of the election by ballot:

President, H. N. Mudge 730; vice-presidents, Frederick R. Cornwall 713, Chester Myers 702, Adalbert Strauss 699; treasurer, W. P. Wherry 719; secretary, William H. Barnum 387; international secretary, L. Harold Kjellstedt 716; directors at large, C. A. Coolidge 708 and H. J. Crocker 713. These being elected directors, Chas. R. Morris received 386 votes, one vote less than W. H. Barnum. There were 11 scattering votes and 10 were rejected. The result of the vote for official organ was as follows: Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News 261; no choice 487; American Philatelist 17; Redfield's Stamp Weekly 6; P. J. of A. 1.

President Mudge then addressed the convention. In his address he touched upon many points, principally the lack of order and system in the secretary's office the past year, blaming Mr. Adair.

The afternoon session was devoted to various reports of branch societies and also to those of vice-presidents. The sales superintendent's report showed sales amounting to over \$8,000.

The attendance at the morning session was about 90 and less than 50 were present in the afternoon.

At eight o'clock Tuesday evening at the Alt Heidleberg a smoker and auction sale was held. This was a grand success both from point of attendance and amount realized from sales. Mr. H. C. Beck of Detroit was the auctioneer and made an excellent one.

At the Wednesday morning session the report of the Educational committee was heard and also that of the Resolutions committee.

At 1.30 Wednesday afternoon, after the official photograph had been taken, all delegates assembled on the steamer "Sappho" and a delightful trip across

Lake St. Clair and back to Belle Isle was enjoyed. At Belle Isle supper was served to all delegates and their friends. During the trip dancing was enjoyed on board the boat. On the return trip a session was called to order on the lower deck by President Mudge and important reports of various committees were given and resolutions adopted.

Thursday morning's session opened by a report of the Resolution committee. One most important resolution was adopted: that all official matter should be furnished to any other publication desiring it provided the publishers would agree to print it exactly as furnished by the secretary without cost to the society.

Mr. Quackenbush gave assurance that Redfield's Stamp Weekly would do this.

The By-Laws committee made its report at this point.

Two important changes in the by-laws are as follows:—That the secretary hereafter shall be under bond, that he shall have at all times \$100.00 at his disposal for postage and other expenses, and that the dues shall be reduced to 90c and subscription to the American Philatelist shall be fixed at 30c per year for members and 60c per year for non-members.

Chicago was unanimously voted for the next meeting place, 1911.

At the Thursday afternoon session the report of the Financial committee was heard and accepted after which Mr. W. C. Stone moved to adjourn sine die.

American Numismatic Association Convention.

The 1910 convention of the American Numismatic Association will be held in New York City, Sept. 5 to 11.

Aside from the regular routine business that will come before the convention the time will be taken by the election of officers and the reading of papers on Numismatic subjects. The question of incorporation will also be brought before the convention.

The Advocate will endeavor to give its readers a complete report of this convention in the issue for October.

M. P. A. CONVENTION.

Seventh Annual Meeting at Binghamton, N. Y., a Success.

The seventh annual convention of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association at Binghamton, N. Y., in the assembly room of the Hotel Arlington, Aug. 9th and 10th, was no doubt the most successful meeting ever held by this association. About 25 regular delegates were present. The following is a somewhat condensed report written especially for the Advocate by our correspondent in attendance:

Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1910.

Convention came to order. President Dunning absent and Vice President Hollenbeck took the chair. Secretary Davis also absent, and August Moch of Scranton acted as secretary pro tem.

The following message from President Dunning was read and received by hearty applause:

My greeting on Convention Day,
To members of the "M. P. A.;"
And while not in the chair,
In spirit I am surely there!
The year that's past has seen us grow
In numbers and in strength also.
The year that's coming must at least,
See our muster roll increased.
And if we leave no stone unturned,
Our watchword we shall find we've
earned;

Another point I wish to make,
(If too much time I do not take),
Is that I really think we must
Our Sales and Change Departments
trust,

With more of our good duplicates
And price them at our lowest rates,
Next year I hope you all will try
Each department we have to amplify;
And also each of them to use,
Lest some real benefit you would lose.
I thank you for your courtesy to me.
Your President it's been good to be,
And when we meet again afresh,
I hope to be with you—in the flesh!

Sincerely yours,

A. W. DUNNING.

The credentials committee reported the number of votes cast at the election which showed the following re-

sult for officers for the M. P. A. for ensuing year:

A. W. Dunning, (Mass.) President.
 W. H. Hollenbeck (Pa.) Vice-Pres.
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 A. S. Matter (Ohio) Int. Sec'y.
 L. V. Cass (N. Y.) Sales Supt.
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 C. V. Webb (Ohio) Librarian.
 Paul Mason (Ohio) Fraud Inves.
 E. R. Aldrich (Minn.) Inf. Bureau.
 C. P. DeKay (N. Y.) Adv. Manager.
 H. A. Whipple (Ill.) Attorney.
 H. M. Clark (Ill.) Auc. Mgr.
 A. C. Stewart (Ohio) Count. Det.
 L. Crandall, L. G. Quackenbush and
 H. D. Munger, (all of N. Y.) Trustees.

The credentials committee report was received and the committee discharged with thanks.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer showed a total membership, Aug 1, 1910, of 392, a gain of an even hundred in the past year. Receipts for the year were \$185.94, and expenditures \$180.27, leaving a balance of \$5.67.

Motion was made and carried to request donations for stamps to be sold at auction, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of binding important volumes in the library.

The sales superintendent reported since the last convention, 592 books and 17 sheets valued at \$3,750.18 received, and 514 books and 32 sheets, value \$2,577.78 retired. 619 books and 5 sheets valued at \$4,110.00 now in circulation.

The exchange superintendent reported that since his appointment he had received for circulation 460 books valued at \$4,064.40. 331 books valued at \$2,493.92 were retired from which stamps to the value of \$1,398.84 were exchanged.

Several changes were made in the by-laws. Important ones were the reduction of the annual dues from 50c to 25c. This motion was carried by proxy vote 127 for and 17 against. Section 2, Art. 5 was stricken from the by-laws.

Voted to assess each member 10c to be used by Recruiting Committee. Money to be sent to the Secretary and to be paid recruiting bills.

Voted that at future elections no

member can be candidate for more than one office.

Adjourned till 10 a. m., Wednesday. The second day's session opened with Vice President Hollenbeck in the chair and Homer Peabody as secretary pro tem.

Voted to appoint T. O. Young of New Haven, N. Y., as official printer. Mr. Young made a brief address thanking the members. Mr. Young was appointed chairman of the Recruiting Committee for the ensuing year.

Voted Messrs. Young, Wendt, Webb, Brown, Brunner, Stickney, Tuttle and Riley, the Recruiting Committee for the coming year.

Voted that Redfield's Stamp Weekly for official organ of the Association for the ensuing year.

Voted the next convention to be held at Boonton, N. J.

Moved that a vote of thanks be given officers for their efficient service the past year, and also moved to extend thanks to Binghamton Branch for the courtesy shown visiting members. Both motions carried.

Short addresses were made by many present.

The membership at present, according to Secretary H. A. Davis is 358, of which 150 took part in proxy vote. Moved to adjourn. Carried.

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Editorial**Announcement.**

Beginning with the October issue the Collectors' Advocate will be devoted entirely to Philatelic, coin and Post card collecting.

We have, after much consideration, decided to make this change principally because nearly all our readers are interested only in these subjects. In a paper of our present size we cannot attempt to cover the whole "hobby" field and we have therefore decided to attempt the publication of only matter which our readers are most interested in. Special articles are in preparation and every effort will be made to make the C. A. a paper worthy of your support. May we have your subscription or advertisement for a trial at least.

A little souvenir of the A. P. S. convention has been received from George Ward Line, publisher of the Stamp Collector. The souvenir is contained in an envelope bearing the following inscription: "The Stamp Collectors' Souvenir of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society, Detroit, Aug. 15-20, 1910. The souvenir, a little booklet, "Poland, Historical and Philatelic," compiled by George K. Smith, Jr., Henry S. Adair and George W. Linn is a work of art. Its contents cover the stamps of Poland more completely than any other work ever produced.

Envelopes and local stamps are also covered fully and are illustrated by four plates.

The booklet also contains all catalogue prices. We thank the Stamp Collector for the gift and congratulate the producers.

On account of the lengthy reports of the various conventions which we publish this month, we are obliged to omit the New Issue page as well as some other regular features. These will be resumed with the next issue.

BOONTON STAMP SHOW HUGE SUCCESS.

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Stamps on Exhibition—Eminent Collectors Present.

(By Special Correspondent of the Collectors' Advocate.)

Boonton, N. J., on Sept. 2, was the scene of one of the most successful educational stamp shows ever held in that part of the country.

During the afternoon the stamp exhibition arranged by the Boonton club under whose auspices the show was held, was viewed by many local and out of town collectors. Non-collectors also formed no small part of the attendance. Among the exhibits was a highly specialized collection of Danish West Indies loaned by J. M. Bartels of New York City. Percy McGraw Mann's "classily" arranged stamps from Austria, Canada, China, Columbian Republic, occasioned much favorable comment. Miss Elizabeth Cobb of Boonton showed some old stamps from Canada and the United States, while the New England Stamp Co. of Boston loaned a complete set of Department proofs and other U. S. emissions. Other exhibitors were E. J. Dempsey of Brooklyn, Star Stamp Co., of East Orange, E. B. Sterling of Trenton, M. B. Davis, Samuel Davis, Jr., Earl B. Dehart, James A. Case and William C. Webb of Boonton.

In the evening a large audience listened to an exceedingly interesting lecture delivered by J. M. Bartels. This was illustrated by lantern slides loaned for the occasion by the Chicago Philatelic Society.

The show was an experiment by the Boonton club and the results were so gratifying that henceforth it will probably be an annual occurrence.

U. S. R. S. CONVENTION.**The Successful Candidates**

The result of the election of officers for the United States Revenue Society is as follows:

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