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OFFICIAL DECREES.

SIAM.

ON the 1st of April, 1887, the Post-Office Department of the Kingdom of Siam will emit a new set of postage stamps and postal cards of the following denominations:

Stamps of 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 24, and 64 atts.

International cards 4 atts and the same with reply 8 atts.

The new stamps shall be employed to prepay correspondence for the interior and foreign countries as well as for customs and duties. After the date above given, the stamps now in use shall only be good for domestic postage. To this end all letters for other countries of the Postal Union which are franked by stamps of the previous issue to those in use shall not be considered prepaid after April next and shall be treated as such. In order that the public will not suffer by this rule it is authorized that the old stamps of 12 atts and international cards of 4 atts shall be accepted by all post-offices in exchange for new stamps, or cards of corresponding values during the months of April, May, and June.

It is not permitted to exchange them for money.

By order of his Serene Highness, The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

GENERAL POST-OFFICE, BANGKOK, January 4, 1887.

MACAO.

THE Governor of Macao, Timor and dependencies, seeing the necessity which has been pointed out to us by the Director of the Posts to stop the inconvenience caused by want of stamps of 5, 10, and 20 reis, we find it necessary to order that 30,000 stamps of the value of 80 reis shall be changed into 5, 10, and 20 reis in the proportion of 10,000 stamps for each value. The authorities whose duty it is, will see that this decree is carried out.

FIRMINIO JOSE DA COSTA,
Governor of the Province.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION, MACAO, 1st April, 1887.

PARAGUAY.

OFFICE DIRECTOR OF POST-OFFICE AND TELEGRAPHS.

IT is announced that from this date the department shall put in circulation for the prepayment of correspondence the following values:

Stamps of 5 centavos, blue, perforated and lithographed on *good* paper; stamped envelopes of 5 centavos, blue, lithographed; news-bands for journals, 2c., puce, lithographed.

JOSE R. MAZO,
Director General.

ASCENSION, March 7, 1887.

It is announced that on and after this date the department put on sale for franking all postal matter the following values :

Stamps of	1	centavo, green.
"	2	" puce.
"	7	" coffee.
"	10	" violet.
"	15	" orange.
"	20	" rose.

All shall be perforated and lithographed on good quality paper. On top they shall carry the national arms, and at bottom a large figure indicative of value in centavos, with the following inscription : " Union Postal Universal Paraguay."

JOSE R. MAZO,
Director General.

ASCENSION, May 28, 1887.

THE CALIFORNIA PONY EXPRESS.

REPRINT FROM THE PHILADELPHIA "PRESS" OF MARCH 27, 1861.

Most newspaper readers have become familiar with the heading which makes its appearance throughout the country twice a week, entitled "Three Days' Later News from California! Arrival of the Pony Express!" and with the announcement of an arrival of a California steamer, being accompanied by the remark, "News Anticipated by the Pony Express."

But, while a few may be acquainted with the nature of the enterprise which gives them the "News from the Pacific" so much more quickly now than formerly, the great mass of the people are, probably, ignorant of the particulars of an undertaking which may be classed among the most extraordinary of modern times. Fifteen years ago, before the gold discoveries, which caused such a memorable influx of population into California from all parts of the world, the only means of reaching San Francisco, which was then a comparatively unimportant settlement on the Pacific Coast, was by sailing vessels, fitted out for trading voyages to that part of the world, and the passage from any Atlantic port usually occupied six months or more, according to the nature of the outfit and the number of stoppages necessary for commercial purposes. As travel increased, however, other and quicker modes of conveyance were required than slow sailing ships to speed the gold-seeker to his destination.

A number of steamers were soon employed in the passenger business to Chagres, on the Atlantic Coast, and from Panama to San Francisco on the Pacific, reducing the time of passage from Northern ports to forty days. But, during the last few years, the trip from New York or Philadelphia has been made in twenty-three days. This was considered very quick time, in comparison with former years, and the public were disposed to rest satisfied with it until the completion of a railroad or telegraph across the country—although the date of such an event was so remote in the minds of most people as not to enter largely into the expectations of the present generation. This is an age of progress, however, and American enterprise is without limit.

Mr. Russell conceived the idea of running a horse express from the Missouri river to San Francisco, carrying letters in ten days' time, and telegraphic messages in eight days. The route he proposed to use was known as the "Central route to California," shorter, by 800 miles, than the one at that time used by the Overland Mail Company, but passing through such a rough wilderness as to be considered impracticable for purposes of transport, even by old mountaineers who had, by a life-long experience, been inured to the hardships incidental to that region. The idea becoming extensively known throughout the country, was ridiculed by a great many for its absurdity, and some of his friends remonstrated with him for his folly in undertaking a project which

they thought would surely entail upon him a large pecuniary loss. Nothing daunted, however, by the sneers of unbelievers or the remonstrances of friends, he proceeded to carry into execution his favorite project, and, on the 20th February, 1860, dispatched an agent to the Pacific to stock the Western division, build stations, and supply rations and forage from Sacramento to Salt Lake City, at the same time sending out competent men to make similar arrangements from St. Joseph, Mo., to Salt Lake City, on the Eastern division of the line; and on the third day of April, 1860, the worst season of the year in that section of country, the first expresses started simultaneously from St. Joseph, Mo., and San Francisco, Cal., carrying letters to either point in the remarkably short space of nine days and six hours, thus making the first, or trial trip, inside of ten days, and establishing, beyond question, the practicability of the route and the enterprise, which old mountaineers had ridiculed. This great undertaking was organized and put into execution in forty-three days from the time it was determined upon, and during that period the agent of Mr. Russell, who superintended the Western division, or Pacific slope, traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Californians were exuberant with joy; the pony and his rider, on their arrival at San Francisco, were received with the firing of guns and colors flying; the ladies adorned the pony with their bonnet-ribbons, and the people generally congratulated themselves on the success of the project, which brought them so much nearer to their old homes, relations and friends.

The California Pony Express soon became a fixed fact, for once a week regularly the pony departed and came, very rarely exceeding schedule time, which was ten days, and often running in less.

The number of horses employed in this service is about five hundred, chosen for their speed and endurance, and the riders for their light weight, as well as for their intrepidity and experience in the hardships of frontier life.

The stations are built at intervals of twenty-five miles on this side of the Rocky Mountains, and west of that at intervals of ten miles. Each station has two or more occupants, whose duty it is to guard the building take care of the stock on hand, and have ready a fresh horse to take the mail on its arrival, and carry it another stage on the way to its destination. Each horse and rider travel twenty-five miles at one time, at a rate of speed varying from ten to fourteen miles per hour. The riders are furnished with time-tables, and are required to use their utmost endeavors to comply with the schedule. If for any reason they are detained on the road between stations, they are required to make up the loss of time by an increase of speed so far as it is in the power of the animal.—(*To be continued.*)

STAMPS OF BOKHARA.

FROM "LE TIMBRE POSTE."

AT Bokhara, there is not, properly speaking, a government post. The Emir has given the right to establish one for the forwarding of letters, packages, etc., in the interior to a merchant who has started quite regular communications between Bokhara, Khiva, Kavta-Kourghan and Tschurdjouy, on the Amou-Daria. It is almost certain although that the Russian railway which now reaches Ouzounada and the frontier of the State shall soon penetrate to Samarcand in traversing Bokhara will place the post entirely in the hands of Russia, which shall only use its own stamps.

The following stamps are actually used in Bokhara now:

- 11 poul, red.
- 22 " green.
- 65 " lilac.

The money of Bokhara is not the anna of India, but the *Tinga* or 25 kopecs of Russia. It is similar to the old krau of Persia, but smaller. It is equal to 65 poul.

The poul are little piéces of leather, yellow or brown, badly made and having no imprint.

As to the stamps, made in a very primitive way with the hand, they are very little used and are quite rare, and seeing the difficulty of procuring them, they are likely to remain so.

JOTTINGS.

BY F. E. P. LYNDE.

WE understand that lately counterfeit Postal Cards of the United States have been found in Baltimore, in large quantities and very finely executed, but we do not think that collectors will be much bothered by them, seeing that the originals can be procured at any P. O.

The new stamps, both adhesive and envelopes, are getting into circulation very slowly, and from present appearances some values will not appear much under a year from now. At the Philadelphia Post-office a requisition was made on the Department at Washington for a large quantity of three-cent adhesives, but what was the surprise when they got a batch of green ones in response.

Speaking of the 3c. adhesives, by the way, reminds one of the fact that not one person out of every ten, and it is not much better in the Philatelic community, know that they are still in use and always have been.

While on the subject of the new stamps we might as well touch upon the new 2c. stamped envelopes. The dies are simply miserable already, when in use only a little over one month. The die shows many imperfections, one of the most striking of which was in the words cents—the E having lost the bottom bar and reading F. We suppose they will soon be touched up and another *nice* large lot for collectors to attend to will be the result.

We cannot refrain from once more pointing with pride to the great growth of the Section Philadelphia of the I. P. V. We have now fifteen members; not a bad showing for a Section that was organized only in July last. In fact we have more members than a good many of the older German Sections. Any one wishing either to join the I. P. V. itself or the Section Philadelphia, will please write to either the Secretary of the Section, Wm. H. Corfield, corner Front and Noble streets, Philadelphia, or to F. E. P. Lynde, Box 106, Philadelphia, who will be happy to give any information in their power. One of the great points about this Section is the exchange system which is now in working order.

We also are glad to see the awakening interest in the A. P. A. in Philadelphia, and we have been so long identified as kickers that it ought to be a welcome spectacle to other members. We would like to persuade more to join, and think that if they would make an unbiased examination of the advantages we would soon have more members of the Association in Philadelphia.

We are much gratified to see the success of the "Cyclopædia of Philately," which evidently shows that a decidedly long-felt need has been filled by the author and far-sighted Q. C. P. P. Co., through its able manager. In fact, collectors had better hurry up and send for a copy, as we may have to issue a second edition.

THE following advice comes from Port Louis, Mauritius. In the beginning of July, the 13-cents gray black, having become useless on account of reduction in rates, were sent to the printers to be surcharged with new value 2 cents. But the impression being miserable they were stopped. Twenty sheets of one hundred and twenty stamps were thus surcharged. The stamps of 2 cents that were wanted having arrived, the surcharged ones were about being destroyed when on the morning of July 6th, the 2-cent stamps gave out and the post-office was obliged to issue the sur-

charged stamps, which lasted from 8 o'clock until 12 M., when the 2-cent stamps were delivered. They are offered at 2, 3, 5, and 10 rupees, and it is expected by the holders to get 10 and 15 pounds apiece for them.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

THERE must be surely something wrong with our esteemed cotemporary, *The Empire State Philatelist*, as we have not seen it since May. Probably the esteemed publisher's boast was true, and the cost of getting out one paper was too much for him; or maybe his blowing qualities have given out, and as since the change of management the paper consisted of nothing else, it went down.

We are in receipt of a new foreign aspirant for philatelic favor, and although entirely devoted to advertising for collectors who are looking for such, it is very good. We refer to the *Le Courier du Timbrophile*.

We have received No. 3 of the *Niagara Falls Philatelist*, and we are at a loss to understand why we have not been honored before. We should like to have it as a regular visitor to our sanctum.

We understand that, for the present at any rate, *The Philatelic Monthly*, the late Mr. L. W. Durbin's paper, will continue to be published at the office, Fifth and Library. Hope we will have it with us for years to come.

We have received the following; publishers please accept thanks: "Cyclopædia of Philately;" "International Philatelic Advertiser," No. 9; "Young America," Vol. I, No. 2; "Halifax Philatelist," No. 9; "Stamp," No. 8; "Youths' Ledger," No. 23; "Stamp Collectors' Figaro," No. 7; "Le Courier du Timbrophile," No. 7; "Curiosity World," No. 15; "Philatelic World," No. 10; "Collectors' Review," No. 12; "Tiny Collector," No. 3; "Vinden's Philatelic Monthly;" "Witch City Philatelist," No. 5; "Niagara Falls Philatelist," No. 3; "General Anzeiger für Philatelie," No. 8; "American Philatelist," Vol. II, No. 1.

We also have received No. 1 of the second volume of *The American Philatelist*, and have nothing but words of praise for it. It is all very well for some collectors to say it ought to have more original matter in it, as one of our correspondents says, but why don't members send in some original material. Until then we cannot see how it can be improved.

"I AM quite disappointed," remarked a doleful fellow yesterday. "I tried an experiment and it failed miserably. Tried to send a letter around the world. I mailed it on July 1st, *via* San Francisco to Yokohama, thence Egypt, and so on to England, New York and finally to Philadelphia. I clapped on about a dollar's worth of stamps and it was a dead loss. The letter hasn't arrived and I don't want to get it now. One hundred and three days! I'm disgusted." "Never mind, you won't see it. Your letter never got any further than San Francisco." "What!" "It's a fact. In the United States Postal Guide for this year, you will see that letters or postal cards addressed to go round the world are enumerated as prohibited articles." "Confound it! I——" "Keep cool, the practice got to be such an infernal nuisance that it had to be stopped. If you had put on ten dollars' worth of stamps they would have all been cancelled at this office and would not carry the letter beyond its first destination." Then the crank moaned.

EDITORIAL.

THE steady growth of the A. P. A. is the best test of its stability, as it indicates confidence in its ability to maintain itself for the benefit of all, or that it is of positive benefit to be a member. We believe both of these reasons to be the cause, and recognize in this a source of greater stability in the real value of stamps, for we believe they have as real a value as any work of Art, Painting, Bric-a-Brac, or the like, possesses.

Every addition to the strength of our organization helps to lift Philately toward that point at which it can demand the respect of scoffers, and little reflection is needed to show the great change which has come over the opinions of the outer world.

These are truly great benefits, but enlarging powers will develop new usefulness, and we doubt not that at no distant day this great Association will benefit the world by its knowledge of Philately.

TWELVE months ago the first increase in our circulation was made, and at that time we made a special effort to secure subscribers and guaranteed an issue of at least twelve numbers. Some contemporaneous journals that poked all manner of fun at us for this have ceased to exist, and those who remain owe us their acknowledgments for the successful performance of our contract. We again call on our patrons of the past for their support, and hope all who took advantage of our offer then will renew their subscriptions. From a twelve-page pamphlet THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST has grown to be a twenty-page magazine and the acknowledged leader in Philately in the East.

MR. SEAGRAVE is our nomination for Treasurer of the A. P. A. It has not been a part of our good fortune to meet him, but we understand from many sources that he is well fitted for *this important position*.

We regret that it seems impossible to select any one who is both willing and competent to fill this important position.

IN our "Queer City" way we extend a hearty welcome to that well-known literary light and philatelic star, Mr. Will M. Clemens, of Jamestown, N. Y., who will soon be one of the "Queer City" boys.

A new philatelic paper from Wisconsin will appear shortly—*The Badger State Philatelist*, published by Mr. H. B. Judson, of Delavan, Wis.

If collectors would keep their eyes open for auction sales they would be enabled to fill up many vacant spaces in their albums.

The American Philatelic Association Exchange Department is booming, a chance for the members to secure stamps for their collections and dispose of their duplicates.

C. H. Mekeel has issued in sumptuous style the History of U. S. Postage Stamps, by John K. Tiffany, Esq., President of the A. P. A. We advise all of our readers who wish to be "up with the times" to secure a copy of this valuable work.

The October number of *Harpers' Monthly* contains an interesting article on Costa Rica. In the November number Argentine Republic and Uruguay are treated of. We think it will repay all collectors to read them, as they contain much information on these countries.

QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MEETING, OCTOBER 8, 1887.

MEETING called to order at 8 P.M. President Henderson in chair. Messrs. Chiles, Henderson, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, McAllister, Gallagher and Miller present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Communications received from Messrs. Geo. A. Lowe and A. W. Robinson. Mr. Robinson's resignation was accepted with regrets.

Readings were delivered by Messrs. McAllister, Siddall and Lynde. A vote of thanks was given these gentlemen.

Adjourned 9.40 P.M.

MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 1887.

Called to order at 8.15 P.M. President Henderson in the chair. Messrs. Corfield, Henderson, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, Scarlett, Richards, Von Utassy and Miller present. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Treasurer's report showed the Society's finances to be in a very prosperous state. Written and oral essays were delivered by Messrs. Corfield, Siddall, Lynde and Henderson. Vote of thanks offered and carried.

Adjourned 9.43 P.M.

F. E. P. LYNDE, *Secretary*.

INTERNATIONALER PHILATELISTEN VEREIN.

OCTOBER 25, 1887.

THE regular meeting of Philadelphia Section was held Saturday evening, October 22, Mr. Lynde in the chair, and Messrs. MacCalla, Richards, Siddall and Corfield present.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read, Mr. Lynde presented the names of H. A. Malin, Fort Scott, Kansas, and E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn., for corresponding members; and Mr. Corfield that of G. W. von Utassy, for active membership. These gentlemen were unanimously elected members.

Communications were read from A. Lahring, E. W. Russell, W. C. Stone & Co., and Percy Pollard. The Secretary was instructed to make suitable replies where needed.

Mr. Siddall read a letter from Herr Blauhuth, giving instruction as to the exchange system, and he also advised us that he had made arrangements for having the rules translated.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M., to meet Saturday, Nov. 5, at Mr. von Utassy's, 5055 Green street, Germantown.

W. H. CORFIELD, *Secretary Philadelphia Section*,
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