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OFFICIAL DECREES.

CONGO FREE STATE.

THE Minister of the Department of Foreign Affairs, by virtue of the law of the 20th of October, 1887, and in accordance with Article XVI of the law relating to Posts, has issued the following new values of postage stamps, intended to prepay correspondence:

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Government of the Provinces of Macao, Timor and Dependencies.

Seeing the necessity of remedying the inconveniences caused by a want of stamps, of the value of 5 and 10 reis, of which I have been notified by the Postmaster of this colony, consequently, I order that 5725 stamps of the value of 80 reis, 6000 stamps of the value of 100 reis be changed to 5 reis, and 4000 stamps of 200 reis to 10 reis; and the bureaus to whom this falls shall indicate to the public the manner in which this change shall be made.

Governor's Palace, at Macao, August 9, 1887.

The Governor of the Province,

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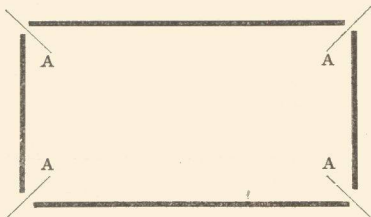
NOTINGS.

OWING to want of space we shall hereafter not publish any regular reports of the proceedings of the Quaker City Philatelic Society, but will record any items of interest, under the caption of Quaker City Notes. We shall also drop Our Contemporary column, and hereafter notice them in another part of the work.

It has often been an astonishing thing to us how extremely gullible collectors are, as a rule. They will take anything and everything. As a specimen, take this wonderful double perforation on the 2c. stamps of the present issue. We have seen them on the American Philatelic Association sheets at 25 cents apiece used, and yet they come on every sheet of stamps. We ourselves have received any quantity of them in course of trade, and never paid any attention to them.

Worse than this is the specimen of a collector in this city who has taken a smaller

difference yet. I suppose that most collectors and non-collectors receive sheets or parts of sheets of stamps on which they will notice, if they look closely, this mark, A,



namely, at little stroke upwards or downwards, and this collector has a friend in the post-office who is looking for this stroke on all values of stamps.

At the rate the German private posts are multiplying it will soon require a specialist to understand them. We have had a good many, both used and unused, specimens sent us by dealers abroad, the first beautifully canceled, but in every case with original gum on the back, and the latter in every case offered below face value. Yet collectors take them.

The Section Philadelphia of the Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, of Dresden, is flourishing and doing a very fine exchange business, and we hope by this time next year to double our membership. We would be glad if any member of the Dresden will join us who is within the charmed circle (100 miles).

The Philadelphia Branch of the American Philatelic Association is doing finely. Step up, gentlemen, and join us.

QUAKER CITY NOTES.

ON the 17th of last month the Quaker City Philatelic Society celebrated its third anniversary by a banquet. The members participating with their guests met at Dooner's, and discussed a very fine and appetizing repast, after which the flow of wit, humor, and feast of reason had uninterrupted sway. Messrs. Bogert, Mitchell and Calman, of New York, were present, and all made a few happy and appropriate remarks. Mr. Sterling, of Trenton, also partook of the jollity, and made us one of his pleasant little speeches. Altogether a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion was the result.

The menu card was a notable portion of the entertainment, being a handsome copy of two rare envelopes printed on a heavy card. The envelopes were exact reproductions of two rare Bloods. In the upper right-hand corner appeared a Danish local that made an excellent finish. On the brown tint of the envelopes appeared in contrasting ink, "Third Anniversary, Quaker City Philatelic Society, February 17, 1888;" and at the top, "Organized February 18, 1885."

The Society has recently lost a few of its members, owing to lack of time or giving up philately, but this has been offset by new applications for membership, and we start off on our new year with an increased membership of 27, all earnest and hard-working philatelists.

Many of our old officers are back with us, and the members can congratulate themselves on having a set of men holding offices who have the best welfare of the Society at heart. We do not feel justified in closing until we state that the retiring board have the thanks and best wishes of all for their earnest work during the last year.

KALERMARAIG CHRONICLES.

Revised Version.

TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL THISITE, AND CAREFULLY COMPARED WITH THE
VOLAPÜK EDITIONS.

*These Chronicles were revealed to the Hermit, and are now recorded for the first time
in English.*

CHAPTER I.

NOW when the races of men had multiplied so much that Uropa could not contain them, or from persecutions of various kinds, had set sail in ships, and after many days they came to a new land that was not known before, for the scribes had not made mention thereof.

2. Here they set up new governments for the nations of the world, vied each with the other to found a New Empire in the West, and the New Land waxed strong, and in the course of time various of these banded themselves together, and raised up a new banner, and many were the battles fought, and much blood was there shed, so that after many days the world desired peace and there was peace, and the land became known to all the world as **THE BANDED COUNTRY.**

3. Then the neighboring countries perceived that success had attended the arms of their brethren to the Northward and these said to themselves, "Why should not we do likewise, for the oppressions of our kings are great, and moreover we are possessed of a goodly land and it were well that we should be rid of the yoke that so long has oppressed us.

4. So they likewise fought, and, being naturally of hot blood, they continued to fight, so that when they were free they fought each other, and many years continued they thus in this manner.

5. In the meantime their neighbor had made himself strong, so that he was possessed of large armies, and the sails of his ships whitened every sea, and he waxed greater and stronger until he was the foremost nation of the world.

CHAPTER II.

THUS the nations of the world continued to prosper, and the sons of men sought ways of peace, and many were the inventions made, and divers curious and cunning things that were fashioned by them.

2. And the young men were not content with the ways of the old men, therefore they forsook the ways of their fathers, and eagerly sought some new thing.

3. For whereas their forefathers walked, the fathers rode on asses, and the sons on fleet horses; but this generation fashioned machines that run in roads of iron, and with the speed of the winds.

4. And moreover when they wished to go anywhere they got them on to these machines, and while they were yet speaking they were there.

5. They caught the winds and the lightning and compelled it to obey them, yea, they made it carry the mandates of their wills on ropes of copper from place to place; verily they even made men speak one to the other by means thereof, even though a day's journey apart.

CHAPTER III.

IN those days there was a tribe in each nation called Antikes, and the men of these tribes loved old things, for insomuch as they did not despise the *new*, yet they loved the *old*.

2. And it came to pass that the people soon began to ridicule them, and said they were possessed of a spirit for they could not understand them, and they called them,

vile names, and shunned them and called them cranks, and would have nowhat to do with them.

3. Now these men were known among themselves as Antikes, and though they were of many nations and spake different tongues, yet they were as a nation of themselves, for their tongues spake words that the common people could not understand that which they spake.

4. And these words were similar in each tongue, so that the Antikes of one nation could understand much of the other nations.

5. Now the Antikes did gather old things, and caused them to be preserved, yea, made arks for their preservation.

6. And they built houses for the arks and all were preserved, yea, many kept these old things in their own houses, and were always anxious to add somewhat thereto.

7. The Antikes were of several sects; there were the Historiques that preserved old scrolls and books, and did write new books; anent were the Koynologists that gathered the money of old nations, and interpreted the inscriptions thereon; there were those known as Diggers that sought for evidences of past nations whose cities had been buried for many years.

8. And these read the inscriptions on the walls of the Temples, and on the monuments and on the tombs.

9. Then came the Filats, who saved the papers of the Couriers and Messengers of Kings and Princes, and preserved them in great books, and by means of these papers did they gain much power and wisdom.

10. Now the Antikes, and the Historiques, and the Koynologists, and the Diggers, and the Filats met often together, for, as is written, they were a nation of themselves; and they became learned so that *wise men*, and teachers, and scribes came unto them and sat at their feet to seek wisdom.

11. Then the time came when men ceased to revile them, and said unto the Antikes, "Great is thy wisdom, O Antikes, and many things can the sons of men learn of thee, for our fathers did see as if it were with a fog before their eyes, and by means thereof could not see clearly the glorious things ye have made known unto us.

(To be continued.)

THE attention of collectors in the United States is again called to the advantages offered by the Section Philadelphia of the Dresden. Members of the Dresden living more than one hundred miles from this city are debarred from active membership, but are admitted to the Section as corresponding members by special permission from Dresden. The dues are light, amounting in all to \$1.95; this includes the Dresden dues of \$1.20. Address correspondence on this subject to G. W. von Utassy, of Germantown, Phila. The first exchange book from Europe contained over \$300 worth of stamps, and from the lot were taken stamps to the amount of \$125. This is a showing of which the society is justly proud, and the indications are that in the future the returns will be larger. The corresponding members are entitled to the privileges of exchange, subject to the approval of the Section as regards standing, etc. The book just handled traveled as far West as the Mississippi, and was submitted to the inspection of nineteen collectors who claim allegiance to the banner of the Section Philadelphia.

One of the late accessions to the ranks is a New Yorker of philatelic note. Such a prompt answer to our invitation is gratifying, to say the least, and it is also pleasant to understand from the gentleman aforesaid that New York is "too slow in such matters." In one thing, at least, the arrogance of our sister city is laid low.

Never mind if you are rather distant from the place of meeting. Don't keep your name to yourself, but send it in and be proposed for admittance to the I. P. V., as a member of the Section Philadelphia.

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Copy of advertisements for the April number must be in by March 26th.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A NEW society has been organized in this neighborhood. The first meeting, at the house of G. W. von Utassy, Germantown, resulted in the formation of the *Germantown Philatelic Society*, with the following list of officers: President, Will Watson; Vice-President, S. W. Parry; Secretary, G. W. von Utassy; Treasurer, L. R. Shellenberger; and Auctioneer, W. W. Woodruff.

The Society has only two rules so far, but they are important, "All would-be members must be members of the American Philatelic Association, or must make application for membership in the American Philatelic Association before joining the Germantown Philatelic Society," and, secondly, "All members of the Germantown Philatelic Society must take an interest in it and its meetings or be dropped." The first regular meeting is called for *an early date* at the house of Mr. von Utassy; all Germantown collectors are invited to be present, and those desiring corresponding membership are asked to communicate with the Secretary.

THE Exchange Department of the American Association should have the assistance of every exchanger, and an effort should be made to aid the Manager in his many difficulties in handling a cumbrous system. Among the first of these aids we would suggest that prompt remittances of balances will very materially help him, and also secure to all a continuance of its many benefits as well as the large credit which it gives. Liberal exchanging will do away with a large part of the difficulty, as the balances will thereby be smaller and more easily accounted for.

Branches should endeavor to waste as little time as possible, and we think a few evenings could be profitably spent by meeting at one of the member's houses to select from the books, as many of the branches have become so large that it requires weeks to circulate the books among the members of a single branch.

Bear it always in mind that whatever you do to push this department of our Association along will encourage others to do as you do, and the good work will be returned to you in kind by others.

THE postal cards of the United States are being very badly handled lately. Several complaints have been heard in this city of blank cards having been found in the packages, and cards with the impression everywhere but in its right place being not uncommon. One or two double impressions have been seen, but these are rather scarce.

EACH subscriber during March will receive a premium, and we hope again to record as many new subscribers as we secured last March (*i. e.*, 107). Information regarding the premiums offered will be found on the inside cover page and a subscription blank is printed on page 51.

THE list of those who secured premiums last month will be printed in the April number. About 100 were received and it has been impossible to make out the list accurately, as new names are still coming in.

All premiums have been sent out up to date and the offer for February will be closed on the date of this issue—*March 2nd.*

NO ACTION of our Government in regard to stamped envelopes in recent years has caused so much discussion among the fraternity as the issue of the so-called irregular envelopes of 1887. At first the feeling among collectors and dealers outside of this ring was decidedly against recognizing them as legitimate issues, but the friends of the abused bits of paper have augmented as rapidly as could be desired by their most enthusiastic partisan.

The objections are, we imagine, in reality more against the price of these rarities than against the rarities themselves. Of course no one likes to pay an exorbitant price for any article of trade, but then when any man or body of men control the entire output of a commodity they are able to put the price where it best pleases them; and that is just the present trouble in a small compass.

The envelopes were issued by the post-office in the regular way, and passed the inspection of the officers having such matters in charge; this alone is all that is necessary to establish the fact that they are fit subjects for collection as the two-cent green now adorning our mails. While we are in the same boat as the objectors, inasmuch as we are too poor to get a set, and were left out in the cold while the deal was being organized, we do not propose to stop playing because we can't have first innings. The Quaker City will wait and trust to getting even when its turn comes.

A full list of these envelopes will be found in the February No. taken from the *Philatelic Monthly* by the kind permission of Mr. Rappleye. Two sets complete are in the possession of collectors in this city, and we understand that the number will shortly be increased.

OUR advertisers are reminded that we do not propose to stand still, our progress being continual. New names are being added to our list every day, and we are more than confident that our list of paid subscribers is not equaled by that of any of our contemporaries. The low subscription price places THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST within the reach of all, and assures advertisers of full value for the reasonable rates asked. We are continually receiving new names. Our monthly issue is invariably circulated, excepting only a few reserved copies. In looking after your interests we believe we look after ours.

MR. E. B. HANES has assumed personal charge of the firm of Durbin & Hanes, and will hereafter hail from the Quaker City. Mr. Hanes will be remembered as the first Superintendent of the American Philatelic Association Exchange Department, and it is but just to add that much of the present admirable points of the system are due to his able arrangements.

As a philatelist he ranks with the best in America, and we hope, and have no doubt, that he will meet with every success in Philadelphia.

MANY of our readers have taken advantage of the premium offered last month, about 100 new subscribers being secured, and we hope that our friends will aid us in securing as many more new subscribers this month.

The price is so little that it seems ridiculous, and we hope to get you all on our list. Fill up the blank on page 51, and send it to us with 15 one-cent stamps.

WE feel that but few remarks are necessary about the Quaker City Society's third anniversary dinner on the 17th inst.

The visitors, we hope, were pleased, the menu card was appropriate and unique, and the affair was one not soon to be forgotten.

MR. RAPPLEYE, of Jersey, has in his collection of revenues fine specimens of the two hundred dollar document stamp; the six-cent proprietary, rouletted; and a two-cent document, vermilion, inverted medallion, unused.

THAT the ninety cent adhesive is to be changed in color is a late announcement by the Philadelphia post-office officials. This has been denied, however, from Washington.

R. R. BOGERT & Co. will hold their fifth auction sale on March 5th. We notice some scarce stamps listed. The Scott Company will have a sale on March 14th.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST.

WE think that the wisdom of the re-establishment of *The American Philatelist* is now fully proven. It is a matter of no small pride that the American Philatelic Association is the first society which has been able to publish its own journal. Even the Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, of Dresden, with more than double our membership, is unwilling to undertake it.

Since its re-establishment the membership of the Association has increased steadily, and at a rate far beyond our hopes. In the February number there were published about twice as many applications for membership as ever before, and we think that this is largely due to the fact that through the columns of *The American Philatelist* the Association and the benefits conferred by membership are made known and constantly kept before the philatelic public.

But apart from the Association and its influence what is *The American Philatelist*? By comparison with our American exchanges it appears totally different from and far above them all. To our knowledge there is no philatelic paper published which contains anything like the amount of valuable reading matter, nor do we know of any other paper in the English language which publishes full lists of newly issued revenue stamps of all countries. It alone in its "New Issues" classifies the novelties as adhesive stamps, envelopes, postal cards, and revenues, making a list convenient for reference, whereas all the rest of our contemporaries mix them all together.

Besides the four or five standard articles upon different subjects every month, there is the Correspondence Department, where the highest opinions upon matters of general philatelic interest are regularly found.

No one who has read the paper of Mr. Tiffany on the stamps of South Australia, published in a recent number, has failed to learn something of importance, and the list of the stamps of the French colonies, about to be published, is invaluable. It is very gratifying to find that the best philatelic paper in the world is that of the American Philatelic Association. This fact was, no doubt, largely brought about by the removal of the restrictions which formerly existed, especially by making the subscription list open to all, and limiting the subscription price to the very small sum of fifty cents. It differs also from many of our contemporaries in that the greatest care is taken to preserve its advertising columns from everything but the advertisements of perfectly responsible parties. The resolution of the Literary Board requiring the reference of one of the Trustees of the Association, by anyone of questionable reputation who wishes to use its columns, has kept and will, no doubt, keep out those who deal in counterfeits, or are in other respects untrustworthy.



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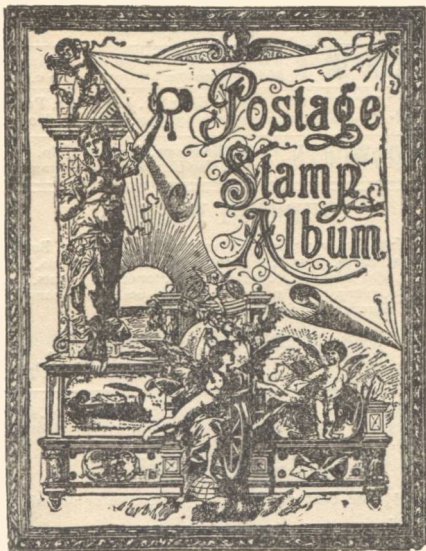
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