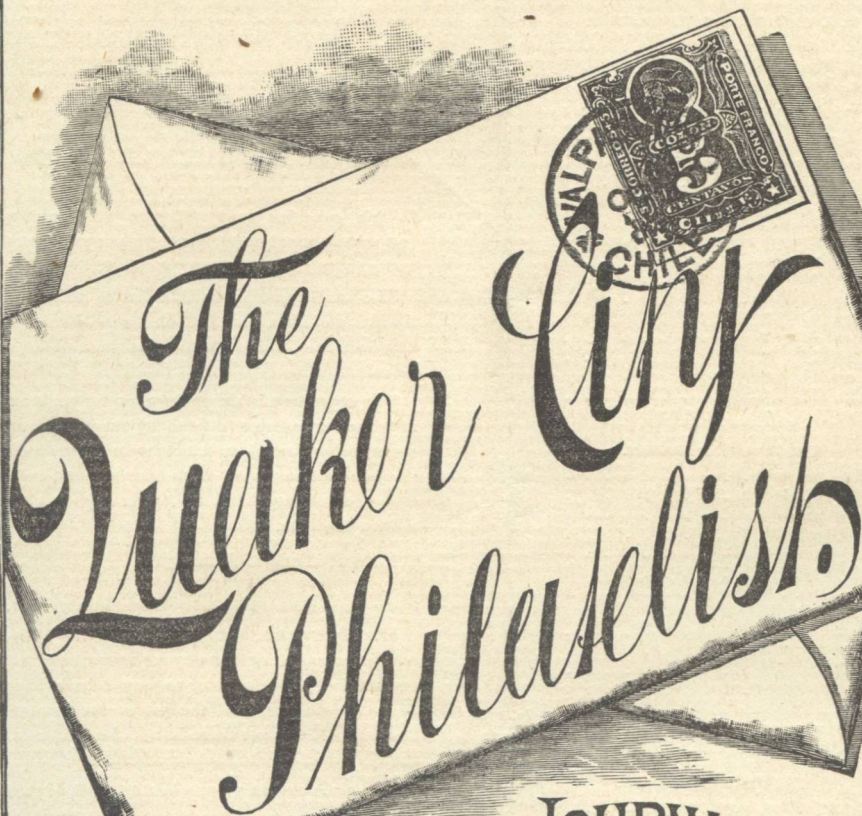


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* " 1889, 20r., red, "	8	5
* " 1889, 50r., red, "	12	8
* " 1889, 100r., red, "	25	15
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THE MULREADY ENVELOPE, AND ITS IMITATIONS, CARICATURES, ETC.

BY MAJOR E. B. EVANS.

(From *Stanley Gibbons', Limited, Monthly Journal.*)

[Continued.]

THE following poetical description, which I copy from *The Philatelist*, Vol. vii, page 145, is there stated to have appeared in a newspaper in 1840:

“Britannia is sending her messengers forth
To the east, to the west, to the south, to the north;
At her feet is a lion wot's taking a nap,
And a dish-cover rests on her legs and her lap.
To the left is a Mussulman writing a letter,
His knees form a desk for the want of a better;
Another believer's apparently trying
To help him in telling the truth or in lying.
Two slaves 'neath their burden seem ready to sink,
But a sly-looking elephant 'tips us the wink;'
His brother behind, a most corpulent beast,
Just exhibits his face, like the moon in a mist.
On each is a gentleman riding astraddle,
With neat Turkey carpets in lieu of a saddle;
The camels behind seem disposed for a lark,
The taller a well-whisker'd, fierce-looking shark.
An Arab, arrayed with a coal-heaver's hat,
With a friend from the desert is holding a chat;
The picture's completed by well-tailed Chinese
A-purchasing opium and selling of teas.
The ministers' navy is seen in the rear—
They long turned their backs on the service—'tis clear
That they now would declare, in their typical way,
That Britannia it is who has done it, not they.
A reindeer and Laplander cutting through snow,
The rate of their progress (down hill) seems to show.
To the right is the king of the Cannibal Islands,
In the same pantaloons that they wear in the Highlands;
Some squaws by his side with their infantile varments,
And a friend in the front who's forgotten his garments.
Frost, Williams and Jones have this moment been hook'd,
And are fixing the day they would choose to be cook'd.
There a planter is giving and watching the tasks
Of two worthy niggers, at work on two casks.
Below to the left, as designed by Mulready,
Is sorrow's effect on a very fat lady;
While joy at good news may be plainly descried,
In the trio engaged on the opposite side.”

The earliest of the pictorial satires was probably that drawn by John Leech and pub-

lished by Messrs. Fores, 41, Piccadilly. Two forms of this are known, differing both in size and in some of the details. The larger of the two has an outline about 13 x 8½ inches. Britannia is represented as a smiling lady of fully-developed figure, and with a rubicund nose, scattering numerous penny postmen to right and left, each in the regulation uniform, with tail coat, tall hat with gold band, cockade, etc. Four of these are of large size, the others are flying far away in the distant background. The lion is on his feet. He has a black patch over his eye, and his tail is stretched out stiff, and has a row of letters strung along it. On the right is a planter in a broad-brimmed hat looking up at Britannia, with his thumb to his nose and his fingers outspread. Behind him is a negro heading up a cask. On the left is a group of Chinese. One of them is seated upon some bales marked "opium," while another adopts the same complimentary attitude towards Britannia as the planter opposite, the long nails of the Chinaman adding to the effect. By the side of this group is shown the bridge from the Willow-pattern plate.

In the right-hand upper corner is a small boy dancing with delight at the receipt of a letter, and in the opposite one a girl with her hair in curl-papers, evidently in the throes of composition. In the two lower corners are depicted the post-boys, whose absence from the original was deplored by *The Times*, each mounted on a sorry steed and riding out of the picture—the one on the right to Hampstead, the other to Clapham, as shown on the finger-posts accompanying them. In the centre of this, where the space for the address should be, is the following inscription in script, "*This Design has—(most respectfully, of course)—been submitted to Government—by an aspiring Artist—Mul-led-al-ready,*" in five lines. On the left, at the bottom, is scrawled "*J. Leech,*" and in the middle is the well-known totem—the leech in the bottle, between the words, "*His—Mark.*"

Outside the outline are the words "DESIGN FOR THE NEW POSTAGE ENVELOPES" at the top; and at the bottom "*London, Published by Messrs. Fores, 41, Piccadilly, May 6th, 1840.*" The date is given thus on all the copies I have seen; but there is a small space after "*May,*" and the remains of something that was probably a figure "2." It is likely, therefore, that May 26th was the real date of publication, but that the figure "2" was erased from the stone, so as to make it correspond with the date on which stamps were first used.

The outline of the smaller one is about 6½ x 4 inches. It differs from that which I have described in several particulars. On the back of the lion is seated a monkey in uniform, with a cocked-hat. The figures in the upper corners are now a dustman, with his bell, reading a letter, and a postman weighed down with letter-bags. There are no inscriptions on the sign-posts or in the centre; the leech in the bottle stands alone, and "*J. Leech, del. et sculp.,*" is scribbled in the left lower corner.

This is inscribed at the top "*FORES' COMIC ENVELOPES, NO. 1,*" as if there was an intention to bring out a series, which does not seem to have been carried into effect at this time; and at the bottom is "*London. Published by Messrs. Fores, at their Sporting & Fine print Repository & Frame Manufactory 41 Piccadilly.—corner of Sackville Street.*" And just under this, on the left, is, "*Printed by J. R. Jobbins 3 Warwick Ct.*"

The large design is, no doubt, a lithograph, the small one is usually said to be an etching; but although it *may* have been originally etched by the artist, I am inclined to think that it was reproduced by lithography. None of the copies I have seen have the appearance of etchings; and some, if not all, were printed, four copies together, on a large sheet, showing that the original drawing was multiplied in some manner for printing purposes. Both were issued gorgeously colored as well as plain.

The next that I have to describe is more elaborate than that of Leech, as it deals with all the figures contained in the original; this, also, bears a well-known signature, that of "Phiz" (Hablot Knight Browne); it was published by Messrs. Chapman & Hall, but in what month I have been unable to ascertain. The size of this is even larger than that of the first described variety by Leech, being 14½ x 10 inches.

[To be continued.]

CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Argentine.—Three of the high values have appeared. They are about 20 x 30 mm. and have various heads in the centre, with value below and "Correos y Telegrafos" above. 1 peso dark blue, 5 pesos blue, 20 pesos blue-green. All perforated 11½. It is probable the 10 and 50 pesos will not be issued. On May 1, a new 8c. stamp was issued, with head of Rivadavia to left. Color carmine.

Bhopal.—*Le Timbre Poste* notes thirty-two new varieties of the square ½ anna red. No errors. Perf. 7.

Brazil.—We hear of the 80 reis card, with the blue portion of the printing upside down.

Br. Honduras.—We find we have omitted to chronicle the new 3c. card. It is of the usual style, carmine on buff.

Cape of Good Hope.—The 3d. is printed in violet, and surcharged "2½d." in black.

Columbia.—*P. F. of A.* notes two new envelopes; 5c. black on blue, 10c. black on yellow. At the left of the stamp is an illustration of a steamboat, with "Servicio Postal Fluvial" above. Size, 82x150 mm.

Cuba.—The *I. B. F.* notes an error in the 2x2c. card of 1832. The stamp, on the original card, is at the right, and on the reply card at the left.

Finland.—The Russian stamps, envelopes, etc., are now in use here. They all have small circles surcharged, of varying size and number. The envelopes, bands and cards have these circles outside of the designs.

French Congo.—The 15c. blue of the French Colonies is surcharged in black in two lines, "Congo Français—5c." *Le T. P.* says 1500 were issued.

Italy.—The 1c. Segnatasse is surcharged "20c." in the same manner as the 10 and 30c. already noted.

Johore.—The *I. B. F.* says the 24c. green is surcharged in two lines "Johor—2 Cents," and the old value canceled.

Labuan.—The 2c. rose is surcharged in black "One Cent," horizontally in one line.

Liberia.—*P. F. of A.* describes an envelope with stamp resembling that on the well-known post card. There was a portrait of some person in the centre, but it had been scratched out "on account of a change in the Governor." Printed in red and blue on white wove paper, 148x84 mm. *I. B. F.* illustrated, in No. 10, a post card with similar change in the stamp.

Mexico.—*L. T. P.* illustrates new post card with frame of Greek border. There is no change in design or color of the stamps. The 2c. and 3c. have inscriptions in green, and the 5c. in carmine.

Natal.—The 4d. brown is now surcharged in two lines "Twopence—Halfpenny." Several stamps on the sheet are spelled "PENGE." There is also a new card, 1½d., brown on gray.

Norway.—The three öre card has now "Brefkort" in one word, and the 3x3 öre has "Svar Brefkort" on one line instead of two.

Orange Free State.—Some of the 3d. stamps have a double surcharge, the figure "1" being over the word "drie" as well as in the centre of the stamp.

Peru.—The *Pb. R.* is informed that a new set of stamps is in course of preparation for this country.

Roumania.—Mr. W. F. Gregory was the first to show us the Jubilee set of stamps. The head of the king is in an oval band, inscribed "Romania, Jubileul de 25 Ani Domniei Regelui Carol I." Value in the corners. 1½b. pink, 3b. lilac, 5b. green, 10b. red, 15b. brown. Post card 5b. black on rose, reverse pale buff.

Salvador.—It seems that there are two styles of the surcharge on the 2c. green;

“UN CENTAVO” and “1 CENTAVO.” The surcharge in both cases is diagonally printed.

St. Domingo.—Some of the stamps of 1879, 1880 and 1883 have been surcharged with two diagonal lines, the four triangles thus formed containing the letters “V. P. U.” and the value. They are 1c. on the 5c., 1880, with net; 2c. on the 20c., 1880, plain; 2c. on the 1 franco, 1883, with net; 50c. on 1 rl., rose on buff, 1879; 80c. on $\frac{1}{2}$ rl., violet on white, 1879; 90c. on 1 rl., rose on white, 1876, and 1 peso on the $\frac{1}{2}$ rl., violet on gray, 1879. The envelopes have also been surcharged, and among them some samples sent down by the manufacturer, of values not heretofore known to collectors, as follows: 30c., 40c., 50c., on 10c. red; 60c., 70c., 80c., 90c. on 15c. yellow; 1 peso on 1c. green, 2c. red, 5c. blue, 20c. brown, 25c. violet, 30c. red, 40c. brown, 45c. violet, 50c. yellow, 60c. green, 75c. blue, 1 peso gold. Most of these envelopes are of various papers and sizes, and of some of them only five or six were surcharged. The surcharge is either in red or blue.

St. Pierre et Miquelon.—The 30, 35 and 40c. of the French Colonies are surcharged in black “15” and “S. P. M.,” separated by a line across the stamp.

Sweden.—The 10 öre envelope has been issued. Carmine on thick blue paper. 150x124 mm.

Tierra del Fuego.—The *Revue Pb.* announces stamps for local use among the five colonies lately established in this country. The values will be 5, 10, 20, 50 centavos. The sun, on which is the letter P, is in the centre, back of which are a pickaxe and hammer crossed. A label, diagonally disposed, is inscribed “Tierra del Fuego.” The value is at the left and top, and the word “öre” at the right and “Local” below.

United States.—The *P. F. of A.* notes errors in the envelopes. The 2c. white and amber, size F, of a different shape from the usual one, the side flaps almost reaching the top. This comes also in amber manila. The 4c. G, white and amber, with the October, 1886, watermark, and the 4c. I, manila, and amber manila with the 1890 watermark.

PHILATELIC ADVANCES.

BY C. E. RANGE.

“No science deserves that name, which lives and dies in the same age.”—*Any.*

OUR hobby of stamp collecting has for half a century encouraged an amusement and study which has increased in a greater ratio than any person who is unacquainted with its pursuits could possibly suppose. No mania has such a foothold among collectors as has philately. It is fostered by some of our most eminent men, and has found a domicile among all classes of people. It not only allies itself in the United States, but in every country where stamps are used, and has become a kind of second nature with foreign postmasters, especially in smaller countries, in order that they may unite “business with pleasure.” With marked progress and no encouragement from the outside world, it has gradually grown to a field of labor that is wonderful, and thirty years ago would have been “hooted” at to even advance an argument for the collecting of bits of paper without any seeming value. But time and tide have changed since then, and the immense stamp firms, backed by capital that shows prosperity unequalled by any other business in the collectors’ line, and the many philatelic publications, backed by the vim and energy of sturdy editors, who say “they are here to stay,” certainly emphasises this fact of hardihood.

Our dealers are always striving to promote friendship among collectors, and to induce them to take hold of this matter in a businesslike way, and not to stand in awe of it as a boy’s play or the freak of a crank; and this is what some people seem to think of us philatelists; yet, had our brother who makes this assertion stood in our ranks and commenced this collecting, even as a boy’s play, we feel assured that the

pleasure as well as the profit derived from it, would certainly suffice for the time and money expended.

There is one system which first began with our English dealers that has behooved the American dealer to pattern after, that is the auction market, which has become a very satisfactory method of disposing stamps, as well as meeting with the rarities hardly to be procured at a retail establishment. The late Hooper auction is an example of the success of our auction sales. While this is yet in its infancy, the trial has naturally benefited the American philatelists, and in all of our larger cities, philatelic societies have their public auctions.

The approval-sheet system has become the natural agent for selling stamps, and is used universally among our collectors and dealers and will continue to be a proper medium; for our collectors now strive to procure specimens which are unblemished, and, of course, desire to see what they are buying.

The number of philatelic papers which continue to circulate among our fraternity increases every month, and but few of them seem to "go under" or are the worse for their struggle, and now the probability of weekly papers is very strong. That inimitable Mekeel "dares to lead where others follow," and still they come with an unceasing variety of current events, that it has become a matter of time with the advanced collector to keep up with the times.

Philatelic enterprise not only exists at home, but it is an established fact that within the last few years a nucleus of friendship has brought the stamp traffic to a decided test among the collectors all over the world, and that grand society, the A. P. A., has been the cause of uniting our forces at home, so it may be said that philately was never in a better condition, and if our collectors, during these dull summer months, will devote a little time to the cause, they will certainly profit by it.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

BY BONUMITA.

THE printing of the new postal card known as the "Ladies' Correspondence Card" was begun the latter part of May at the card factory at Shelton, Conn. The ladies, however, will not be able to give their verdict on them for some time, for twenty-five million will have to be printed and distributed to the post-offices before an issue can be made. A correspondent of the *Ansonia Sentinel* has examined a few cards fresh from the press, and in regard to them says: "The cards are made from very fine board of color known as pearl gray, but which in reality is a very fine blue white. The printing upon the transverse side is in a rich blue ink, and the effect of this in fine press work is very good. The press work, of course, brings out all the good points in the plate and also shows up some very weak ones."

THE keyless post-office box is an invention which has lately been brought upon the market. It has two dials in the front part, upon which is printed the alphabet, connected with a bit of machinery on their outer sides. Say, for instance, that the machinery was set to the combination of A—T. All the holder of the box has to do is to turn one dial to A, the other to T, and the box is unlocked, thus doing away with the cumbersome key. Over 3000 combinations of the alphabet alone are possible, so that every box may be set to a different combination. We doubt if these will soon be adopted by the Post-office Department for general use, on account of the cost, trouble and certain claims against it, but they may be tried in a few new post offices. They would be a great saver of time to the public, and we hope the inventor will succeed in securing a fair trial for his work by the Post-office Department.

POSTAL CARDS directed to go around the world are, by laws of some of the countries in the Postal Union, excluded from circulation in the mails, yet we learn from several stamp journals that a collector in South America some time since deposited several so

directed, and that recently a part of them have been returned to the sender after having passed entirely around the globe, their journey being shown by the post-marks of the different cities. One of these could well be sent to some large society as a curiosity.

THE *Hartford Times* recently printed a short sketch of the public life of Oliver Woodhouse, Assistant Postmaster at the Hartford, Conn. office for the past thirty years. Mr. Woodhouse entered the employ of the Government forty-two years ago, on the morning of May 25, 1849. At that time the office had but six clerks, one of whom was a carrier who delivered letters to citizens in any part of the city, charging two cents for each letter, the average number delivered being twenty-five each day. There were, of course, no postage stamps then, and one of Mr. Woodhouse's duties was to charge up and collect the postage of business houses. Each day he presented the bill for the day before. The letters were marked "paid," and forwarded to their destination, the schedule being five cents for places within 300 miles and ten cents beyond that distance. Letters to the gold hunters in California went by way or the Isthmus, the rate, forty cents for one-half ounce. What stories of the "good old days" of the postal service Mr. Woodhouse could tell if he felt inclined!

IN 1797 the Postmaster-General of the United States received a salary of \$2400 annually. Compare the amount of work done by him at that date and that done by the present Postmaster-General and then compare their salaries. I think you will agree with me that Mr. Wanamaker's salary should be raised. He receives \$8000 a year now.

DURING the hot weather with which nearly the whole country was visited in the middle of June, many collectors, especially the younger ones, laid aside their collections for the summer, preferring the invigorating outdoor sports. But the true collector collects the year round, for not only is it his nature to do so, but is profitable to him. The example set by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. at the last A. P. A. Convention, of holding an auction in midsummer, will probably be followed this year by several other New York dealers, thereby causing at least a few to take out their collections a little earlier and begin the season's work.

WHEN a beginner in postal cards looks over his first catalogue and reaches those chronicled under Wurtemberg, I can imagine that he makes something of an exclamation, for there are no less than 343 distinct varieties from that country and probably quite a number more will be listed in Mr. Watson's new work. By the way, if you want that catalogue, I would advise you to purchase it soon, for I hear that the price is to be advanced. To return to the cards. The majority of them, however, have but very slight differences, but these, no matter how near alike the cards may be to the casual observer, make large differences in the sight of a card collector.

A SET of stamps will probably be issued for the isles known as the Cook islands (situated about 2000 miles northeast of New Zealand), for influential citizens are seeking to form a federation, the constitution of which would be in part like that of the proposed Australian federation. At the present time, we believe, no stamps are used for these islands. There may be, but as we have paid but little attention to the emissions of Australasia lately we cannot state positively. Of course, if the federation is formed, postage stamps will be issued and at the same time the newly appointed postmasters will learn of stamp collectors and dealers, and the latter's weaknesses, and then—well, we may expect just a few surcharges.

IT costs the United States just \$40,000 a year to pay the bills for new canceling stamps and repairs to the old ones. The above statement may seem like a "trout story," but is a fact. It would seem that, on account of this cost, canceling machines,

similar to the one used in the Philadelphia Post-office, could profitably be introduced into many of the larger offices. We know nothing of their cost, but as they were invented with the view of saving both time and money, and it is said that they do, it appears that it would be a good move for the proper post-office officials to make.

POSTAL CARD COLLECTORS are now feeling the need of a complete priced catalogue of their specialty (I refer to the English-reading and speaking portion in the United States and Canada). It is about two years since one has been published in this country, and, of course, in that time many new cards have been issued, and the values of the old ones changed materially. The number of card collectors is increasing rapidly, and it would seem that there is a good field open for somebody. Mr. George H. Watson's catalogue, now being published, is just what the card collector should have, but, in addition to this, he needs a priced one. Mr. A. Lohmeyer's list is "good as far as it goes," but it cannot exactly be classed as a catalogue, as it was intended to be more of a price-list of the publisher.

THE committee appointed by the A. P. A. to go to Washington and awaken the Congressmen to "no duty on stamps" has now a chance to go in the near future, probably next winter. Two St. Louisites and a New Yorker will enjoy a short visit to the Capital City, using the funds of the U. S. dealers. That's all right, gentlemen, nobody will object as long as you succeed in having that duty removed.

Two months ago we noted an article which appeared in the *Providence Journal* about the Providence locals. A second reading impressed us with the fact that it was well worth publishing in a philatelic paper, and accordingly we reproduce it as it appeared:

"A RARE POSTAGE STAMP FOR COLLECTORS.

"Here is something that many of our citizens know very little about," said Mr. Calder, Secretary of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, as he took from its hiding place a well-worn envelope containing a thin sheet of paper about three inches square. It was a sheet of the old Providence city postage stamps, which were used by permission of the National Government in 1846, before the days when that business became the sole privilege of the Federal Government. It is somewhat of a curiosity. The sheet contains eleven 5-cent stamps for city postage and one 10-cent stamp for outside the city. The stamps have rather a crude and timeworn appearance, being printed in a black ink, of a tint suggestive of a faded, poor quality writing fluid.

"How much is this sheet worth?" asked the reporter.

"I want fifty dollars for it," replied Mr. Calder. "There are very few of those unused sheets out, and they are very valuable; I only know of four others in this city."

"There were few of these Providence stamps issued. The plate was made by a man named Hidden, and what has become of it is a question stamp collectors would like to have reliably answered. Stamp dealers from all parts of the country are anxious to get hold of it, but no one seems to know where it is. It is believed that when the stamps went out of circulation, Mr. Hidden gave the plate to a friend of his named Sayle, and that he turned it over to the Rhode Island Historical Society. Search has been made to some extent among the valuables of that society, but no trace of it can be found. When Mr. Hidden, some years afterwards, found that the sheets were becoming so valuable, he made earnest endeavors to get the plate back. Failing in that, he determined to make a new plate. As he could get no copy of the sheet of stamps, he had to rely upon his memory for the design. As a feat under those circumstances, the result was remarkable, although, upon comparison, it can be seen that the stamps struck off from the second plate differ in very many little details from those of the first. But Mr. Hidden's memory was unfaithful to him in one important particular—he had forgotten to put the 10-cent stamp in the right-hand top corner, and made a sheet of twelve 5-cent stamps.

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The next annual meeting of the American Philatelic Association, in August, will be a most important one from the fact that the matter of incorporating the Association will be brought forward and acted upon, and it is highly necessary that every member unable to attend the meeting and giving a proxy does so with a full understanding of how his vote will be used. The inconsistent manner in which proxies were solicited and used for personal advantage at the last Convention makes it important that you should be careful to whom your proxy is given, that your instructions will be faithfully carried out and your voice in the Convention not misrepresented. To accomplish this you should give implicit instructions to those who represent you in the Convention.

It is to be hoped, also, that you give instructions to your proxy-holder in regard to our next meeting, and endeavor, if possible, to have the meeting at some other place beside New York city. Three out of six Conventions is about enough, and some other equally as good city should be chosen for the next Convention.

Unless you are very careful in regard to your proxy in your instructions the same high-handed proceedings will occur at the next Convention. Do not give your proxy until the last moment.

MILLARD F. WALTON,
A. P. A. 415.

CLAUDE E. RANGE, Box 222, Trenton, Mo., desires to hear from all publishers having magazines, papers and articles to exchange—all pertaining to philately or numismatics.

NUMEROUS applications for the canceled stamps which were sent to Mrs. Hall ("The Old Stamp Woman"), have been received at the Rockville Post-office. Several were from stamp dealers, but all, of course, had to be refused, as the stamps, under the Postal Laws, must be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington. We are not aware what disposition is made of them there, but we believe they are either returned to the individuals who sent them or destroyed.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

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APPLICATIONS.

Guy Reynolds, Welaka, Florida. References, M. F. Walton; A. P. Hosmer.

A. S. Pierce, 230 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill. References, C. E. Severn, A. P. Hosmer.

F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind. References, T. R. Ferris, A. P. Hosmer.

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Norman Foster, Georgetown, Demerara, B. Guiana. References, K. B. Cox, A. P. Hosmer.

Arthur Niemz, with Adler & Sullivan, Auditorium Tower, Chicago, Ill. References, A. P. Hosmer, R. L. Parsons.

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CHANGES IN LOCATION.

Captain J. E. Pilcher, 145 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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I am enabled this month to make a most favorable report, not only as regards applicants, but in every department as well.

The usual requests for application blanks still continue, and we can safely count on a steady increase in membership in the future.

A committee is at present revising the long-delayed Constitution, and, as soon as their labors are finished, we shall have it printed and distributed to members. The Constitution has been materially changed. Many points have been improved upon, which, we trust, will be satisfactory to all.

I would ask all members who are about to change their address to notify me as soon as possible, in order that I may have a correct list.

It is often necessary to notify members by mail, and it is impossible to do so unless I have their correct address.

Since the establishment of "Branch 1," I have received a large number of inquiries from members in regard to organizing branches in their respective cities.

In reply, I would say that in any place where there are four or more W. P. U. members, a branch may be established, electing its officers and transacting such business as may come before it.

I hope, in my next report, to be able to have a number of new branches established, but as "things philatelic" move slowly during the summer, it will be September, doubtless, before anything further is accomplished in this direction.

June 30, 1891.

A. P. HOSMER, *Secretary and Treasurer*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EXCHANGE.

Since my last report thirty-seven filled sheets, valued at \$164.54, were received.

The small number of sheets received this month is due to the summer vacations, which always cause a depression of philatelic interests.

I had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. E. W. Hopperstead, Manager of the Los Angeles Branch, No. 2, and, as he intends to stay in San Francisco for several weeks, we shall probably spend some few hours together, talking over our philatelic experiences and of the Union in particular.

I would be pleased to have any member call on me, should any visit San Francisco, and I shall endeavor to entertain them as all philatelists entertain.

June 25, 1891.

FRANK KENIG, *Exchange Superintendent.*

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

The local branch will hold its second advertised sale on the evening of August 27.

A perusal of the list of stamps offered will show that while we have not extreme rarities, there are many fine stamps not usually seen, which will all be sold at reasonable figures.

If we meet with sufficient encouragement we shall hold these sales monthly, executing all bids free of charge.

The boom in philately in Chicago during the past six months warrants us in holding regular sales during the winter months. If we reap as much benefit from them as we did from our first, we shall be amply satisfied.

At a regular meeting, held June 11, Messrs. Parsons, Severn and Hosmer were elected to act as a Governing Board, and Mr. Ferris was elected Librarian.

Our fourth regular meeting brought out a large number of collectors, notwithstanding the extremely hot weather.

As in past meetings, the usual small auction sale took place, this being one of the great features of the evening.

The usual number of new members were admitted, and more are promised at our next.

Mr. W. G. Jerrens, one of our members, has lately returned from a trip to Denver, calling on The Mekeel Stamp Co., of St. Louis, *en route.*

A prominent stamp dealer in Constantinople has been corresponding with a W. P. U. member in Chicago, with a view of establishing a branch here, and getting a share of the World's Fair trade. Owing to the present duty on stamps, nothing will be done at present, although the future may develop some means of overcoming the difficulty.

June 30, 1891.

A. P. HOSMER, *Local Secretary.*

OUR C. P. A. TICKET.

LIST OF NOMINEES FOR C. P. A. OFFICES.

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CHICAGO NOTES.

A NUMBER of collectors seem to think that the World's Fair will take place in 1892. This is a mistake, as only the dedicatory ceremonies will take place at that time, and the fair will be opened in May, 1893. This will give them more time in which to prepare their stamps for exhibition.

GEORGE H. WATSON, C. H. Mekeel and Samuel Leland will attend the A. P. A. Convention in New York next month. You will make no mistake by giving your proxy to either one of them, for they have been tried, and can be relied on to work only in the interest of the A. P. A.

THE S. B. BRADT Co. announce their first auction sale to take place July 25, afternoon and evening. The sale comprises over 1000 lots, of which more than 600 are United States stamps. This is the first large public auction sale ever held in Chicago. It will be conducted by the leading auctioneers of this city, at Cobb's Library. Bids may be sent direct to the company, or to any of the resident members mentioned in the catalogue. The catalogue is gotten up in good style, illustrating the rarities, and has dotted lines before the number of each lot, so as to place the price in the proper place. This sale will compare favorably with the large sales held in the East. All will be sold without reserve.

THE C. P. S. sale held June 4 was well patronized. Bids for the July sale are also coming in at a lively rate. It is possible that there will be no sale for August, but they will go on again beginning with September. Collectors wishing to receive the catalogues regularly, should send their address to the Secretary.

S. B. BRADT has tendered his resignation as Exchange Superintendent of the Philatelic Society of America. His many other duties in connection with his business and the C. P. S. Exchange Department made this step necessary.

At the last meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society the new Constitution was adopted. After July 16, the society will be in the hands of a Board of Control of seven members. All the old officers will tender their resignations and a new election will take place, so as to conform with the new Constitution.

THE plan just adopted by the C. P. S., of selling stamps at auction by the lot, is meeting with general favor. It is better for the buyer, as the advantage of fractions is not against him.

S. W. SCOTT has returned for the present to Dubuque. He states that he will require more time to perfect his mercantile agency scheme. Yours for truth,

June 29, 1891.

DISPERSION.

PHILATELIC EXCHANGE CLUB.

Do you belong to a philatelic society or club? If not, why not? The Philatelic Exchange Club was organized June 1, 1891, for the benefit of young stamp collectors. We do not intend to circulate sheets of stamps, but we will issue an "Exchange List" monthly. Each member is allowed to insert an exchange notice of fifty words free. All honest stamp collectors are cordially invited to join. No references required; age only necessary. Initiation fee only 10 cents. Dues, 5 cents per month. Members receive the "Exchange List" free. Send your initiation fee to the Secretary, and receive membership card. Elmer E. Althouse, Secretary, Sellersville, Pa.

The Philatelic Exchange List will appear in August, as the official organ of the Philatelic Exchange Club.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The name of Kenyon Brewster Cox, Vice-President W. P. U., has been changed, in accordance with the laws of the State of California, to Brewster Cox Kenyon, said change being made at the special request of a relative.

POSTMASTER VAN COTT, of New York, has returned from a trip to Washington, during which he attended several meetings of the committee appointed to select from designs submitted by inventors a suitable house letter-box. About 1000 designs were examined, their good and poor features discussed, and all but about eight or ten rejected. Out of this number, one will be soon selected for use throughout the country. It is estimated that a good letter-box, like the one which may be chosen, will save the carriers a very large percentage of their time—saving so much time that it will be unnecessary to retain but three-fourths of the present force. Of course, an occurrence like that would not be so *very* agreeable to the carriers, but it will undoubtedly be necessary.

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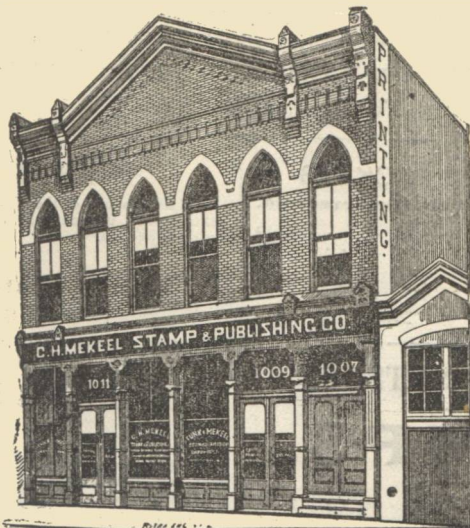
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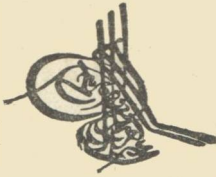
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