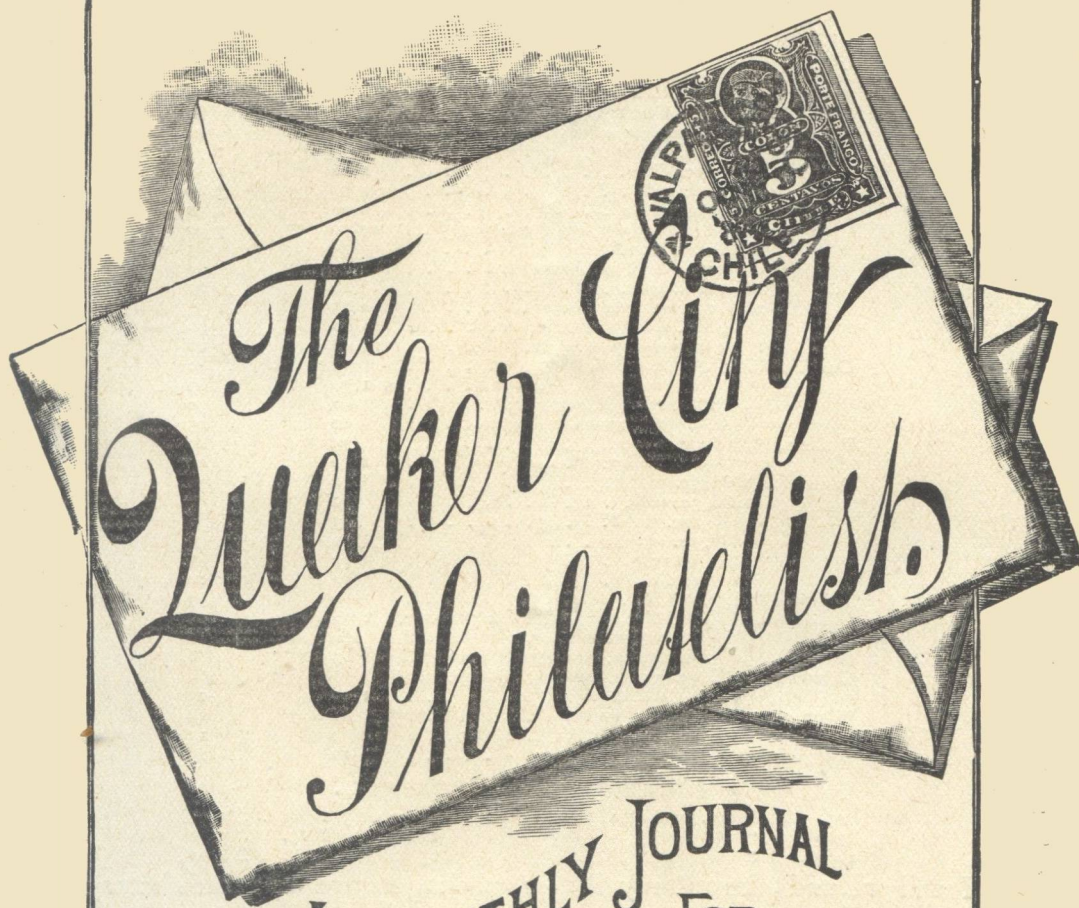


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## THE MULREADY ENVELOPE AND ITS IMITATIONS, CARICATURES, ETC.

BY MAJOR E. B. EVANS.

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

[Continued.]

SIR HENRY COLE writes in the same strain, but admits that the judgment of the public was justified: "After forty years' additional experience, I agree in the soundness of the public opinion expressed, that this fine design was quite unsuitable for its purpose. \* \* \*

"The postage cover was for a dry commercial use, in which sentiment has no part. The merchant who wishes to prepay his letter rejects anything that disturbs his attention. I now think that anything, even a mere meaningless ornamental design, would have been out of place. The baldest simplicity only was necessary. Had an allegorical fresco for any public building been required to symbolize the introduction of the universal penny postage, nothing could have been better than Mulready's design, and I still hope to see it perpetuated in some fine work of art where it would not be impertinent."\*

The abuse and ridicule referred to in Rowland Hill's journal were no doubt among the principal reasons that led to the abandonment of Mulready's design. The unsuitable nature of the design, however, was not, I believe, the principal reason for the objection to the envelopes and covers on the part of the public. Mr. Hill, no doubt, was under the impression that stamped envelopes would be used either in the majority of cases, or at all events to a very much larger extent than they were. The public found the adhesive stamps by far the most convenient, and this may have led to the idea that the design on the envelopes was more unpopular than it really was. Experience has since shown that the British public does not use stamped envelopes to any very large extent, even when they are furnished in a variety of sizes, printed on better paper, and sold at much cheaper rates than were those of 1840.

I have now to describe the inscriptions found upon the envelopes and covers. In the left lower corner of the rectangular design is the name of the artist, "W. MULREADY;" in the right lower corner that of the engraver, "JOHN THOMPSON." In the centre, along the bottom, is the value in words, "POSTAGE ONE PENNY," in fancy italic capitals, or "POSTAGE TWO PENCE," in plain capitals sloping in the contrary direction. Below the design, on the portion which forms the lower flap of the envelope, or the lower fold of the cover, is an oblong label, rather more than three inches long, and nearly  $\frac{7}{10}$  inch wide; on this is the word "POSTAGE" in large capitals, with a dotted ground formed by engine-turning, upon a background of network similarly formed. Below this label is the index number of the cast from which the impression was taken, the number being preceded by a Roman letter on the covers and by an italic letter on the envelopes, the letters on the *one penny* being capitals, and those on the *two pence* small type. These are inverted in reference to the design of the stamp, being in their proper position when the folded envelope or cover is looked at from the reverse side.

\* "Fifty Years of Public Life," pp. 63-65.

The envelopes are completed by a diamond-shaped, single-lined frame, with sides  $6\frac{3}{8}$  inches long, the longer diagonal being  $10\frac{9}{10}$  inches, and the shorter one  $7\frac{1}{10}$  inches. This frame indicated where the envelopes were to be cut out of the sheets in which they were printed, giving plain triangular flaps, which overlap to some extent when folded. There are three silk threads in the paper, running diagonally across each of the side flaps; the threads in each case being one *blue* between two *pink*.

The covers are rectangular sheets, about 9 x 8 inches, with the stamp in the centre; at each side are Postal Regulations, etc., to read which the sheet must be placed with the right-hand side of the stamp uppermost. These inscriptions are enclosed in single-lined frames, each  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide and about one inch deep, and each divided into two parts. We thus have four divisions containing the letter-press—1 and 2 on the right-hand fold of the corner, and 3 and 4 on the left. The instructions in them are as follows:

1. "RATES OF POSTAGE.—INLAND LETTERS not exceeding half an ounce are charged one penny.

Exceeding half an ounce, but not exceeding 1 ounce, two pence.

Exceeding 1 ounce, but not exceeding 2 ounces, four pence.

Exceeding 2 ounces, but not exceeding 3 ounces, six pence.

And so on an additional two pence for every additional ounce. With but few exceptions the weight is limited to 16 ounces. Unstamped Letters are charged double postage on delivery. Those insufficiently stamped, double the amount of such insufficiency."

2. "COLONIAL LETTERS.—If sent by packet, twelve times; if by private ship, eight times the preceding rates. FOREIGN LETTERS.—The packet rates are too various to be enumerated here. The ship rates are the same for Foreign as for Colonial Letters. As regards both Foreign and Colonial Letters, there is no limitation as to weight. All sent outwards, with few exceptions, must be prepaid by money, or by stamps; and those going by private ship must be marked 'Ship Letter.'

"It is REQUESTED that all letters may be fully and legibly addressed, and posted as early as convenient. Also that whatever kind of stamp may be used, it may invariably stand above the address, and towards the right-hand side of the Letter."

3. "PRICES OF STAMPS.—At a POST OFFICE. Labels, 1d. and 2d. each. Covers, 1½d. and 2½d. each. At a STAMP DISTRIBUTOR'S as above, or as follows: Half-ream or 240 Penny Covers, £1 2s. 4d.; Penny Envelopes, £1 1s. 9d. Quarter-ream, or 120 Twopenny Covers, £1 1s. 4d.; Twopenny Envelopes, £1 1s. 1d.

"At the STAMP OFFICES in London, Dublin and Edinburgh, as above, or as follows: 2 reams, or 960 Penny Covers, £4 7s.; Penny Envelopes, £4 5s. 1 ream, or 480 Twopenny Covers, £4 3s. 6d.; Twopenny Envelopes, £4 2s. 6d."

4. "Covers may be had at these prices, either in sheets or cut ready for use. Envelopes in Sheets only, and consequently not made up. No one unless duly licensed, is authorized to SELL Postage Stamps.

"The Penny Stamp carries half an ounce (Inland), the Twopenny Stamp one ounce. For weights EXCEEDING ONE OUNCE, use the proper number of Labels, either alone or in combination with the Stamps of the Covers or Envelopes.

"MONEY.—Coin, if enclosed in Letters at all, should be folded in paper, sealed, and then fastened to the inside of the Letter; but to avoid risk a money order should be used whenever practicable."

The silk threads in the paper of the covers run horizontally—three *pink* ones above the design, and two *blue* below it.

Both covers and envelopes were printed in sheets of twelve, the stereotype casts mentioned in Sir Rowland Hill's journal being arranged for that purpose in forms of three horizontal rows of four each. The casts were all separately numbered, and were not placed in any special order. The numbers therefore occur irregularly on the sheets.

The arrangement of the inscriptions, etc., seems to have been the subject of various trials or essays. Some of these are described in the work by Messrs. Philbrick and

Westoby, to which I have already referred. I have before me, however, a sheet of eight covers, showing three distinct varieties, two of which, at all events, are not described in that work. I will therefore endeavor to describe all three of them here.

[To be continued.]

### CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

**Austria.**—*Le Timbre Poste* learns that the 20, 24, 30 and 50kr. will be changed. The effigy will be in a hexagon and the figures in the angles in italics.

**Bolivia.**—We hear of the 1c. lake, with nine stars.

**Brazil.**—There is an 80 reis letter card similar to the lately issued post card of the same value. On the reverse is a representation of the mint. Buff card, with the interior white.

**Br. Bechuanaland.**—M. Maury tells us that a new emission is contemplated similar to the stamps of Seychelles.

**Br. East Africa.**—There are three new stamps, 3a. black on red paper, 4½a. lilac, 8ru. brown. We have also a registry envelope with stamp on the flap, 2a. blue. The stamp is circular, and has a scroll below with inscription, "Registration Two Annas." White paper; size, 132x81 mm.

**Br. Honduras.**—The surcharge on the 10c. is in red as well as black, and we have the 3d. stamp printed in blue and surcharged "6 CENTS" in two lines. *Mekeel's Weekly* illustrates a surcharge "SIX" on the 10c. lilac, which is stated to have been the first issued, but in small quantity only.

**Br. South Africa.**—The 6d. blue has been surcharged in black with large numerals, "½d."—"2d."—"4d.," and the 1sh. "8d." These are no doubt already obsolete, for we have the same values printed in two colors, as follows: ½d. blue and red, 2d. green and red, 4d. brown and black, 8d. lake and blue.

**Ceylon.**—In addition to the surcharged cards already noted, we have seen the following: The 10c. card surcharged "5 CENTS," and value erased, and the 5c. card surcharged "THREE—CENTS" in two lines, and the value erased.

**Chili.**—The *American Journal of Philately* says stamps of the values of 15c., 25c. and 1 peso will be soon issued.

**Ecuador.**—The 5c. blue envelope, with French inscription, is printed on yellow paper. Size, 124x81 mm.

**Falkland Islands.**—The *Stamp News* notes the 1d. divided diagonally and surcharged ½ in small black figures.

**Fiji.**—The 2d. green has been surcharged "2½d." in large black type, about 13x5 mm.

**Guadeloupe.**—The 10c. has been surcharged "5c." in black, same as the 1 franc.

**Hong Kong.**—The 30c. mauve is surcharged "14—CENTS" in two lines, same type as the recent 7c.

**Italy.**—The 2c. unpaid has been surcharged "10" and "30," in black.

**Leeward Islands.**—Envelopes of the ½d. and 2d. are reported, the latter for registered letters.

**Luxemburg.**—*Le C. de T. P.* says that the new stamps will bear the portrait of the Grand Duke Adolphe of Nassau in the uniform of an Austrian General.

**Mauritius.**—A new supply of 50c. envelopes has been ordered in London, to be printed in yellow. The letter rate will be reduced to 10c., and the stamps of 16, 25 and 38c. will be surcharged with that value.

**Mexico.**—In addition to the 2rls. rose and 4rls. white of Chiapas already known, the *Philatelic Record* mentions a 1 real, black on green, and 8rls. black on pink.

**Monaco.**—The new 1fr. stamp has appeared. The bust of Prince Albert I to the left in an oval frame. In lower right corner, a rectangular block, on which is seated a crowned female, representing the principality. Black on yellow, perf. 13½.

**New South Wales.**—The 2d. card has been changed. It is now straw color, instead of white, and inscribed, "For the United Kingdom—and other countries to—which Post Cards may—be sent." Among the set of unpaid letter stamps there is a 1 shilling.

**New Zealand.**—The 3d. brown lilac, imperforate on pelure paper, has turned up. The 2½d. blue and 5d. green have appeared. Both have head of Queen to left with very small crown.

**Orange Free State.**—The 3d. is surcharged "1d." in the same manner as the 4d.

**Puttiala.**—The 2 anna blue registry envelope comes with surcharge "PATIALA—STATE" in two lines, with arms. Sizes, 132x62 mm., and 255x107 mm.

**Raj. Nandgaon.**—Stamps measuring 30x40 mm. have been issued for this State. In central oval in four lines, "Feudatory—State—Raj. Nandgaon—C. P." All in rectangular frame, with "Raj. Nandgaon State Postage" at right, value below, and native inscription at left and top. ½ anna, blue on pale buff; ½ anna, blue on white; 2 annas, red on white. Imperforate.

**Roumania.**—The 5x5 bani card has the new stamp.

**South Australia.**—The 6d. has been printed in brown, and surcharged "5D" in red. The original value has been effectually canceled by a heavy curved line.

**Sweden.**—*L. Echo de la T.* notes a new 5 öre, dark green, with head of the king, and says that a 20 öre blue, of similar design, is in preparation. The letter cards will also be changed.

**Uruguay.**—The current stamps have been surcharged "official."

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

BY J. R. HOOPER.

UNDOUBTEDLY the rarest stamps of the present issues, are the high values of South Australia. This beautiful series of thirteen stamps embraces 2 shilling 6 pence to £20. They are of the same size, nearly the same design, but different colors, and all inscribed "Postage and Revenue." Some collectors would think a £20 stamp almost superfluous, particularly as it means \$98 in our money. But the September *Metropolitan Philatelist* speaks of a letter recently received in New York with stamps to the value of over £27 on it, which equals \$112. A letter received by Baring Bros., the great bankers of London, Eng., containing gold dust from South Australia, had on it a £20 and a £5 stamp. THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST speaks of another letter weighing 238 ounces from Australia, on which were stamps valued at nearly \$53. The South Australian stamps are rarities and the only ones sold were a set surcharged "specimen" at a New York auction, bringing about \$89, and the face value of the same was \$325.

I have had the pleasure of nailing several of the dates of issue of various stamps, and again I must take exception to our leading catalogues. I have received officially a printed list of dates of issue of various stamps of South Australia from the head office. Scott's Stamp and Coin Co.'s catalogue gives 1887 as the year of issue for the 3 pence green, whereas the stamp was issued on the 3d day of December, 1886. The 6d. blue was issued on April 2, 1887. Both this catalogue and the one issued by the J. W. Scott Company give 1887 as the year in which all the long stamps, "postage and revenue," were issued. The 2s. 6d. and 5s. stamps were put in circulation on December 3, 1886, and the 10s., 15s., £1 to £20 were issued for use December 20, 1886.

A LARGE number of stamps have, at different times, been counterfeited, but now comes some one who, tired of counterfeiting, is making stamps to suit his own fancy. I have seen a specimen of his work in a Corea, 2 mons, yellow, perforated. It is much like the 5 mons in design, is lithographed fairly well, and would easily "take in" a young collector who is not acquainted with the Corean stamps.

## HARTFORD, CONN., POSTAL NOTES.

BY BONUMITA.

"ANSWER STAMPS" are the latest novelty for the business office, and a most convenient addition they will prove. They are copyrighted by J. Walter Thompson, not Scott, and are designed for advertising purposes. For orders, letters, etc., which demand immediate answer, these stamps are a reminder of the fact.

SEVERAL persons who wished to try experiments with the United States Mail Service have recently succeeded in sending notes through the mails on the backs of two-cent stamps. This encouraged others to try the same experiment, and several two-cent stamps with a note on the back of each have recently been taken out of the baskets at the Hartford Post-office. The postmaster thought it a good time to see whether this could be legitimately encouraged, and wrote to the authorities at Washington. The reply was that stamps treated in this manner were not mailable matter. The Government evidently did not intend them to usurp the place of postal cards. All such stamps will probably after this be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, where they will form an interesting part of the curiosities.

AMONG the many bills proposed in the last Congress to better (?) the postal service, we select the following three that will be of interest to philatelists:

1. To provide for the returnment of second-class matter. 2. To transport the Australian closed mail for Great Britain, from San Francisco to New York at reduced rates or free of charge. 3. To reduce the price of postal cards from one to one-half cent each.

The first two secured a place on the House Calendar and we have not heard what action was taken upon them, but probably the three will soon die a natural death if they are not already resting beneath the sod. The people want one-cent postage, and it must come before any of the above bills, or bills like them are passed. When at last it comes, one-half cent postal cards will probably be ushered into existence at the same time, and I would suggest to the collectors of postal cards that they never mind, I think they understand the rest.

QUITE a number of our younger collectors have taken up postal card collecting, one of the dealers here handling them in a small way.

THE "E. Von Holfert, Washington, Sioux City, Carrol & Waterloo, Iowa" fraud case has just been finished by the Post-office Inspector who had charge of it. He was traced (to use the language of one of our dealers) "all over Iowa," and then to New York where it was found that he had sailed to Holland. Here the chase was given up, as it was thought impossible to find him in Europe. It is estimated that the dealers of the United States and Canada lost over \$2000 by this party.

THE *Providence Journal* recently printed an interesting interview with Mr. Calder, of that city, and Secretary of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society. It is principally about the rare Providence locals, and gives plainly and clearly the facts attending the making of the "second" plate as it is sometimes called. It is well worth reading and preserving in one's album of newspaper clippings.

ONE of our prominent local collectors is the fortunate possessor of one of the original New Haven locals.

LATE in December, Edward E. Fay, formerly night watchman at the envelope works in this city, was arrested on the charge of stealing 26,000 stamped envelopes, mainly of the two-cent denomination. Last month he was found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. Twelve thousand of the envelopes were recovered, principally from merchants who had purchased them of Fay at face value. The loss, \$500, falls on the contractors, the Plimpton Manufacturing Co. and the Morgan Co., of this city.

## CHICAGO NOTES.

LAST month I mentioned in these notes the probable formation of a stock company to deal in stamps, composed entirely of collectors. Since then the S. B. Bradt Co. has materialized, and will begin active operations May 1. Mr. Bradt has held the position of Librarian of "Cobb's Library" for several years, and when he presented his resignation as Librarian to the proprietors, so he could take charge of the stamp company which bears his name, they offered to sell out the library to his company. This offer was favorably considered by the S. B. Bradt Co., and they will continue the business from the old stand, including the philatelic department. Cobb's Library is headquarters for the "elite" of Chicago, and if Mr. Bradt succeeds in interesting his library patrons in philately he will make a big hit.

COLLECTORS will do well to watch the auction sales held under the auspices of the Chicago societies. The number of lots in each sale are usually less than 200, and the stamps offered are not always great rarities, but there are many desirable stamps in each sale, and the expense of bidding or buying is entirely done away with, as there is no charge made for executing bids, the members attending to this part free of charge. Another item in their favor is that the members executing bids for outsiders try to get them at the lowest possible figure. If you have never bought at auction, try it, and it will surprise you to see how many bargains you can pick up from time to time.

MR. WOLSIEFFER surprised his friends by stating that his candidate for President at the coming C. P. A. election was John R. Hooper. It will be remembered that Mr. Wolsieffer and Mr. Hooper agreed to disagree on the late Chalmers-Hill question, but this seems to cut no figure with them at present. Mr. Wolsieffer says: "I am a charter member of the C. P. A., and don't want to see it fail. Mr. Hooper was the originator of it, and has been about the only member who seemed to care whether it lived or died. About all you hear of the C. P. A. is the *Library*. Now then, if John R. Hooper has made such a success as a Librarian, what will he do as its President? I believe in the workers getting the glory, if there is any to be had."

FIVE numbers of *Meeker's Weekly Stamp News* for April, and one of them a double number. In the language of Francis Wilson, Charles Haviland is a *James Dandy*. All the croakers who predicted that it would not last over a month have sent in their subscriptions, are clamoring for the back numbers and raise a big kick if they miss a number.

SEVERAL parties are announcing the near publication of weekly stamp papers, but the field is hardly large enough for many of them to be as successful as the one which hails from St. Louis.

THE Chicago Philatelic Society is making a specialty of its Exchange Department, and under the able management of S. B. Bradt, it is about as near perfect as it is possible to make it. Many new members are being added to the rolls of the Society for this one feature alone. While balances must be paid promptly in cash, yet it is no *sales department, and is not patronized largely by dealers who only want to sell and never buy.*

TWO auction sales this month. One on the 5th, by the W. P. U. at the Auditorium Hotel, the other on the 7th, by the C. P. S. at the Grand Pacific Hotel. With our auction sales, new incorporated companies, and A No. 1 Exchange Department of two societies, we are beginning to feel quite independent in matters philatelic. Look out for us, we are getting there.

THE A. P. A. officers are gradually being centralized in Chicago. Robert S. Hatcher, the third member of the Literary Board, is here to stay. This makes *seven* A. P. A. officers for Chicago. There are twenty-five A. P. A. members here in all, and as there are but twenty-two officers in the Association, we can fill them. Send along the other fifteen, we will take care of them. We did not like centralization and did not want it, but if you insist, we will, like good, law-abiding members, submit to the will of the great *proxy majority*.

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EDITOR QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST, PHILADELPHIA :

*Sir:*—Perhaps you will be pleased to know that the Worcester Philatelic Association was organized April 15, 1891, with a membership of twelve. We met at the store of a brother member in the evening, and elected the following officers, to serve three months: Mr. A. C. Woodward, President; Mr. J. B. Witherby, Vice-President, and Mr. W. L. Brown, Secretary and Manager of Exchange and Approval Sheet Department. Our collections range from 4500 to 100 varieties, therefore our "wants" are many. Collectors and others having good duplicates to dispose of may send the same to the Secretary, and he will offer the same to members at the next meeting and make returns the same week. After a discussion of several philatelic subjects, the meeting adjourned, to meet Monday evening, May 4, 1891.

If any of the above remarks are of use for publication, you may use them as you see fit. Enclosed find list of members which may be of use to you. Kindly say in the notice of our meeting that "Collectors of good social standing residing in Worcester county, Mass., are invited to join our Association and may apply to the Secretary.

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### APPLICATIONS.

Henry McConnell, Clarion, Mich. References, John W. Weston, A. P. Hosmer, F. Wagener, 526 California street, San Francisco, Cal. References, G. Folte, W. Sellschopp.  
 Leslie R. Hewitt, 1027 S. Hill street, Los Angeles, Cal. References, J. F. Byram, K. Brewster Cox.  
 M. A. Swanbeck, 31 N. First street, Kansas City, Kans. References, H. A. Thomson, S. Stewart.  
 Alfred Dahlberg, 182 S. Clark street, Chicago, Ill. References, A. P. Hosmer, B. S. Ross.  
 C. E. Severn, 448 Racine avenue, Chicago, Ill. References, A. P. Hosmer, B. S. Ross.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

J. E. Marsh, Bosworth, Carroll Co., Mo.  
 J. W. Lowry, Seattle, Wash., care Standard Furniture Co.

A glance at the above applications will show that the Western Philatelic Union is rapidly moving to the front.

The list of applications is the largest we ever had, and it will only need a few more of like proportions to reach a membership of one hundred.

Since my last report, Branch No. 2 has been organized at Los Angeles, Cal., with Mr. E. W. Hopperstead as Manager. There are already five members, and every indication that it will be a great success.

The officers for the ensuing term were elected last month, as will be seen by the Election Committee's Report.

A large number of the members neglected to mail their ballots, which accounts for the small number of votes cast.

The result, however, is practically unanimous, and our society begins its third year with a list of officers which would be hard to improve on.

Now that the election is over, the Western Philatelic Union will get down to business, and with a pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, we intend to make a record for the coming two years to which we can point with pride.

APRIL 29, 1891.

A. P. HOSMER, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

**REPORT OF THE PURCHASING AGENT.**

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Salvador, 1, 5, 10, 11 cents .....	23
Sweden, env. 4, 5 ore.....	5
British Guiana, new, 1, 5, 8, 15c., rev. used postally, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 6, 50c.....	65
Tunis, env. 5 and 15 cent, 6c.; postals, 10 and 20 cent, letter card, 15 and 25, 17c.....	23
Argentine Republic, env., surchg. 5 cent, wrappers, 1 and 2 cent. ..	12
West Australia, post cards, 2 pence .....	6

My department has received two new members, viz. :

Mr. Alfred Raas, 517 Gold Gate avenue, Class I<sup>a</sup>.

Mr. G. W. Frank, 217 Sansome street, Class I<sup>a</sup>.

Very truly yours,

G. FOLTE, *Purchasing Agent, W. P. U.*

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EXCHANGE.**

A few figures taken from the Exchange Superintendent's records will probably be interesting to the members of our Union, as they will show how our society has grown in importance since its organization, two years ago.

The Exchange Department is the very heart of a Philatelic Society, for without it the society could not exist. We unite to facilitate the exchange of our duplicates, and increase our collections by the duplicates of others, and it is the Exchange Superintendent's duty to regulate the distribution of all this mass of duplicates, so that each member receives an equal chance, and only those that he needs.

From April, 1889 (date of our organization), to April, 1890, 222 sheets, valued at \$1853.31, were received, which were divided into fifteen books, and the sales from these amounted to \$274.33.

From April, 1890, to April, 1891, 528 sheets, valued at \$3371.05, were received, an increase of nearly 80 per cent. over the first year; and the sales from the same have been (from 18 books) \$541.99; and there are still out on circuits 10 books from which the sales will be between \$250 and \$350, making an increase of at least 200 per cent., a very good showing for a two years' start.

Since my last report, 123 filled sheets, valued at \$742.27, were received (this beats the best record so far by \$218.71), and if this year continues as it has begun, we ought to increase our membership very rapidly (perhaps too rapidly for the Superintendent's labors).

FRANK KÖNIG,  
*Exchange Superintendent.*

**CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.**

The first regular meeting of the local branch was held at the Auditorium, on April 14. Owing to the inclement weather, some of the members were unable to attend, but enough were present to make a quorum.

The election of local officers was postponed till the next meeting.

A course of action was decided upon, and it is expected that Branch 1 will be heard from in the near future.

Some very fine exchange lots were shown at the meeting; their excellence was marked, and they are to be placed on circuits at once.

The local branch now numbers thirteen active members. It is sometimes quoted that thirteen is an unlucky number; if such is the case, we have not been affected, as we have been very fortunate indeed.

The Election Committee met at Mr. Ross' residence, a short time since, to count the Western Philatelic Union ballots. After all business was transacted, the "exercises" of the evening were in order, and the committee state that, as a host, Mr. Ross has no equal.

The auction sale of the local branch promises to be a success in every way. The demand for catalogues has been very large, the supply being exhausted in one week after being issued.

There is certainly no reason why bids should not come in very lively, as every one stands a chance of getting good stamps below catalogue rates.

What is the matter with the American Philatelic Association? The list of applications for April published in the *American Philatelist* is very small indeed, even smaller than the Western Philatelic Union list for April.

I doubt if they surpass us very much this month.

The *Cream City Philatelist* has suspended operations till next October, when it will appear in a new and enlarged form.

Mr Taylor, the editor, informed me that his printer disappointed him, and he was unable to issue No. 2.

APRIL 29, 1891.

A. P. HOSMER, *Local Manager.*

**WESTERN PHILATELIC UNION ELECTION, 1891.**

*For President.*

Lieut. J. M. T. Partello.....31

*For Vice-President.*

William C. Skinner..... 1

K. Brewster Cox.....28

E. L. Raish..... 1

*For Secretary and Treasurer.*

A. P. Hosmer.....31

*For Superintendent of Exchange.*

Frank Koenig.....31

*For Purchasing Agent.*

G. Folte.....31

*Official Board.*

W. Sellschopp.....31 | C. H. Holden.....31

S. C. Stevens.....31 | B. S. Ross.....31

We, the undersigned, do hereby affirm that the above is the true and lawful count.

B. S. ROSS,  
T. R. FERRIS,  
A. P. HOSMER,

*Election Committee.*

APRIL 15, 1891.

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## Official Correspondence and Reports.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

## LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.

35. Doebelin, E., Allegheny, Pa.  
 36. Mackie, C. Stockton, 619 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 37. Helm, Jr., Gustav C. F., 220 Vine street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## LIST OF APPLICATIONS, NO. 10.

Boshardt, Frank, 232 Villette street, San Antonio, Tex. References, E. W. Heusinger, H. D. Flores.

## CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

H. B. Wilber, 14 Main street, Cambridgeboro, Pa.

The President has appointed Mr. P. W. Kutsche, Hampton, Va., to the office of Librarian, and contents of library have been sent him.

If any of our members can give me the correct address of Mr. C. D. Reimers, I wish they would do so, as I have been unable to get any reply to letters addressed to Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. Johnston informs me that one or two members have failed to remit for stamps removed from the exchange sheets while he was Superintendent. These accounts should be settled at once.

Respectfully,

MAY, 1891.

H. B. WILBER, *Secretary*.

## PHILATELIC NOTES.

BY BONUMITA.

THE Fourth International Postal Congress will assemble in Vienna, on the 20th of May, to revise the existing regulations, etc., of the Universal Postal Union. Many matters of importance will be discussed by the representatives, two of which are from the United States; and it is to be hoped that those countries which do not now belong to the Universal Postal Union will make application for admission, especially those in Australia, with whom the number of letters exchanged is growing larger every year.

A WOMAN, Mrs. Hall by name, arrested recently at Ellington, Conn., for fraudulent use of the mails, has turned out to be the "Old Stamp Woman" that we have heard of so much lately. The inspector seized the mail matter, several bags in all, directed to her, and the thousands of canceled stamps that were intended to help the "old woman." The penalty is a heavy fine or imprisonment.

THE first steamer to bring mail matter under the recent sea postal arrangement between this country and Germany arrived off Sandy Hook, April 9, at 3.30 A.M. The

mail, contained in eighty-five bags, and consisting of over 52,000 letters, 3000 of which were to be forwarded through this country to other lands, was taken direct from the steamer *Havel* to the main Post-office, and in less than five minutes after its arrival there, so well was it assorted on board ship, it was in the hands of the carriers for delivery. Letters to be forwarded to points outside of the city were sent off on the 10 o'clock mail train. The net saving of time at the New York office was over six hours, and resulted in a gain of six to twenty-four hours in delivery, according to destination. Mail steamers are now due every Wednesday and Saturday.

IT SEEMS strange that Washington, with all its attractions, has never been chosen for the American Philatelic Association Convention. Visits, interesting to all and of profit to many, could be made to the Post-office Department Building, and its various departments, and also to other public buildings, by those who desired. Many curiosities of the service could be seen, among them the account books used by Franklin while Postmaster-General. The convention, if held there, would draw more members from the Southern and Central States, than if held in New York or any other Eastern city, and would give the Southerners the chance to legislate for themselves, whereas, otherwise, their votes would be cast by some proxy holder. Vote for Washington at the next convention, and a year later combine pleasure with business.

THE postal sea service between the United States and England will not, in all probability, be inaugurated for several years. The reason for it is this:

All, or nearly all of the English mails are sent to one port, Queenstown, and from thence to Liverpool or London by cars or boats, on which they are sorted. Thus it can be seen that England would have no practical use for the sea Post-office, but as she is very anxious to have a parcel post between the two countries, her Postmaster-General made an offer to our representative, Hon. William Potter, of Philadelphia, in which she agreed to pay nearly \$29,000 annually towards the maintenance of sea Post-offices, provided that we adopt the parcel post. Mr. Potter has not the inclination or the power to discuss this new question, as it would involve lengthy discussions on the tariff, and the matter was dropped.

Mr. Potter was also appointed to visit France and Germany. Post-offices were proposed upon steamers plying between New York and Havre. The French Director-General, after investigating the matter fully, and securing an estimate of the cost of a weekly service (\$32,000 annually), reported that while there would be considerable time saved to them in the adoption of the service, it would require much legislation for the necessary appropriation, and that such legislation would incur the risk of making the party in power unpopular. He therefore desired to postpone the matter for the present, but expressed a desire to later take it up and conduct the same to a favorable termination.

Mr. Potter, upon the receipt of this decision, left Paris for Berlin, and the result of his visit to that city you already know.

I WAS the recipient, a few days since, of a number of two-cent stamps which had adhered to each other during a journey through the mail. In order to separate them they were subjected to what was perhaps their first bath, and then dried, as is my custom, on a piece of paper. Upon removing them I found that the color had not run at all, as I had anticipated, and I was reminded of an experiment that I made about a year before. At that time seeing much in the philatelic papers about the poor quality of ink and paper of the new two-cent stamp, I determined to find out for myself if the reports were true, so immersed and dried a few unused stamps, as above; the result was that I had two stamps to my one before, the color having "run" so that where each stamp was placed another was reproduced on the paper, and reproduced so perfectly, that at a short distance the new stamp would easily have passed as genuine. Of course, the real stamp lost some of its bright color. "A good way to make shades" may suggest itself to the minds of some of our readers, but unless you have the stamps eight to ten months old, I am afraid your scheme will not work.

**THE UNITED STATES PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

The officers recently elected are Wm. J. Harman, President; R. M. Spencer, Vice-President; Harry F. Kantner, Secretary, and P. J. Painter, International Secretary. This society, although still in its infancy, is making rapid strides towards the front, and will soon have a finger in the philatelic pie. The Exchange Department is an excellent feature, while the Library and Purchasing Departments are first-class privileges. The official journal is the *North American Philatelist*. Any one desiring membership in the society, send request for application blanks to Harry F. Kantner, 230 Penn St., Reading, Pa.

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## THE WEEK

Our first number was prepared in the last part of the old year and the date \$1.00 was inserted in error. Singularly it was not noticed and remained the same in the second number.

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A difference in paper of the Columbus registration stamp has been noticed.



recently. The stamp now comes on a thin white tough paper the first specimens were on thick yellowish white paper.

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It is only fair to give collectors due notice of our intention in regard to the mailing of this paper.

All subscriptions must commence with the number for the Wednesday preceding receipt of the subscription, and all numbers over one week will be sold while they last, at 10 cents a copy.

The following is an extract from a circular letter announcing the sale of Pemberton, Wilson & Co.'s business.

"We have much pleasure in informing you that we have purchased the entire stock and good will of the old established and well-known stamp dealers' business of Pemberton, Wilson & Co., which has been carried on for many years at Palmerston Road, Wood Green.

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ties which have been accumulated during eighteen years, together with the copyright of the *Philatelic Record* and other celebrated publications.

"All liabilities of Pemberton, Wilson & Co. will be paid by Mr. A. H. Wilson, and all orders will be executed by us. We have decided to continue the *Philatelic Record* and the *Stamp News*, as separate publications, entirely independent of each other, and each will be published on the same lines as hitherto.

[Signed] THEODORE BUNL & CO.



PHILIPP VON FERRARY

The above portrait is of the great stamp collector in the world, Mr. Ferrary, a resident of Paris, France, although a member of a noble Austrian family. Notwithstanding the very absurd statements that have appeared about himself and his collection, it is of great value and wonderful in size. Our illustration was made from the photograph in *The Philatelic Record* for December, 1889, which observes as follows:

"According to their usual custom the publishers of *The Philatelic Record* present the subscribers with a frontispiece to the annual volume. This year they are permitted to give a portrait of Herr Philipp von Ferrary, whose name is known to most of our readers as a great collector, and the 'master of many legends' of stamps. Although the entire collections of two Presidents of the Philatelic Society of London have passed into his hands, it must not be supposed that he has merely formed his large collection by wholesale purchases. It is now some five-and-twenty years since he first remember seeing him indefatigably ransacking the shops of all the Paris dealers, even to the stamp bourse, in hopes of finding additions to his then growing collection, and this spirit of earnest search has continued ever since with unflinching perseverance. He has not been a great contributor to philatelic literature, though what he has written has been very much to the purpose, but he has been, and still is, an enthusiastic collector, and has spared neither pains nor money to make his collection as complete as possible."

## CINCINNATI LETTER

I recently received the January issue of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, and I read with regret the suggestion of its editor to name the weekly paper 'The Scandal-monger of the Mississippi Valley.' This indicates that the "large guns" east of us, who are of the minority, propose to vent their spleen in more ways than one. I believe every contributor to your weekly paper will take pride in having it a success, and consider himself personally responsible for its character, and will strive to elevate our cause by the tone of the articles or "gossip" in its columns. I for one wish to see, and certainly expect to behold the "Weekly" grow in popularity, display its purity of purpose and so strengthen the bonds of Philatelic union that it will overtop its fellows, and by example, force the editor of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* to realize the beauty of its policy and change the character of his own sheet.

Very little of interest can be noted this week about philately in Cincinnati. The holidays just passed were fraught with such interesting experiences of other nature, that stamps were relegated to the rear.

I wonder if any of your readers can give me the address of Mr. Frank P. Kellogg, formerly a prominent philatelist of Cincinnati, and for twenty-five years a student. The last I heard of him, he was with an engineering party in Oklahoma. He had his stamp fever then as violently as ever. I would like very much to re-new my correspondence with him.

Some five months ago I became acquainted with Mr. P. C. Browne, who is a son of the man who has the local penny post in Cincinnati, and who issued the now very scarce Browne, 1c and 2c locals.

He had in his possession a pair of 2c stamps and was kind enough to present me with one of them. He stated they were all that were left to remind him of the profitable business his father once had acting as postmaster for the community at 1 cent and 2 cents a post. I have a 1 cent on the original envelope—a splendid specimen that I found among some old papers in his house—which he turned over to me for all there might be in them. This was the only "find" there was.

A. N. SPENCER

Samples of this number go to some collectors who did not receive a sample of numbers 1 and 2. To such of these as *wish the fact* and subscribe for one year, we will let their subscription commence from the start, and send them the first numbers.

We are obliged to crowd out several interesting notes and letters this week, and thank our correspondents for their kindness.

A new 1 centavo, Green-Lima Republic of Colombia was received in the last mail; we shall illustrate it next week. The design is similar to the last—Arms, etc.



The board of managers of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* on the 9th inst. sold the interest of the National Philatelic Society in that paper to J. W. Scott. Mr. Bogert opposed the deal, but he was over-ruled by the other members of the board. The consideration was purely nominal, being \$5, which one of the members of the board, R. F. Atchelt, volunteered to pay in event of Scott's declining to do so. The board excuses its action on the ground that it was done to promote harmony, but as its action was without the slightest authority it is by no means final.

The meeting at which the Staten Island Philatelic Society transferred its interest in the paper to Scott was attended by five members, three of whom voted to sell the paper, and only one of whom was a resident of Staten Island. Besides this the meeting was a special one, called to prevent a full vote turning out.

If the action of the board of managers of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* be indorsed by the National Philatelic Society, it will probably issue a paper of its own without the assistance of the other societies. In fact, the sooner it cuts loose from them the better.

A meeting of the New York members of the Dresden Society has been called for to meet on Friday, January 23, at the office of Hy Gremmel, for the purpose of forming a New York section.

A new society is to be formed in New York for advanced collectors. Mr. C. B. Corwin is at the head of it. Only collectors admitted—no dealers need apply.

The board of managers of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* at the last meeting of the National Philatelic Society advised the society to sell out its share to Mr. J. W. Scott, who had made a bid of \$5 for its share above all debts. This offer was accepted, so that Mr. Scott now owns the whole paper.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 16 1891.  
C. H. Mekeel, Editor WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

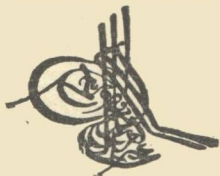
DEAR SIR—I note the remarks made in your No. 3 on the Mexican revenues. I cannot agree with my friend DeJonge about the color of the Documentos stamp, 1883-84, of 10 pesos being 'red and black.' The one in my collection is green and black, as given in your catalogue, and unless there were two varieties issued these colors are correct. The 25-cent of the same issue varies in shade from light yellow to deep red. Your catalogue gives only one color each for the centavo and peso issue of the Renta

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