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#### THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

BY LIEUT. H. M. T. CHANDLER.

HE first stamps were issued in August, 1851, and consisted of three varieties, printed in colors upon blue-tinted paper, as follows:

Three pence red, 6 pence yellow and I shilling violet, and were diamond-

shaped with the design placed diagonally across it.

The stamps of this issue contain the British Crown in the centre, with roses above and below, shamrock at the left, thistle at the right, numerals in each corner and "New Brunswick" above the value and "Postage" below, and were not perforated.

A marked similarity between these stamps and the Nova Scotia first issue will be

noticed, and it is said that both issues were produced by the same engraver.

Be that as it may, the stamps of New Brunswick are yearly increasing in value, Scott's Standard Catalogue for 1892 listing them at \$1.25, \$5 and \$35 respectively.

The above stamps were manufactured in London, England, and the colors present a very interesting study, there being some twelve or fifteen different shades; and remained current until May 24, 1861, with no change except in cases where they were cut into two and each half used as a stamp of half the value of the stamp entire.

Nine years later the decimal system of currency was introduced, necessitating a new issue, which appeared in May, 1860, consisting of six values, the values in cents and

the stamps printed in colors on white wove paper and perforated.

The new values were as follows: 1, 5, 10, 12½ and 17 cents.

The 1-cent contained a picture of a locomotive in oval, surrounded by "New Brunswick-Postage-One Cent," numerals in the corners, and were printed in brown and violet.

The 5 and 10-cent stamps consist of a portrait of Queen Victoria in oval, surrounded by "New Brunswick" and value in words. Numerals in corners of the 5-cent, "X" in the upper and "10" in the lower; also "X" above the "10." Colors, green and vermilion respectively.

The 12½-cent dark blue consists of a steamboat in oval, on which "New Brunswick Postage" and the value in letters appear, small figures in the upper corners, large ones in the lower corners and about postcom the word "cents" in an engraved label.

in the lower corners and at the bottom the word "cents" in an engraved label.

The 17-cent consisted of a portrait of Prince Albert in a dress of a Highlander in an oval surrounded by "New Brunswick Postage," the value in figures in the corners, the word "cents" below oval, printed in black. All the stamps of this series may be obtained in an unused condition for about \$2, or canceled specimens for \$1.50.

In this year the rarest of all North American stamps was issued, and a brief history is

not out of place.

It appears that the supply of 5 cent stamps running short, it was necessary to send to the mother country to obtain a grant for the printing of a new supply. During the delay which followed, Mr. Connell, the then Postmaster, conceived the idea of having his own portrait placed on the new 5-cent, and authorized the American Bank Note Company to run off an edition of 5000 copies, the design being nearly the same as the regular 5-cent, with the single exception that the figure "5" is repeated twice in the lower corner.

The fact of Mr. Connell's portrait being upon this stamp, attracted the attention of the Government, which politely requested Mr. Connell to not issue them. Mr. Connell replied that it was his intention to issue them, and that if the command was enforced he would resign his position. It was and he did. The "Connells," upon their arrival, were canceled by the Post-office authorities and never passed the Post-office.

Genuine perforated copies are extremely rare, but proofs on fine proof-paper in

brown are sold at \$5.

Immediately upon the rejection of the "Connell" a 5-cent green and also a 2-cent brown made their appearance, similar in design to the 5-cent, but with ornamental work around oval to complete the rectangle, with a numeral "2" in circle in each

This stamp was issued for county postage and to make up any odd sum that might

be required, and may be picked up for the small sum of 15 or 20 cents.

In the following year (1864) the color was changed from brown to mauve. Some of the early issues have been reprinted, in all cases on thin white, wove paper; the 3d. is reprinted in a very bright vermilion, very like the color of the original; but the 6d. is in bluish-black and the 1sh. in violet-black.

#### GENERAL FOREIGN NOTES.

#### BY BONUMITA.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN continues to publish the advertisement of the Mound City Stamp Company, which failed weeks ago. Evidently our English friends do not read all of the American papers sent them, or else they would discontinue it.

The paper mentioned above, however, is one of the few English papers that American collectors, aside from the advanced ones, care to read. It is run on our Yankee ideas and contains many an innovation for English philatelic journalism. The March issue contains a photo-engraving of Mr. C. Whitfield King, well known to American dealers as a large wholesale dealer. The Philatelic Review of Reviews is a decided

THE Dr. Bernard-Assmus case, which we noted in our January issue, has come to a timely conclusion. He was sentenced to three years penal servitude, a term much longer than we supposed he would receive, and also considered excessive by many of the English journals. Another case of considerable interest, that of Benjamin, Sarpy & Jeffryes, will probably drag along two or three months longer. All have been admitted to bail. The doings of these three, familiarly known as the "London Gang," must be so well known to our readers that it would be out of place to comment upon them; our only hope is they will not skip their bail.

MR. HERMAN LINDBERG, of Norrköping, Sweden, has issued his Philatelic Address Book. Its publication was announced some time since in the American papers, and it is said by those who have seen it to be an excellent one.

The second part of Moens' catalogue is also out. The United States private locals and also the confederate locals are well treated in it, some 229 illustrations being given of the former out of 589 listed.

Mr. VINDIN, who is traveling in Europe in the interest of his firm, can now, it is said, set himself straight before collectors about the "Laureated" New South Wales issue.

THE stamps of Scinde Darok are the subject of much controversy in the English papers. The question of these stamps seems to be sort of a vexing one, but if all the philatelists who have specimens will cooperate, undoubtedly a very nearly correct list could be made up.

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A Cross opposite this Notice signifies that your Subscription has expired.

Sir: - In your March number there is a brief letter, dated from Pittsburgh, signed "Wil Burr," which makes the query,"Why can't we have a stamp society in Pittsburgh?" The gentleman goes on to name over ten collectors, whose addresses he gives, and thinks they would make a good start towards the formation of a local club or society. Why did he not call on some of the gentlemen he named, and he would have learned that for nearly four years there has been an active and flourishing Society here, under the name of "The Twin City Philatelic Society." We were a branch on the A. P. A. and reported our meetings regularly in The American Philatelist as long as branch society proceedings were received and printed in that paper. How is it, Mr. Editor, that you did not make some note at the close of "Wil Burr's" communication, telling him of the existence of our local Society? You surely knew of it. We would never have left the A. P. A. had their Exchange Department been well sustained; but you can bear us out when we assert that said department became infested with too many old issues of common Ic. and 2c. stamps, and the few meritorious specimens contained in their pages were priced at and above catalogue rates! Where was our justification to pay expressage and take trouble to check and circulate such books? We have had eight and ten at a time where the value of each sheet barely came to \$1 or \$2, according to the limit! We concluded to drop out until some change came. We don't care to look over sheets where any specimen is valued at less than 5c. or 10c., unless they are new issues. When we began we bought more stamps than any A. P. A. branch in the country, excepting two. We do not say this boastfully, but to show we appreciated a good thing and can support a first-class exchange or sales department, or at least do our share.

But to come back to our Society. We organized in June, 1888, and at present number eighteen active members. Last meeting day we had six visitors, of whom five applied for membership. We have recently secured addresses of six or seven other collectors in Pittsburgh or Allegheny, on whom we shall call and endeavor to bring them into our organization. We were never more flourishing, and our meetings are pleasant socially and profitable philatelically. We are glad to welcome visitors and show them our treasures. To add to the interest, we propose to hold a small auction sale at our next meeting, which occurs Wednesday, April 20. As this is strictly local, we shall not advertise the lots, but if it proves successful we may do so later. If we "rustle" around and do a little more "shouting" we may become as well known generally as we deserve to be. There are few societies having more active members, and you will confer a favor on us if you can print this lengthy letter. We feel you owe us this much since you forgot our existence, when "Wil Burr" wrote you. By the way, Mr. Wilbur left the city soon after writing to you, and consequently could not be seen when our committee called at the address he gave. If this meets his eye we shall be glad to make his acquaintance. Let him address, Yours philatelically,

Care Central Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. W. M. BIDDLE.

#### -THE-

# Philatelic Society of America,

-Organized January 15, 1889-

President, E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn.

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#### OFFICIAL ORGAN—QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST,

MILLARD F. WALTON, Editor.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

#### APPLICATIONS.

Albert Wise, Iowa City, Ia.; References, C. D. Reimers, A. N. Spencer. E. E. Parker, Beaver Dam, Wis.; References, L. Lambeck, P. M. Wolsieffer. William H. Sherman, Beaver Dam, Wis.; References, L. Lambeck, P. M. Wolsieffer.

N. E. Carter, Minneapolis, Minn.; References, P. M. Wolsieffer, E. R. Aldrich.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

Charles E. Stewart, Peabody, Kans. No. 151.

No. 152. M. Klein, Globe, Ariz.

No. 153. F. H. Knowlton, Fremont, Neb.

No. 154. M. K. Magner, Box 1124, Morris, Ill.

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F. W. Hequambourg, P. O. Box 70, Winamac, Pulaski county, Ind. H. C. Bordewich, Box 843, Duluth, Minn. No. 156.

No. 157.

No. 158. Charles C. Lewis, Northampton, Mass.

#### RESIGNED.

Harry H. Clements, Milton, N. H.

Through a misunderstanding between the Secretary and our Official Editor, the Secretary's report for March I did not find a place in the official journal. I am very sorry it was missed and hope there will not be a recurrence of it, but to the contrary, each month will see a long report from me, composed mainly of lists of applicants and new members. It will be observed by the members that applications are being received, indicating that others of our members than those whose names have appeared for a few months past are taking a deep interest in the welfare of the Society and are seeking new blood. Keep up the good work; swell the list; bring together active philatelists from all parts of the country, and we will soon have as fine and healthy an organization as is in existence.

Several of the old members are now slightly in arrears for their annual dues, and it will be the painful duty of the Society to publish the delinquents and drop them from

the roll if they do not meet the indebtedness within the next thirty days.

A. N. SPENCER, Secretary.

CINCINNATI, O., March 1, 1892.

#### REPORT No. 8.

My report this month will be brief. The lots are not going round the circuits fast enough, and some members keep the lots much longer than the allotted time. This is bad for all concerned, as it delays settlements and compels me to continually write and find out what the trouble is.

The delinquent list is somewhat reduced, and I trust will soon be entirely paid up. Following are still indebted to the department:

R. M. Spencer, Nordh E. C. Biggar, Fremont,	off, Cal Neb	\$ 8 54	+
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Mr. Lambeck and Mr. Lambert have settled in full and Mr. Biggar has reduced his

account, with a promise to send an amount every month till settled.

Members must bear in mind the fact that everybody can't be the first on all circuits and new members usually begin at the last and move up towards the first in rotation. When a member has been first he is then placed to the rear again, and when a member has discontinued for a time and wishes to be placed on circuit again he is regarded as a new member.

I intend to keep the lots moving around the circuits all summer, and can therefore

accommodate the all-the year-around collectors.

Members who are not participating in this department can be placed on circuits at any time, but must notify me. It takes from five to eight weeks, after notice is received, before any lots can reach them.

Blank sheets can be obtained at five cents each and filled up and sent me as soon as

new members qualify. These will be sent out at once or with the next lot.

There is at present a demand for good U. S. stamps and very rare foreign stamps. What members can supply this demand? There is no sale for cheap stamps at catalogue prices or trashy surcharges, revenues and made-to-order oddities.

P. M. Wolsieffer,

Superintendent Exchange Department P. S. of A., Drawer 707.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 1, 1892.

A \$10,000 stamp steal is reported from Berlin. A collector lost his whole collection, valued at the above amount.

POSTAL affairs in the French Colonies are getting decidedly better. The flood of surcharges appears to have been stayed, at least for a time. The "fake" postmasters have been "fired."

The ladies of the Postal-Order Branch of the London (Eng.) General Post-office are now issuing a quarterly magazine called *The Boomerang*, edited solely by the female workers in the postal service.

The staff of the General Post-office at Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa, issued a novel request for Christmas presents in the shape of champagne and other drinkables. As a result, the whole staff is reported as having gone on a prolonged "drunk."

St. Martin's-C Grand, the British Post-office magazine, says it is a serious matter for their philatelic friends to propose the adoption of an international postage stamp. "If that were carried," it says, "timbromanie would soon become a thing of the past. It will come to this, no doubt, some day, and then all that will be left for philatelists will be to collect postmarks." This wild flight of fancy of this very serious magazine will not disturb our equanimity in the least. We will still collect, and in a few years the writer who penned the above may be "in the whirl."

#### -THE-

# Penna. Stamp Collectors' League.

-Organized October 18, 1888-

President, MILLARD F. WALTON, Lock Box 38, Philadelphia, Penna.
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Exchange Superintendent, R. W. McClure, 57 Summer St., Bradford, Penna.

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R. R. BOGERT, Room 37, Tribune Building, New York City.

To the Officers and Members of the Penna. S. C. League:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me as President of this body, I hereby appoint the 6th day of next July as the time for holding the regular Annual Convention at Gettysburg, Pa. It is to be sincerely hoped that all will be present who can possibly spare the time. An excellent opportunity will be afforded different philatelists to affiliate with the members of the Sons of Philatelia, who hold their convention on the 4th and 5th days of July, at the same place.

I have appointed R. W. McClure, 57 Summer St., Bradford, Pa., in place of R. M.

Miller, appointment declined.

PHILADELPHIA, April I, 1892.

MILLARD F. WALTON, President.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

APPLICATIONS.

J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa.; References, Millard F. Walton, R. M. Miller. L. W. Colfelt, Frankford, Pa.; References, H. B. Wilbur, H. F. Kantner.

A. R. FREY, Secretary.

#### FOREIGN PHILATELIC GOSSIP.

BY CANADENSIS.

ITS rather up to rumminess is Art-in many ways, And a dead hand at starting what people call "a craze;" A sort of flock-togethery fad, that seizes men in lots— It may be foreign postage stamps, it may be chancy pots.

THE new Post-office at Birmingham will have a statue of Sir Rowland Hill placed in the main room. The building covers an acre of ground, lighted by electricity manufactured on the premises. Pneumatic tubes and hydraulic lifts convey the mails to the railway station.

From time immemorial there have been piratical plagiarists, so in our day it is no wonder that we find persons ever ready to reap any success there may be going, on the

strength of another's work.

When the writer, many years ago, began the writing of foreign notes, he stood alone among the numerous contributors to philatelic literature, who made a special study of giving the foreign news in a nutshell, "boiled down," as it were, by translating all the happenings from other languages and giving it in a gossipy style to an appreciative American audience.

Now hath sprung up two or three others, who are profiting by the success of others, and imitating their style, even to the copying of the "heading," etc. Our contempt for such infertility is second only to the appreciative reader's surprise at such nefarious and plagiaristic work. If they cannot strike an original vein, better to get that bucksaw down and tackle the wood pile.

#### THE-

# Western Philatelic Union.

-Organized April 15, 1889-

President, LIEUT. J. M. T. PARTELLO, Fort Davis, Tex.

Vice-President, BREWSTER COX KENYON, Long Beach, Cal. Secretary and Treasurer, A. P. HOSMER, 168 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill. Exchange Superintendent, FRANK KŒNIG, 122 Kearny St., San Francisco, Cal. Purchasing Agent, G. FOLTE, 526 California St., San Francisco, Cal. Official Editor, MILLARD F. WALTON, Box 38, Philadelphia, Pa.

Any Philatelist desiring membership application blanks, can have them sent postpaid, by addressing the Secretary. All members are entitled to vote, irrespective of age.

Members desirous of participating in the Exchange Department should apply to the Superintendent to be placed on circuits.

The Exchange Department is for the use of members only. Blank Exchange Sheets can be had of the Superintendent at five cents each. A charge of five per cent. made on all sales.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

Since my last report the following applicants have been approved and duly elected as members:

No. 118. William E. Loy, 423 Clay street, San Francisco, Cal.

J. I. O'Sullivan, 1025 Bush street, San Francisco, Cal. No. 119.

No. 120. William Rowley, 43 E. Van Buren street, Chicago, Ill.

No. 121. Albert Keith, 292 Sheffield avenue, Chicago, Ill.

No. 122. J. P. Glass, corner Beach and Ewing streets, Chicago, Ill.

Frank White, 269 Armitage road, Chicago, Ill. No. 123.

No. 124. Leedom Sharp, 548 Portland avenue, St. Paul, Minn. No. 125. H. M. Norton, 328 Robert street, St. Paul, Minn.

No. 126. Rev. E. C. Mitchell, 534 Summit avenue, St. Paul, Minn. No. 127. W. B. Bourne, 14 W. Third street, St. Paul, Minn.

No. 128. J. F. A. Williams, 514 Pioneer Press Building, St. Paul, Minn.

No. 129. W. A. H. Conner, 646 Market street, San Francisco, Cal. No. 130. Eugene Gesoret, 104 O'Farrell street, San Francisco, Cal.

No. 131. B. J. Hoffacker, Jr., 2007 Pacific avenue, San Francisco, Cal.

No. 132. John N. Luff, 410 Post street, San Francisco, Cal.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The following applications have been received at this office and have been referred to the Trustees for their approval:

T. J. Mitchell, Room 414, 17 Quincy street, Chicago, Ill.; References, A. P. Hosmer, B. S. Ross.

Stuart H. Lamp, 381 South Oakley avenue, Chicago, Ill.; References, F. T. Hoyt, A. P. Hosmer.

W. H. Hollis, 1709 Buchanan street, San Francisco, Cal.; References, A. R. Hughes, F. Kænig.

#### RESIGNATION.

The following resignation has been received, and if no objection is made, will be accepted May 1:

William R. Manierre, Chicago, Ill.

Much satisfactory work has been accomplished during the past month, notwithstanding the rumors of amalgamation, which are prevalent at the present time. The W. P. U. is doing splendidly, and I can see no chance of bettering ourselves by an amalgamation with other organizations. In another portion of this journal will be found the views of a few of our members, which I hope will be voiced by the majority.

I have just received a copy of the St. Paul Pioneer Press of March 27, which contains a very interesting article on stamp collecting from the able pen of our fellow-

member, Mr. Leedom Sharp.

It is to be hoped that some of his contributions will reach our official journal.

If any of our members have any articles of interest, I wish they would send them to me, as we desire to give all an official journal, which will be a credit to our Society. To do this it is necessary that I should have the assistance of at least a part of the members. There are plenty of us that have the ability, and I hope that during the coming year that a portion of it will be expended in bettering our journal.

Branch 4 has perfected its organization at St. Paul, electing its officers on the 28th

inst.

As the W. P. U. is the only Society of consequence in the Northwest, we predict

that its progress will be marked.

On March 29th W. P. U. members, residing at San Francisco, will meet and form a branch society. As there are already about twenty members in San Francisco, it will be, without doubt, one of the strongest societies on the coast.

The above is but the beginning of the movement which is to put us at the head of the procession. Join us, collectors, and with your help we'll soon reach it. What we have already done is nothing to what we will do, if you will join us and give us your

support.

We have no petty quarrels, but devote our time to giving our members every benefit possible. We are not running in debt, neither do we intend to create a surplus; but every cent paid into the treasury shall be expended in a careful and judicious manner for the benefit of members; that is what they pay their money for, and to that end am I working. To intending members, I would say that this is the sentiment of every officer of the W. P. U. We are all working together, believing that "in union there is strength." Our past record shows that we are working in the right direction, and we propose to keep on as we have begun.

A. P. Hosmer, Secretary and Treasurer.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 30, 1892.

#### REPORT OF EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

Fifty-nine sheets, valued at \$381.87, were received since my last report.

I must complain again, and this time about members keeping the circuits too long. I shall enforce the rule that no one is allowed to keep a book longer than two days, the allotted time to each individual on a circuit. Any one keeping any over this time will be fined ten cents a day for every day in excess of two days.

FRANK KENIG, Exchange Superintendent.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 25, 1892.

#### W. P. U. NOTES, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

ONE of the greatest events in Philatelic circles in San Francisco was the auction sale of Sellschopp & Co., on the evening of the 19th ultimo, which was attended by about fifty of our most ardent philatelists.

Much enthusiasm was felt over this wonderful sale, for in it were the most perfect

and beautiful gems that ever graced the pages of a postage-stamp album.

Among those present were the following well-known philatelists: Frank Kænig, W. A. H. Connor, W. A. Cooper, J. N. Luff, C. F. Sylvester, J. C. Welsh, Fred. Kordt, W. H. Hollis and others. The Crockers were represented by proxy.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Attention is called to the advertisement of the sale of the stock of M. F. Walton on second page of cover.

Many bids were received from Eastern collectors, but they did not obtain much on account of being too low, San Francisco collectors, having the advantage of seeing what they were bidding on, outbid all Eastern buyers.

The total sale amounted to about \$1200, and the following prices were realized on

some of the gems:

U. S., 1870 (2), 12c. embossed, each	12	05
30c. embossed		50
Newspaper, original 5c., blue border, 10c25c	15	20
Executive, 6c., unused	4	60
Executive, 10c., unused	4	60
Justice, 90c., unused	6	60
1853, entire env., small label used, light cancellation	16	50
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Bavaria, 1870, 12c. lilac, unused	3	25
Hanover, 1856, 10gr., green, unused	6	10
Great Britain, 38 compound and single env	16	35
Labuan, 1880–1881, 12c., unused	5	25
Virgin Islands, 1867, 1sh., white border, unused	6	50
Victoria, 5sh., blue and carmine, unused	3	00
St. Lucia, 1859, wmk. star, 6d. green, unused	5	10
Guadalajara, 67, 2 reales on pink-wove paper, original env	6	00
" 68, 2 reales lilac, wove paper, original env	4	30

The Western Philatelic Union members of this city and Oakland will meet on Tuesday, March 29, at the call of Exchange Superintendent Kænig, and organize one of the strongest local branches of any society. It will be a valuable addition to philately, as all of us are ardent students of our hobby.

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#### OREGON REVENUES.

The following list of Oregon Revenues, compiled by Mr. A. Greenebaum, Secretary of Branch 3, of Portland, has lately been received at this office.

This list, which I believe is now published for the first time, will no doubt be of great interest to W. P. U. members, who make these stamps a specialty.

A. P. Hosmer, Secretary.

#### OREGON REVENUES.

#### Used on Insurance Policies.

Design.—Coat of arms of the State of Oregon, with figure of value and inscription. Imperforate.—In all values, except 20c., eagle holds three arrows in talons of left foot. In the 20c. four arrows are visible. Shield on breast inclines to right. In all values twenty stars are placed around coat of arms. Well-executed lithograph.

10c. stone brown. 50c. light blue. 20c. light green. \$1 rose. Perforate, 121c. same design. 50c. light blue. Ioc. stone brown. 10c. blue green. 50c. dark blue. 10c. chocolate. 50c. brown. 20c. light green. \$1 rose. 20c. yellow green. \$1 vermilion. 20c. blue.

Does any one know of a third color of \$1?

Design altered; poorly-executed lithograph; eagle over coat of arms smaller and poorly drawn; shield on breast inclines to left. On coat of arms steamer sails to right; three-mast ship changed to two mast; trees in foreground omitted. All values have three arrows in eagle talons and number of stars around coat of arms varies with different values.

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Perforate, 121c.

10c. slate, 15 stars. 20c. yellow green, 17 stars. 50c. deep blue, 19 stars. 50c. ultramarine, 19 stars.

\$1 rose (?), existence doubtful.

If values or varieties other than those chronicled are known to exist, members will confer a favor by notifying the Secretary.

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#### W. SELLSCHOPP'S FIRST SALE.

As many of the W. P. U. members have doubtless received catalogues of Mr. Sellschopp's sale, the following item, taken from one of the San Francisco daily papers, will be of much interest to members. I take pleasure in stating that this is the first account of the sale which has been placed before the philatelic public. It is our intention, whenever possible, to give members interesting notes in regard to all sales which are held under the supervision of any one connected with our Society:

#### " PHILATELIC GEMS SOLD.

#### "Brisk Buying at the First Grand Auction Sale.

"'Fellow-philatelists,' feelingly observed William Sellschopp, as he rose to his feet,
I am gratified to see that the cream of the San Francisco Philatelic Union has turned
out to the first auction sale of philatelic gems ever attempted on the Pacific Coast.
Let the sale begin.'

"And immediately the sale began and was pursued with great vigor by the assembled philatelists, who held in one hand a catalogue of 384 lots of philatelic gems, arranged by Mr. Sellschopp, and a leadpencil in the other, with which they checked off their

purchases.

"For the benefit of those who are not posted, it may be well to state that a philatelic gem is a postage stamp—time, ink and travel stained, and, perhaps, torn at the corner, but very rare and therefore valuable.

"A philatelist is a man who begs or buys these gems, pastes them in a large book with gummed leaves and looks at them when sad at heart. It is said to make him feel

much better.

"There are about thirty philatelists, real rabid ones, in the city, and the majority of them were present at the first auction sale of shop-worn postage stamps and baggy envelopes, which took place last night at 102 O'Farrell street. Auctioneer George A. Washburn presided, and from 7 until 11 o'clock disposed of over \$1500 of new and second-hand philatelic gems from all quarters of the globe. The buyers in the main were young men, and postage stamps is their greatest fault. Some of them already possess as much as \$5000 worth of slightly damaged, but still extremely rare gems, and are

#### YEARNING FOR MORE.

"One of the heaviest purchasers was W. A. H. Conner, who makes a specialty of Australian Colony postage. He is what may be termed a philatelic-gem broker, as most of his buys last night were for other parties. He secured several hundred dollars' worth.

"The highest price paid for a single stamp was \$12.05. Ten United States 12-cent stamps of the vintage of 1870 were knocked down to Mr. Sellschopp, who bought them for Eastern customers. He also secured another gem in the shape of a 10-cent Government envelope of 1853. This was a magnificent philatelic specimen and brought the fancy price of \$16.50, also for an Eastern customer.

"The sales, when anything particularly rare was up, were very brisk and bids came thick and fast. When 'No. 201, year 1870, ½, 1¼, 6p., brown, 3p.; 1874, 6p., 1s.; 1876, 2½ (or 6),' whatever that is, was announced by the auctioneer, N. 1. O'Sullivan, a very young but intensely enthusiastic philatelist, got excited and made several telling

bids against himself. The gem was knocked down to him for \$2.85.

"Another earnest philatelist is W. A. H. Conner, who is an omnibus collector. He takes everything and anything he can get in the way of gems, and already has over 10,000 varieties. His collection, which was materially increased last night, is valued at \$5000. In a few days Mr. Conner will start south on a stamp-swapping tour to be gone several weeks.

"Still another was Frank Kænig, Superintendent of the Western Philatelic Union's Exchange Department in this city. He gathers only United States and British colony

gems and has a very fine collection,

#### VALUED AT \$3500.

"His biggest buy last night was a 12-cent Labuan stamp, very fine and very scarce, for which he paid the ridiculously low price of \$5.25. No one should be without this stamp.

"E. Gesvoet, Sellschopp's partner, has a \$5000 philatelic album, and the latter rejoices in the finest old German States collection on the coast. It is held in a \$5000

estimation

"Among the other purchasers were J. N. Luff, J. H. Markins, C. F. Sylvester, Fred. Kordt and W. H. Hollis. The Crockers are also remembered with the philatelists, and dabble more or less in gems. W. H. Crocker owns one of the finest albums in the town, and the collection is said to be worth all of \$5000. It comprises all

varieties of stamps and envelopes.

"The largest sales were among the United States gems and foreign stamps from countries beginning with 'S.' What peculiar charm an 'S' gem has for the philatelist is not known, but for some reason the bidding on these was brisk. As a rule the gems brought 15 cents to \$1 advance on the reserve price, but in some instances they were sold at 10 per cent. below the catalogue figure. South American gems were in poor demand, and there were no bids at all for the Chilian variety, which shows commendable loyalty on the part of the philatelist.

"The sale was a grand success, and the purchasers went home much pleased with

their newly-acquired treasures."

#### THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.

THE growth of the Sons of Philatelia has certainly been marvelous. From a small insignificant society in one year it has grown to be the second largest philatelic society in the United States, having at this date about 200 members. The election, held January 1, resulted in the election of the following officers for 1892: President, J. D. Bartlett; Vice President, Charles W. Peugh; Secretary, R. M. Miller; Treasurer, William M. Stuart; Librarian, P. M. Bailey; Exchange Superintendent, W. H. Emmert; Trustees, Walter Thorne, F. H. Borgman and Ralph P. Spooner. The Treasurer gives a bond for \$100, and the Exchange Superintendent a bond for \$250.

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WITH two such excellent journals as La Carte Postale and the Postal Card, card collecting ought to boom in Europe and in the United States.

#### CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan.—The 1sh. of 1872-3, known only in black heretofore, has been discovered printed in violet. It was a used copy on letter, dated September 28, 1873.

Antioquia.—We note so-called errors. 1c. on yellow; 2½c. on green; 10c. on rose

**Bermuda.**—There is a post-card 1 + 1d., carmine on buff.

Bolivia .- Post-card 1c., blue on pale green, new type with 9 stars.

Brazil.—There is an entirely new design for the 100 reis envelope, with head of Liberty. "E. U. do Brazil" above in arched label, and below "reis—100—reis" in straight line. Dark red on white. Size, 151 x 88mm.

British East Africa.—The 3a., black on red, has been surcharged ½ anna, and a

new ½ anna has been issued, black on yellow.

Bulgaria.—The 30 sto. has been surcharged "15" in black.

Curacao.—It is said the unpaid letter stamps have now the word "cent," like the Holland and Surinam.

Dutch East Indies.—With head of Wilhelmina, 25c., 50c. and 7½c. card.

Falkland Islands.—The 1d. is reported in brownish orange.

France.—The 15c. is to be printed on paper with blue network, and a 50c. unpaid

letter stamp is expected.

French Colonies.—According to our new contemporary, the Gazette Timbrologique, stamps are to be issued for "Gumee Francaise," "Côte d' Ivoire" and "Golfe de Benin." These establishments are detached from Senegal.

Great Britain.—The new  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue envelope comes in two sizes, 140 x 78 and 140 x 111mm. There is also a letter card with 1d. stamp similar to that on the cards.

Carmine on pale blue.

Helsingsfors.—This town has issued a new letter card similar to those of 1874, but with the new type of stamp. It is printed in blue on white and the stamp is in blue, brown and gold.

Martinique. - The 2c. is surcharged "OIC." in black.

Morocco.—It is said the 15c. blue of France will be surcharged "15 centimos."

New Caledonia.—The 40c. stamps, both unperforated and perforated, are now surcharged "10c." in black.

Obock —Le Timbre Poste informs us that the French Colonies stamps have been surcharged in black with the word "Obock" in a curve above the figure of value. Eleven values, from 1c. to 1 franc.

Philippine Islands.—A. S. & Co.'s Circular tells us that the colors are changed as follows: Im., 2m., 5m., \frac{1}{8}c., green; 2c., violet; 5c., green; 8c., blue; 10c., rose; 20c., brown. There are also post-cards, 2c. brown and 3c. orange, both on two shades of buff.

Roumania.—The 5 bani card, black on rose, is slightly changed. "Carta postala"

now measures 52mm. instead of 48½mm.

Shanghai.—Mr. Morton has shown us the 2, 5, 10, 15 and 20c. surcharged in old English letters, in two lines "Postage Due." They were issued on January 7, 1892, and are to be superseded by a definite issue. The surcharge is in black, except in the 10c., on which it is red.

Sokotra.—This island has borrowed the I and 2 pi. stamps of Cyprus and surcharged them at the top "Sokotra" and below ½ or I anna respectively. The I pi. post-card has been similarly treated and changed into a half anna card. "Sokotra Island" is printed over the word "Cyprus."

St. Lucia.—The ½d. mentioned last month should be on the 3d., not half thereof. It is the 6d. that has been cut in half and each part surcharged ½d. The numbers

issued of these stamps are said to be as follows:

 ½d. on 3d.
 4300

 ½d. on half of 6d.
 9600

 1d. on 4d.
 6700

St. Thomas and Princes Islands.—The 40 reis brown is surcharged "R" 50" in a rectangular frame in black.

Straits Settlements.—The 8c. is surcharged  $_{\mathrm{CENT}}^{\mathrm{ONE}}$  in black.

Swazieland.—The 2d. is found surcharged "Swazielan," without the "d."

Switzerland.—The cards are to have new stamps. The cross will be slightly altered to conform with the Federal decree of December 12, 1889, concerning the arms of the Confederation.

Uruguay.—Mr. A. Hoenecke has kindly informed us that the 1c. brown is now surcharged in four lines in red—"CINCO—Centesimos—Provisario—1892." The 1c. green is also surcharged in red in two lines, "Provisario—1892."

The penny-in-the-slot stamp machines, used in London, are controlled by a company called the "Stamp Distribution Syndicate." You drop a penny in the slot, then you pull out a handle, and if you afterwards push it back slowly you obtain a little pocketbook in an envelope with a postage stamp inside. If you push the knob back tast you will obtain nothing, as it will probably throw the machine out of gear.

A SHORT time ago the philatelists of Great Britain sent in a petition, asking that postage stamps be allowed to go by book post. Now, a large number are against this plan, as they say it is unsafe to send by this means, as stamps would be lost in transit, while a great temptation is offered to postal clerks and sorters. Letters from the East frequently reach this country without stamps, particularly those from Australian Colonies.

The Post-office Magazine, pokes fun at stamp collectors at every opportunity. In a recent number, commenting on the organization of philatelic societies, it says: "Eleven years ago it seems the world was dead, for organized philately was unknown. Then some one said, 'Here are postage stamps, let us stick them in a book,' and so the dead men rose and the Philatelic Union was formed, and philatelists rose to 'better' things in the way of postage stamps." Lord Tennyson says bigher, but the Philatelic Union knows better is the word, and prints it so in its statutes. After that the magazine goes on to say: "We are not at all surprised to see the announcement that the Secretary has a number of forgeries in hand. As De Quincey would have said: 'Many a man owes his ruin to a misquotation which at the time he thought little of!"

It is just as well to hear what such imbeciles have to say of our science. No one can better afford to laugh at the silly mortals, who do not know philately as she is to-day as our own rank and file.

MRS. MARGARET DAVIS, of Macedonia, Hamilton county, Illinois, has sought the help of the British Post-office authorities in order to trace her parentage, whom she does not know. Her maiden name was Evans, daughter of David Evans, who came from Wales in 1854, and left her with Upton Duffield, of Wheeling, W. Va. The Post-office officials ask all papers to publish these facts, in order that she may trace at least one of her relations.

A curious incident is told by a driver of the Royal Mail of London. He was making preparations for the return journey one night, when a strange sound proceeded from beneath the "V. R." box cart. Taking a lamp to investigate, he was greatly surprised to see, perched on the axle, a fine black Spanish fowl, which he recognized as one of the mail contractor's at headquarters. It had evidently gone to roost there before the cart started, and had ridden eight miles across country, with attendant stoppages, without its composure being disturbed.

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