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THE PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS.

GENERAL DON LUIS BOGRAN is one of the most familiar characters in Central America. Few men at his age have had so busy a career. He was born in 1849 at Santa Barbara, Honduras; studied at the college in that city and afterwards graduated at Comayagua. A soldier's life attracting him, he entered the army and was soon raised to the rank of Captain. In 1871 he resigned, in order to go to Guatemala, but troubles having arisen in Honduras, he was one of the first



to offer his services to his country. The young officer soon distinguished himself, particularly at the defense of the port of Omoa against the combined forces of Guatemala and Salvador. At the end of the war he was appointed governor of the department of Santa Barbara. In 1876 he took part in the struggle against ex-President Mejina and he achieved great fame as a soldier. The war over, Bogran returned to Guatemala. In 1878 he was elected delegate to represent



Honduras at the Paris Exposition. On his return he was named successively as Deputy and Secretary of Congress.

General Bogran has acquired the esteem and confidence of his countrymen, and when President Aurelio Soto was deposed he was naturally a candidate for chief Magistrate and was elected in 1883 by an almost unanimous vote.

His administration has been wise and enlightened; he has built roads; constructed railroads; reorganized the army and has maintained peace in his country. He was re-elected in 1887 and his term is about to expire, his successor, General Ponciano Leyoa, having already been elected. General Bogran is still a young man, being but 42, and he may yet render important services to his country.—*The Philatelic Monthly.*

EXTRACTS FROM POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANAMAKER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

AMERICAN MAILS UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG.

OF the bids under the Postal Aid act the Postmaster-General says:

“The general consensus of opinion among all classes of business men familiar with shipping was found to be that in view of the additional cost of construction of ships in America, the higher wages of American seaman, the increased outlay for running expenses to maintain the speed required for mail steamers over and above the average speed of freight and traffic steamers, the mileage compensation under the law was considered inadequate and not attractive to capital seeking investment. There were also others who held the belief that, by reason of losses incurred in past years by

owners of American steamships, equity demanded that the appropriation of the last Congress should be divided among the lines, and that the Department was not justified in making specifications that would require even improved service in the future. This view was not concurred in by the Department, and, after inviting conferences with the representatives of the shipping interests of all the important ports, the Department, on the 15th of last July, advertised for fifty-three lines of service. If contracts are completed with all companies whose bids seem to be in proper form, the service will probably begin from the 1st of March, and the sum necessary to be appropriated for the remainder of the fiscal year will not be more than \$247,354, in addition to the appropriation for sea and inland postage already put into the estimates for this year. For the next fiscal year, from June 30, 1892, to June 30, 1893, there will probably be needed \$561,518, for which an appropriation will be necessary, as the estimates for that year only include the amount of sea and inland postage. The exact amount cannot be ascertained until the contracts are executed. It is estimated that under this act there will be ships of a total tonnage of 109,000 tons carrying the American flag, in addition to the tonnage under the flag but not under the act. Some of the old ships will give way to the new, and additional ships will be necessary for the increased speed required. The companies will be obliged to build fifteen ships immediately."

ONE-CENT POSTAGE.

The Postmaster-General recommends the abolition of box rents at free-delivery offices in small places, urges the erection of smaller and more useful public buildings, and says on the 1-cent postage question:

"To reduce letter postage to a uniform rate of 1 cent means exactly that the Department will lose one-half of this amount of receipts. One-half would be \$20,716,064.75. But there has been a different history connected with past reductions of the rate of postage from that which would probably follow a reduction to 1 cent. For example, the reduction of 1883 from 3 to 2 cents was followed the succeeding year by a loss of revenue of only \$1,660,000, but there were large compensations. There was in the first place the great stimulus imparted to correspondence at the lower rate; in the second place, the stimulus given by the inducement to employ sealed letters in place of unsealed circulars, whereby the Department reaped a large profit; and, in the third place, the increase caused by the inducement to employ sealed letters in lieu of postal cards, where the profit was still larger.

It must be borne in mind all the time that there could be no such compensation in the case of a reduction of letter postage to 1 cent. In fact there would be little to offset the sweeping loss besides the bare increase in correspondence brought about by the lower rate, because by a change from postal cards at 1 cent to sealed letters at 1 cent the Department would gain nothing but the cost of manufacture of the card, and this would be offset probably by the cost of carriage of the greater weight; and by a change from unsealed circulars at 1 cent to sealed letters at 1 cent there would be no gain whatever. We have therefore to face in this problem, assuming that it is ripe for solution by 1893, a clear loss to the revenue of not less than \$21,000,000 under present conditions, which, if the Department were to receive its dues in regard to the credits belonging to it, would be reduced to a deficit of from \$10,000,000 to \$11,000,000."

As a first step towards 1-cent postage, Mr. Wanamaker recommends the passage of an act to credit the Department for all mail carried. He recommends the simplification of postal rates and the consolidation of the third and fourth classes of postage, and as one of the results of this merely business-like management of affairs shows how newspapers may all be transported free from July 1, 1893.

MR. A. A. BARTLETT, of Charlottetown, has written for the 1892 *Stamp News Annual*, an article on the stamps of Prince Edward Island. He is an authority upon the subject and has written considerable on it for the American papers.

CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Argentine Republic.—There seem to be three types of the 1c. brown, 1889—the differences being mainly in the lined ground.

Austria.—The new 20kr., olive green, comes with surcharge across the bottom "2 PIASTER 2." The original figures are omitted from the label in lower corners. The new 50kr., violet, is similarly surcharged "5 PIASTER 5." Both in black.

Bavaria.—The 5pf., green, card has the date "91" and watermark of waved vertical lines.

Brazil.—The 80 reis letter card is now red on rose.

British Honduras.—The 1d. has been printed in green and surcharged "CENT" in black.

Canada.—The 1d., card has a new stamp. There is no scroll work round the numerals at the side, but the starlike ornaments are retained above and below the numerals. We take this from the *Canadian Philatelist*.

French Congo.—The four wood blocks lately chronicled have turned out to be fraudulent. We are much pleased at this news.

Gold Coast.—The registration envelopes have now the name of the colony in a horizontal line above the stamp.

Holland.—The 5c. envelope and card have appeared, with the new type of stamp. In the post-card the stamp is now at the left. It is said 200,000 were made with the stamp at the right, all of which however were destroyed.

India.—*The Stamp News* has a specimen of the new 1 rupee stamp. The centre contains the head of the queen and is printed in green, the balance being in carmine. The four corners have "I. R." in ovals and the inscription "East India Postage," etc., is at the sides. It is watermarked *Star* and perforated 14.

Italy.—The 5c. stamp is slightly changed, having the inscription now in colored letters and the arms on horizontal lined ground.

Martinique.—The 20c. unpaid letter stamp is in use for prepayment of postage, being surcharged "Poste" and the new value, 15c., in black.

Mexico.—Several of the values are now watermarked "CORREOS E. U. M." on each horizontal row of ten stamps.

Montenegro.—The 7 nov. is now printed in rose; perforated 12½.

Mozambique.—A recent royal decree has changed the name of this Colony to the Free State of Eastern Africa, and it is divided into two provinces, *Mozambique* and *Lorenzo-Marques*. This will necessitate new stamps.

Negri Sembilan.—There are three stamps of De la Rue design, but with a tiger coming out of the jungle, in place of the queen's head. The name at the top is *N. Sembilan*. 1c., green; 2c., rose; 5c., blue; watermark C. A.

Nossi-Be.—Four more unpaid letter stamps have been made by surcharging the ordinary stamps. The value is in figures in the centre, "Nossi-Bé" above, and "A Percevoir" below. 5c. on 20c.; 10c. on 15c.; 15c. on 10c.; 25c. on 5c.

Pahang.—The 8c. Straits Settlements has been surcharged "Pahang" in black, and there has been a new issue of three stamps, same as that of Negri Sembilan noted above, except of course the name.

Perak.—Three new tiger stamps; similar to those of Pahang.

Porto Rico.—We have the following changes in color. The 1c. is blue green, and the 5c. is printed both in blue green and yellow green.

Reunion Island.—The 20c. has been surcharged in lower left corner "02c." and also "15c." The word "Reunion" is also surcharged diagonally. There are errors and varieties, such as "02" without the "c" and "Runion," "Reunio," "Peunion."

Selangor.—There are three stamps of the new design, with tiger, of the same values as Negri Sembilan.

St. Pierre and Miquelon.—The stamps in use here have all been surcharged with

name of the Colony in black or red and running diagonally from the lower left to the upper right corner, or from the upper right to the lower left corner.

Sungei Ujong.—The 8c. and 10c. Straits Settlements have been surcharged "Sungei Ujong" in two lines in black, and there are three stamps of the new type, same as Selangor, etc. On these latter the name is spelled "S. Ujong."

Sweden.—Two more values of the current type, with head, are in use; 30 ore, brown, and 50 ore, gray.

Turkey.—The new issue has the arms of the Sultan in a circle in the centre, the values in upper corners in Turkish numerals and in lower corners in Arabic. 10 paras, green; 20 paras, rose; 1 piastre, blue. The unpaid letter stamps of the same type will be all black.

Tasmania.—The 4d. has again changed color and is printed in bistre.

United States.—Both sizes of the new postal cards were issued on Christmas day and are familiar to most of our readers by this time. They are not very handsome, and are an innovation in U. S. cards, from the fact that they have no stamp in the design, the value being simply printed at the top. The large size will probably become popular. It is $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Uruguay.—The provisional 5c. of 1891 has been surcharged "Official" diagonally—500 of them.

Victoria.—The 1d. + 1d. card is surcharged "Universal Postal Union" and the stamp surcharged " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " on both cards; also the 2d. is similarly changed to a $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. card, the words "For the United Kingdom" and "By the Long Sea Route" canceled by lines and the words "Universal Postal Union" at the top. All these changes are made in red.

Zululand.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. of Great Britain is surcharged in black "Zululand."

FOURTH AUCTION SALE W. P. U.

In response to numerous inquiries, there is appended below the prices realized on the principal United States stamps at the last auction sale of Branch 1, W. P. U., through the kindness of the auctioneer, Mr. Ross:

Providence, 5c.....	\$3 10
1847, 5c., 10c.....	1 70
1856, 5c., ornaments.....	1 40
1856, 5c. red brown.....	3 75
1856, " ".....	2 50
1857, 5c. without ornaments.....	87
1861, 5c. yellow.....	2 50
1861, " ".....	2 05
1861, " ".....	2 05
1861, " " on envelope.....	2 25
1868, 30c.....	67
1868, 90c.....	3 90
1869, 30c.....	85
*1869, 30c., no grill.....	1 25
1870, 6c.....	1 05
1870, 10c.....	2 76
1870, 12c.....	9 25
1870, 12c.....	8 90
Agriculture,* 2c., 3c.....	22
Executive, 3c.....	1 06
Executive, 6c.....	2 30
*Justice, 3c., 6c., 30c.....	3 36
Navy, 3c., 6c., 12c.....	63
Navy, 30c.....	51
Treasury, 7c.....	37

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MILLARD F. WALTON, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.:

Dear Sir:—We have just received a copy of the December QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST, and notice the reference to our exposure of the Boston fraud, George A. Skinner, *alias* Robert Langlands, which is correctly stated, except that you locate us in our equally classic sister city, *Utica*, whereas we are set down, permanently, we hope, in the much more beautiful (also very classic) *Ithaca*. Have you ever noticed the peculiar nomenclature of nearly all Central New York towns? We have often wondered what college undergraduate was running around loose about the time this country was settled.

Will you not kindly give us our proper location in your next issue? A similar error in another periodical has already led to a number of unpleasant mistakes in the address of important mail matter intended for us. In order that you may feel disposed to do so, for one reason, but chiefly because we feel assured that THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST must reach the class of collectors we are particularly anxious to secure as customers, we enclose an inch advertisement for three insertions, with check for \$1.70 for same, as per your advertised rates, which please acknowledge. Yours very truly,

STAR STAMP COMPANY.

THE BOGERT & DURBIN Co., just incorporated, having purchased the business of R. R. Bogert & Co., New York city, and Durbin & Haines, of Philadelphia, Pa., are now prepared to do business as announced on the last page of cover of this journal, to which we call special attention. With their capital stock of \$75,000 fully paid in and the well-known stock of these two firms combined, it is probably the largest concern in the stamp business in the world, and collectors and dealers may have no fear in having their wants fully and promptly attended to. Mr. E. B. Haines is the President of the Company and Manager of the Philadelphia office, assisted by the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Tuttle. The New York office will be in charge of Mr. R. R. Bogert, the Treasurer of the Company, assisted by Mr. W. F. Gregory. We certainly wish the new Company the fullest measure of success.

WE have received Henry Gremmel's new Catalogue. Collectors will do well to send for a copy.

FOREIGN PHILATELIC NOTES.

BY BONUMITA.

THE STAMP NEWS for December contains two interesting articles about cases in the lower English Courts with which stamp collectors and dealers are connected. The first is the charge of selling forged stamps—Giwelb *vs.* Dr. Assmus (otherwise Bernard). It appears from the special report of the trial published in the *News*, that Dr. Assmus had offered to Theodore Buhl & Co., a stamp claimed to be the one-penny black English stamp, with "V. R." in upper corners. Mr. Buhl saw, after examination, that it was a common one-penny black, the Maltese crosses in the upper corners having been erased and "V. R." substituted in their places. He, of course, refused to purchase it, but later the Doctor succeeded in disposing of it to Mr. Giwelb for \$20, representing it to be genuine and claiming that he had procured it from a collection belonging to an old gentleman. Dr. Assmus, or Bernard, as the case may be, claimed, when arrested, that he did not know when he sold the stamp that it was a forgery. An examination of one of the witnesses at the trial disclosed the fact that the prisoner had confessed to various dealers that the forgery in question was his work and that he should be pleased to supply them at a cost of \$15 a dozen, although genuine ones were worth \$40 each! At the written request of the counsel for the accused his case was adjourned for one week. The request was granted, and though the case is undoubtedly finished by this time we have as yet been unable to learn its result. The testimony against him, however, is so clear and concise that there can be no doubt but that he has already been convicted.

The other case, while not so important as the first, as it is but a simple theft, is quite interesting in its details. The prisoner, a young Indian of high rank, pursuing studies in London and whose father is a rich Parsee merchant of Bombay, came into the shop of Mr. R. H. Ridout, St. John's Hill, Wandsworth, to pay a loan. While Mr. Ridout was engaged in other business the accused picked up a collection and looked through it. Mr. Ridout soon afterwards saw him and called his attention to several rarities, among others the sixpence Newfoundland, a United States 90c., 1869, and a British Guiana stamp. The young man left the store soon after and Mr. Ridout wrapped up the book with others, securing them with a strap without examining the album which his customer had been looking through. He took them that evening to his home in Sunbury and on examining the collection found that the Newfoundland sixpenny had been torn out of the book. Remembering the incident of the morning, he turned the leaves first to his United States and then to British Guiana. It was as he had expected, both the 90c. and a rare British Guiana stamp were gone. His suspicions were aroused and he immediately took a train to London, where he caused the arrest of the Indian. The latter protested his innocence and offered to give his watch and chain in payment, but Mr. Ridout refused to accept them. One of the witnesses (and it is peculiar to notice how somebody comes in and gives almost the decisive evidence in each of these two cases) testified that the student had offered him the very day of the theft stamps similar to those which were stolen and that he refused them because of the high price asked.

The prisoner was remanded for trial, but was released under bonds of \$1000. We hope that he also will be convicted, as he surely should be.

A NEW philatelic paper has been issued in Curacao, West Indies. We believe it to be the only paper published there and even for that reason alone it is worthy of success.

MESSRS. SENF BROTHERS, of Leipzig, Germany, have issued a new edition of their catalogue. There are a large number of pages, 539, but they are quite small. It is spoken of by the English papers as the best work of its kind ever published in the German language.

THE different subscription rates to the *Stamp News* have been reduced and all consolidated in a 3s. or 75c. rate to all the world. This is as it should be; it shows a uniformity of postal rates to all parts of the world.

—THE—
Western Philatelic Union.

—Organized April 15, 1889—

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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.

- No. 111. J. A. Heckelman, Cullom, Ill.
- No. 112. W. Clifton Whitall, 125 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.
- No. 113. A. F. Weidenbacker, 2 Noel Block, Nashville, Tenn.
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APPLICATIONS.

C. H. Crocker, 215 Bush street, San Francisco, Cal.; References, Frank König, H. J. Crocker.

RESIGNATION.

A. J. Heinemann.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

W. G. Jerrems, Jr., corner Seventh and Roberts streets, St. Paul, Minn.

It is with pleasure that I have to announce that arrangements have been perfected with THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST for continuing as the official journal of the W. P. U.

I trust this will be as acceptable to the members as it is to myself, and during the coming year the official reports and other matter will appear as usual in these pages.

Usually the great complaint in regard to an official journal is that there is so little of interest to society members.

This we have tried to remedy as much as possible, giving members as much as our limited space would warrant.

Now that we have double the amount of space, there seems to be no good reason why we cannot fill every inch with something worth reading.

Of course it is well nigh impossible to do this alone, and I shall have to get the assistance of such members as are willing to do a little work for the W. P. U.

Any items in regard to either of the branch societies will be gladly published. It is not the intention of "Branch 1" to monopolize all the space, and Secretaries of the

branch societies can always be sure that anything of interest in regard to their "branch" will be courteously received.

A hasty review of the work of the various branches of the W. P. U. will, I think, be of some slight interest to members.

The exchange department, one of the most important branches of the society, has kept pace with the rest in the march of progress, and I think I am safe in saying that for *bargains* it is unequaled.

The purchasing agency is increasing in members, who are more than getting their money's worth from the stamps purchased.

In regard to the office of Secretary and Treasurer, I can say but little. My report has been submitted each month with such news as I may have.

If the success which has been with us during the past year still continues I am sure that we shall all be very much pleased.

Every member has good reason to be proud of the record of the past year, and if each one will do his part of the great work, there will be no trouble whatever in accomplishing all we undertake.

There are always plenty of application blanks at this office and if members wish any to help on the good cause, just write, and I will send a sufficient quantity, or if you have any articles in relation to stamps, send them to the managing editor, who will, I am sure, be willing to pay a fair compensation for anything of merit.

Letters directed to E. L. Raish, Vermillion, South Dakota, are returned as unclaimed; can any one give me his correct address?

CHICAGO, ILL., December 31, 1891. A. P. HOSMER, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

REPORT OF EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

Sixty filled sheets, valued at \$214.43, were received since my last report.

FRANK KENIG, *Exchange Superintendent.*

THE W. P. U. LIBRARY.

Since writing my last article in regard to the starting of a library, I have received additional letters in regard to same and in two instances contributions of papers and magazines, which will be held in trust till the Librarian is selected.

The only point now to be considered is the location.

Of course it is desirable to place the library where it will be accessible to the greatest number of members, and also, if possible, where there is no other library of a like character.

As the libraries of other societies are situated or will be at an early date in various places remote from this city, I would advocate placing the library in Chicago.

There is nothing of a like nature here at present, except what has been collected by private individuals and is not accessible to the general seeker after philatelic knowledge.

Then again nearly all the members will be here in 1893, when they will have an opportunity of inspecting personally what we intend shall be the finest library in the West.

The library of Branch 1 is growing nicely, and I think there is no doubt that if the W. P. U. as a whole establish theirs in this city that there will be no difficulty in putting it on a solid foundation.

Let us hear from the other members and get their views on the subject before the next number of the journal is printed.

A. P. HOSMER, *W. P. U.* 33.

MR. WILL J. MORGAN, 192 Gravier street, New Orleans, La., would like to hear from all collectors in Louisiana, for the purpose of forming a State Society.

It is rumored that letter cards for Great Britain are shortly to be issued. An English dealer gives the color of the United States, 1862, as *mustard!*

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

At the regular meeting of Branch 1, held on December 23, occurred the nomination of officers of the Branch for 1892.

The following is the complete list: President, A. P. Hosmer; Vice-Presidents, A. R. Niemz and F. N. Massoth, Jr.; Secretary and Treasurer, T. R. Ferris; Governing Board, R. L. Parsons, E. E. Severn, F. N. Massoth, Jr., B. S. Ross, A. E. Fritz, P. H. Dilg, Charles M. Henrotin, W. G. Jerrems, Jr.

The list is somewhat large and a somewhat exciting time will take place at the next meeting when the election of officers occurs.

Considerable routine business was transacted, after which one of the small auction sales took place under the direction of Auctioneer Ross. The following were present: Messrs. Ross, Hosmer, Severn, Cady, Ferris, Massoth, White.

Mr. W. G. Jerrems, Jr., one of the prominent W. P. U. members of this city, leaves this week for St. Paul, where he will hereafter conduct his business. Mr. Jerrems has always had the interest of Branch 1 at heart, and has been an active worker in its behalf since its organization, procuring many new members for the society.

Mr. T. R. Ferris, the local Librarian, acknowledges with thanks the very liberal donations to the library received from Messrs. Parsons, Jerrems and Ross.

The fifth auction sale, advertised in this number, it will be noticed is composed in a great part of envelopes.

In explanation, the auctioneer says, that a great many more lots were received for the *fourth* sale that could not be catalogued, so he was obliged to reserve them till the next sale.

An envelope sale is usually less interesting than one containing adhesives, but we think that there are many desirable specimens which are well worth bidding on.

It was intended that this sale be held on December 23, but owing to sickness it was unavoidably postponed.

The Exchange Department of the local Branch is running with its accustomed regularity and sales are reported heavy, the principal reason for this being the fact that the stamps therein are marked very reasonably.

One of the most interesting sights is a look at Auctioneer Ross' magnificent collection, which numbers between nine and ten thousand varieties. This collection, which is one of the finest in the city, is a credit to its owner, who has spent both time and money in bringing it up to its present excellence. It would be impossible to enumerate the many fine specimens contained therein, but like many another good thing, must be seen to be appreciated.

The third sale of the S. B. Bradt Company took place on the evening of December 16, 1891.

The prices at which the United States stamps sold is an indication of what the price will be during the coming year. The present catalogue seems to be no standard, as the sums realized were greater in many instances.

With this report I turn the office of local Secretary over to my successor, who will be elected at the regular meeting, January 14.

The increasing duties of the office of the General Secretary are such that I cannot give the time that is necessary to the office of local Secretary.

There is a brilliant future for Branch 1, and its Secretary should not be hindered by duties other than pertains to the office.

Mr. Ferris, the nominee, will no doubt if elected prove most satisfactory, as he is a hard worker and a W. P. U. man to the core.

The office of local Exchange Manager will have to be revised somewhat, as the work in this department has increased so much that a change is necessary. In the infancy of the Branch one person was capable of doing all this work, but at present, with thirty active members, it is out of the question.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 1, 1891.

A. P. HOSMER, *Local Secretary.*

—THE—

Penna. Stamp Collectors' League.

—Organized October 18, 1888—

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Official Correspondence and Reports.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NOVEMBER, 1891.

NEW MEMBER.

No. 42. Jesse, Max E., 567 S. Presa street, San Antonio, Tex.

APPLICATION.

Rossy, Charles J., 617 S. Presa street, San Antonio, Tex. References, Edward W. Heusinger, Frank Bashardt.

The annual dues are now due and I hope all the members will respond at once.

To the nominations for officers add L. R. Shellenberger for Treasurer.

On December 1, the nominations will close and ballots will be sent to all members who are not in arrears for dues for voting.

The following amendments have been proposed to the Constitution and are ready for the members' acceptance.

"ARTICLE VI.

"SECTION 1. *Officers.*—The officers of the League shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Librarian, Superintendent of Exchanges, Literary Exchange Superintendent, Purchasing Agent and three Trustees.

"SEC. 2. *Election of Officers.*—The officers of this League shall be elected for one year, and shall serve until their successors have qualified. All the officers shall be chosen by ballot under supervision of the Board of Trustees, and at such elections it shall be necessary that at least two-thirds of the members of the League shall vote, but a plurality of the votes cast shall elect (see By-Law III)."

"ARTICLE V.

"SEC. 6.—The Superintendent of Exchanges shall conduct his business in the best possible manner to the interests of the League."

"BY-LAWS.

"1. *Rules of Order.*—All questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to "Cushing's Manual."

"8. *Dues.*—The dues of all members shall be one dollar (\$1) per annum."

The above are ready to be accepted and voted on by the members, and should any

other members desire to make any such amendments they will be published by sending them to the Secretary.

Several of the members have written me, wanting to know why the officers have not had reports published in the official organ. I do not know; I have written them all several times that it would be better for the League to do so. I have tried to do my duty in regard to this, but some months I have been so busy that my report would not be ready in time for publication. The Secretary's address is now 326 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and all mail should be addressed to him there. Members or any one desiring information in regard to the League or application blanks need only to let me know and I will be pleased to send them at once. Very respectfully,

H. B. WILBER,
326 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JANUARY, 1892.

NEW MEMBER.

No. 43. Rossy, Charles J., 617 S. Presa street, San Antonio, Tex.

APPLICATION.

Baitzell, William E., 412 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md.; References, H. B. Wilber, B. V. Jenkins.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 1892.

- For President, M. F. Walton and R. S. Elliot.
- For Vice-President, R. S. Elliot.
- For Treasurer, W. J. Day, R. M. Miller and L. R. Shellenberger.
- For Secretary, H. B. Wilber.

Following is the Secretary's financial statement of money received and paid out.

RECEIPTS.

From members, dues, etc., etc. \$9 33

EXPENDITURES.

For postage, expressage. \$4 27
For printing application blanks. 1 75

Total. \$6 02

The League now numbers exactly thirty members. This is not a *very* good showing for a society which has been organized as long as the P. S. C. L., and although I may have been partially to blame for this, I am sure some of our members have done a great deal less than I, but I hope now that the winter months are here all will take hold and keep me so busy attending to my office that I will have to hire an assistant.

What is the matter with the Board of Trustees? The election of officers is supposed to be held under their supervision, but as they have made no moves yet, what is to be done? I hope they will soon be heard from. Address the Secretary, at 14 Main street, Cambridgeboro, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

CAMBRIDGEBORO, PA., January 1, 1892.

H. B. WILBER, *Secretary*.

PITTSBURGH NOTES.

BY WILL BURR.

Many of the PHILATELIST's readers would no doubt like to know what turns philatelic matters are taking in Pittsburgh, but am sorry to say that at present I have heard of nothing in regard to it or its followers here.

Philately has quite a number of followers here and in Allegheny, including the fol-

lowing: Messrs. Van. J. Abel, 913 Liberty street; F. F. Brown, 220 Centre street; E. E. Buringer, 4407 Butler street; A. C. Dickey, 236 Shady avenue, E. E.; C. W. Kirk, 71 Pride street; Edwin W. Layng, care of Pa. Coal Co.; H. W. Marthens, 62q8 Broad street, E. E.; G. W. Rode, Hazelwood avenue; Ferd. Sermin, 496 Forbes street; T. W. Voetter, 318 Denniston avenue; Elmer Wagner, 415 Carson street; all of Pittsburgh, Pa.; also E. Doeblin, Hazel street; H. A. Bricker, 64 Sandusky street; A. C. Westerman, 379 Ohio street, of Allegheny. Here are fourteen enthusiastic philatelists. Why cannot we organize a society here in Pittsburgh and help to promote our science of philately and benefit ourselves? I am sure if an effort were made we could succeed in organizing a fine society and I will try and do my share and will be pleased to hear from any one or meet any one who wishes to help organize. Address me at 326 Fifth avenue.

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- 1. 1861, 5c. yellow, dark shade, on env I
- 2. 5c. yellow, fine I
- 3. 1856, 5c. ornaments I
- 4. 1870, 6c. pink I
- 5. 1872, *30c., uns. pair I
- 6. Treas., *2, 3, 6, 12, 30. 5

ENVELOPES—Cut Square.

- 7. 1853, *3c. white and buff, die 2, reprint 2
- 8. *6c. green on buff, reprint I
- 9. *6c. green on white, reprint I
- 10. *6c. red on white, reprint I
- 11. *6c. red on buff, reprint I
- 12. *10c. green on white, wide label, reprint I
- 13. *10c. green on buff, wide label, reprint I
- 14. 1860, *6c. red on white, original I
- 15. *10c. green on buff, cut to shape I
- 16. 3c. red on buff, original; *1857, 1c. blue on buff, reprint 2
- 17. 1861, *6c. pink on white I
- 18. *10c. green on white and buff 2
- 19. 1864, *3c. pink on white and buff, and 6c. pink on buff 3
- 20. *3c. brown on white and buff 2
- 21. *9c. yellow on buff, reprint I
- 22. *12c. brown on buff I
- 23. *18c. red on buff, reprint I
- 24. *24c. blue on buff, reprint I
- 25. *30c. green on buff, reprint I
- 26. *40c. rose on buff, original I
- 27. 1870, *1c. blue on white and amber 2
- 28. *2c. brown on manila, 3c. on white and amber 3
- 29. *3c. on cream, 10c. brown on white and amber 3
- 30. *24c. on white, fine I
- 31. *30c. on white, fine I
- 32. *90c. on white, fine I

ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

- 33. 1860, 3c. red on white and buff, one with pat. lines 2
- 34. 1857, *1c. blue on buff I
- 35. 1861, *3c. pink on blue (letter sheet) I
- 36. 1863, *2c. black on buff, "U. S. Postage" I
- 37. 1864, *6c. pink on buff 2
- 38. 1874, *6c. carmine on white (4) W. F. Frank; 6c. carmine on amber (1), full letter 5
- 39. 1870-1878, good lot, some unused 15
- 40. 1874, *6c. carmine on fawn I
- 41. 1882, *4c. on manila (4), 4c. on amber manila (4) 8
- 42. *30c. on white I
- 43. 2c. red on amber, horizontally laid p I
- 44. 1874, 1c. blue on various colored p., 2 unused 10

ENTIRE ENVELOPES.—Continued.

- 45. 1882, 2c. brown, various colors, 3 unused, 18
- 46. 4c. green on amber (2); 1887, 4c. carmine on manila 8
- 47. 1c. blue, fair lot, inc. 1 postal serv. on white 6
- 48. 1887, 2c. green, various paper, inc. 2 rej. dies 17
- 49. Official (penalty) envelopes 17
- 50. War Dept., *3c. red on blue 71
- 51. *Barber Match Co., 1c. blue, unsevered 10
- 52. E. L. Soule & Co., Scott's No. 2788, Syracuse, N. Y. I

FOREIGN.

- 53. Dominica, ½ p., Scott's Nos. 8 and 9 2
- 54. Ecuador, 1881, ½ of 20c. on env I
- 55. Guatemala, 1886, 5c. 20
- 56. Japan, 1872, 30s. slate, no characters I
- 57. Macao, 1887, *5r. on 100 reis I
- 58. *10r. on 200 reis I
- 59. Madeira, 1874, 240 reis, damaged I
- 60. Mexico, 1867, *½ real "gothic," brown I
- 61. 1868, 6c., br. paper, sur. "Anotado," perf I
- 62. 1868, 100c., br. paper, sur. "Anotado" I
- 63. *1872, 12c. blue, unperf 100
- 64. 1886, 12c. (4), 25c. (4) 8
- 65. 1886, same as last 8
- 66. 1886, 12c. (2), 25c. (2) 4
- 67. 1880, *Porte de Mar (mixed) 100
- 68. 1880, *Porte de Mar, 10 sets I
- 69. 1889, official (orange) 100
- 70. official (brown) 100
- 71. Mixed lot 200
- 72. Revenues mixed 100
- 73. Good lot on envelopes 5
- (100) I
- 74. 1888, 10c. (100), 20c. (95), 25c.
- 75. Montserrat, 1876, ½ of 1 p. on ent. env I
- 76. Nevis, ½ of 1 p. on ent. env I
- 77. New Zealand, rev. used postally, 1 rose I
- 78. " " 3 green I
- 79. " " 5 blue I
- 80. Nova Scotia, 1857, 3p. blue on env I
- 81. 1857, 3p. I
- 82. Sweden, 1855, *6s. brown I
- 83. 1855, *24s. red I
- 84. Mixed foreign 100

FOREIGN ENVELOPES.

- 85. Mauritius, 1861, 6p. violet, 9p. choc., sur. "canceled" 2
- 86. Mexico, 1879, *4c. pale red, entire 10
- 87. 1874, *10c. green, entire 10
- 88. 1882, *25c. blue, Habilitado 10
- 89. Russia, 1849, 10k., Scott's No. 81, fine I
- 90. Good lot foreign env., all entire 19
- 91. U. S. and foreign postal cards, some unused, 66

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" " 1866, 24c. mauve	25	20
" " 1868, 12c. black, grill	30	22
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" " 60c. blue	20	20
Haiti, 1891, 2c. on 3c. blue	20	10
" " 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7c., used, per set	25	25
Argentine, 1890, 5c. on 8c. env.	15	15
" " same entire env.	20	20
*Brazil, 10c. yellow, newsp.	75	40
* " 1889, 200r. yellow, newsp.	50	30
Cape Verde, 1886, 200r. lilac	20	20
" " 300r. orange	25	25
Canada, 1879, official seal, origi- nal gum	2 50	1 25
Jamaica, 3d. revenue, used postally,	75	30
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*Russia, 1890, 1r.	1 00	60
*ROUMANIA, 1891, Jubilee Sets, complete, only a few sets left	1 00	1 00
*Roumania, 1890, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 25b.	29	20
* " 1881, 50b. brown, unpd,	20	16
* " " 60b. " "	25	20
* " 1889, 5b. green, yell. p.	10	10
* " 1890, 10b. " "	6	4
* " " 30b. " "	15	11
*Royal Mail Co., 1875, 10c. rose	1 00	1 00
*Hong Kong, 1891, 7c. on 10c. green Hong Kong, 1891, Jubilee, 2c. rose, used, very rare.	20	1 00
*N. South Wales, 1890, 5d. gr'n, o.s.	1 00	35
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* " " 6c. blue.	12	12
* " " 12c. lilac and green.	22	22
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4c. brown (54)	35	20
10c. orange (48)	40	40
1 peso green (56)	1 25	50
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