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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

BY LIEUT. H. M. T. CHANDLER.

ON March 27, 1861, the Postmaster-General published a proposal for the printing of postage stamps, stating they must be perforated around the edges, well gummed, put up in packages of one hundred sheets each and delivered to the Post-office Department free of charge, and in such quantities as required to fill the orders of Postmasters.

The Department received in reply to their proposal, letters from Butler & Carpenter, Philadelphia; Hoen & Co., Baltimore; George F. Nesbitt, and the American Bank Note Co., New York; Edmund Hoole, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; J. W. Haynes & Co., Newark, N. J., and Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond, Va.

J. W. Haynes & Co. offered to furnish perforated stamps, gummed, in packages of one hundred sheets, or in parcels of such quantities as may be required to fill the orders of the Postmasters, delivered at such places as may be agreed upon, printed in one color, at 20 cents per 1000, or in two colors at 35 cents per 1000.

Hoyer & Ludwig, of Richmond, offered to furnish perforated stamps, well gummed, at 30 cents per 1000, including all expenses for packing, etc.

The American Bank Note Co. offered to furnish one million stamps of any denomination, in sheets, well gummed, perforated, and ready for use, \$300. After the first million at the rate of 20 cents per 1000.

A. S. Hoen & Co. offered to execute stamps, furnish boxes for packing the same and deliver at the same rates that the United States Government was paying.

Arrangements were made, however, with Messrs. De La Rue & Co., London, for the manufacture of two varieties, a 1-cent and a 5-cent stamp, the stamps and plates to be shipped to Wilmington.

It is said that the plates were made and with about \$400,000 worth of stamps, ready for use, were shipped in due time, but the vessel was captured while attempting to run the blockade, by one of Uncle Sam's cruisers, and that while the plates were tossed overboard by the agent, and were never recovered, the stamps were seized and confiscated by the United States Government.

Soon after two plates, for a 1 and 5-cent stamp, were shipped from England to Richmond, and were used with those of Hoyer & Ludwig manufacture.

The plates of these stamps were electrotyped and contained one hundred impressions each. The 5-cent was printed in green and dark green, the 10-cent in light blue and was but a miserable botch, the portrait of Madison being so poorly executed that his best friend could not discover the least resemblance.

A 1-cent stamp was also engraved, but the portrait of Calhoun being as miserably executed as was that of Madison. Those stamps were never used by the Department, and the rate for postage being soon changed after their arrival from the old country, they became obsolete.

The description of the 5 and 10-cent is as follows: In the centre a profile portrait of Jefferson Davis, and in a circle enclosing it is "Confederate States of America;" "Postage" and "Five Cents" above and below respectively.

The 10-cent contained the portrait of Madison in an oval, "Postage" and "Con-

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federate States" at the top, and "of America" and "Ten Cents" at the bottom, with the figures "10" in each corner.

These stamps are quite common, the 5-cent bringing 40 cents unused and 35 cents used, and the 10-cent \$1 new and 50 cents for a canceled specimen:

In 1862, the supply of blue ink being exhausted, the 10-cent was reprinted in rose; but a small number were printed, and the stamp now sells readily at \$2.50 and \$2 for unused and canceled specimens.

On about half the stamps an error will be noticed in the letter "A" in the word "States," which appears as an inverted "v."

It is said that the lithographed stamps, produced by Hoyer & Ludwig, of Richmond, being not up to the standard, and being very easily imitated, a new series was ordered and the contract given to Archer & Daly, also of Richmond, in the summer of 1863.

A new design was at once engraved by Mr. Archer, the junior member of the firm, and in that year appeared the first steel-engraved stamp, a ten-cent rose, bearing the portrait of Jefferson Davis to the right, with the value expressed in words at the bottom.

The portrait being rather faulty, the stamp became obsolete so soon as new stamps could be engraved, which had a better portrait and the value expressed in figures.

Stamps printed from the first die are very rare, having been in use but a very short time, and unused specimens sell all the way from \$3 to \$5.

The issue of 1863 consists of nine varieties of the 2, 10 and 20-cent as follows: Profile portrait of Jackson in the centre on the 2-cent rose, "Postage" and "Two Cents" at the top and bottom respectively, on each side the number "2."

There are two distinct dies of the latest engraved 10-cent, and collectors will notice the difference in the arrangement of the portrait.

Profile of Jefferson Davis to the right on the 10-cent blue, "Postage" and "10 cents" above and below. On the left "The Confederate," and on the right "States of America." This stamp is catalogued at 5 cents, with outer line; \$2 for used specimen and 75 cents for an unused copy, perforated.

Profile of Washington in oval on the 20-cent green; outside the inscription "Confederate States of America;" the value above and "Postage twenty cents" below. This stamp is by far the most common of all, bringing but 10 cents for an unused specimen.

In the following year (1864) Archer & Daly engraved the 20-cent stamp, containing the portrait of Washington in oval, and it is said that as fast as the new steel plates were completed, the lithographed stones produced by Hoyer & Ludwig were destroyed.

The stamps printed by Archer & Daly, in the year 1864, were all printed on a poor quality of white paper.

Early in this year the supply of the small 5-cent, engraved by De La Rue & Co., being nearly exhausted, another supply was struck off by Archer & Daly. These stamps were poorly printed with dark blue ink, and are catalogued at 5 cents.

In the fall of 1864 the plates were delivered to Messrs. Keating & Ball, of Columbia, S. C., who had charge of them until the great fire in Columbia, in which all the dies, rolls and plates of the second issue, engraved and prepared at Richmond, were destroyed.

In this year the 1-cent orange was issued, bearing in the centre Calhoun's portrait enclosed in a square frame. On the outside the words "Confederate States," and at the bottom "One Cent." This stamp is among the more common varieties, unused copies bringing but 10 and 15 cents.

The Confederate Government issued twenty stamps and the various Postmasters sixty-five.

The rarest postage stamp is the 5-cent blue of 1862, perforated, and uncanceled; the next, the 10-cent blue of 1863, being valued at \$2.50 and \$3 in an unused and

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used condition. The 1862 2-cent green, used, is worth \$2.50, and the 10-cent rose \$2.

Very few bogus stamps have been met with; but one, the "Ten Cent," being at all dangerous. In the original the background on which the bust is impressed is enclosed by a white band nearly one-sixteenth part of an inch in width, while in the forgery the outer band is omitted entirely.

It is said that a complete collection of the provisional stamps of the Confederacy would be worth at least \$1500, and the chances are that \$2000 would not get together a complete collection, but be that as it may, money invested in any of the provisionals of the Confederate States of America will yield excellent results in a few years.

For the benefit of the readers of this article I quote the market value of some of the rarest:

Baton Rouge, La., 1861, 5-cent green and carmine, used, \$100; Livingston, Ala., 1861, 5-cent blue, \$75 to \$100; Madison, Fla., 1861, 3-cent gold on blue, \$75 to \$100; Nashville, Tenn., 1861, 10-cent green, \$75; Marion, Va., 1861, 15 and 20-cent black, \$50 each; Ringgold, Ga., 1861, 5-cent blue, \$50; Danville, Va., 1861, 5-cent red, \$35; Greenville, Ala., 1861, 5-cent red and blue, \$35, the 10-cent red and blue, \$50; Mobile, Ala., 1861, 2-cent black, new \$35, used \$30. While the following stamps, issued in 1861, are worth \$25 each: Knoxville, Tenn., 5-cent black; Lenoir, N. C., 5-cent blue and orange; Macon, Ga., 5-cent on buff paper; Marion, Va., 2, 3 and 5-cent black; Rheatown, Tenn., 5-cent red and the 10-cent red envelope stamp, issued by the Postmaster at Tellico Plains, Tenn.

The rarest provisional is the New Orleans 5-cent red on blue, issued in 1861, and is valued at \$500 in a canceled condition.

Confederate stamps are becoming rarer every year, and I would advise stamp collectors to collect them while they are yet obtainable, collecting not only unused but used specimens, those on the original envelope, and if your pocketbook holds out, pairs, blocks and varieties of shades.

CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Antioquia.—Three new stamps are reported, inscribed "Republica de Colombia" in curve above, arms in circle, surrounded by "Departamento de Antioquia," value in rectangular tablet in lower left corner; 1c. brown on brownish; 2½c. violet on lilac; 5c. black on green.

Barbadoes.—The 1½d. card has been surcharged for use as 1d. in violet. A new issue of stamps is expected about July 1. The values will be ½, 1, 2½, 5, 6, 8, 10d. and 2s. 6d., probably all printed in two colors.

Bolivar.—The 8oc. of 1880 has sometimes the date "1886," and Mons. Moens has found one dated "1380."

Br. North Borneo.—The 6c. on 8c., already mentioned, comes on those inscribed "Postage," and also "Postage and Revenue" (our number 13 and 18).

Br. Honduras.—We have a reply card 3 + 3c., carmine on buff.

British South Africa.—There are registry envelopes, with the usual arms in oval band, inscribed "The British South Africa Company." Across the foot of the oval is "British Central Africa," and on a scroll below, "Registration, twopence." It is on the flap, as usual, blue on linen-lined paper. 151 + 97 and 220 + 100mm.

Colombia.—There is a new 2c. stamp, with arms in circle, inscribed "Republica de Colombia." The word "Centavos" is at the bottom in straight line, with figure "2" in small square over the "ta." The same figure "2" is in each of the upper corners; carmine on rose.

Costa Rica.—The *Monthly Journal* describes the new set. The new arms are in the centre, but with various surroundings, inscribed "Costa Rica—Correos y Telegrafos," with "U. P. U." in monogram. Perf. 15, 1c. blue; 2c., orange; 5c.,

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violet; 10c., green; 20c., red; 50c., ultramarine; 1p., green on pale yellow; 2p., dull red on pale gray; 5p., deep blue on pale blue; 10p., brown on buff.

Cuba.—New colors as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3 and 8 mils, deep violet; 1c., gray green; 2c., brown; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., orange; 5c., green; 10c., lilac, rose; 20c., ultramarine.

Dominican Republic.—The *Monthly Journal* notes the following envelopes: 15c., yellow on blue laid, 140 + 80mm.; 30c., rose on gray laid, 158 + 90mm.; 40c., brown on buff laid, 213 + 104mm.

Cyprus.—Reply cards are reported, $\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{1}{2}$ pi., green on white; 1 + 1pi., carmine on buff; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ + 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pi., brown on buff.

German Empire.—The 5pf. card, 1891, F, has been seen with the word "An," and the issue of new stamps is contradicted by *Le Timbre Poste*.

Great Britain.—There are new cards of 1d. and 1 + 1d., vermilion on buff, 130 + 82mm. The stamp is of the type of the 3d. card.

Greece.—*Le Timbre Poste* publishes a decree providing for letter cards, 140 + 80mm., on blue card, interior white, values 10l., orange; 20l., carmine; 25l., blue. The stamps measure 22 + 18, and bear the head of Hermes; also envelopes with oval stamps, 30 + 25mm.; also with head of Hermes and value at sides; 2l., bistre; 10l., yellow; 20l., red; 25l., blue; 40l., violet, and bands with the same stamps as the envelopes, 1l., brown; 2l., bistre; 5l., green; 10l., yellow; 40l., violet.

Hong Kong.—The *Ill. Br. Journal* notes a card 3 + 3c., brown on buff.

Hungary.—There is a telegraph letter card 3kr., brown and blue.

India.—There are two varieties of the $\frac{1}{4}$ a. card, the arms differing in minor details. The arms on the official card, green on buff, are also of two varieties, on one the lion and unicorn face each other, and in the other their heads are turned the opposite way.

Italy.—The letter card 5c., green on gray, has the new type of stamp.

Liberia.—The *Monthly Journal* has received Registry envelopes, with large "R" in an oval and stamp slightly modified, 10c., deep ultramarine, 132 + 81mm.; 10c., reddish lilac, 150 + 94mm.; 10c., greenish blue, 227 + 100mm.

Luxembourg.—The 10c., with head of Grand Duke, is now printed in sheets of 100 instead of 25, and is perforated 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. The other values have arrived at Luxembourg and will soon replace those with arms.

Montenegro.—The 2n. and 2 + 2n. cards are now yellow on buff, and the 3n. and 3 + 3n. cards are yellow green on greenish blue.

Newfoundland.—We have a reply card 2 + 2c., lake on buff. Head of Queen to left in circle, "Newfoundland" above in curve and value similarly placed below. Form T. 3, that is folded at top, and reply card on third page.


New South Wales.—*Vindin's Pb. M.* says a new $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is in preparation, color gray. There is also a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postage due stamp and Registry envelope; 3d. red succeeding the surcharged one lately reported. The *St. Col. Journal* describes a wrapper bearing the 1d. in slate, surcharged "halfpenny" in black, white paper.

Obock.—The unpaid letter stamps 5, 10, 30, 60c., have been surcharged in black. The stamps of 15 and 25c. are already changed in value, as follows: 1c. on 25c.; 2c. red on 15c.; 4c. black on 15c. The word "Obock" is in a horizontal line.

Panama.—The *Stamp News* learns that the stock of the map issue is almost exhausted, and a new issue was expected from New York.

Porto Rico.—Some of the new colors are reported as follows; $\frac{1}{2}$ m., greenish gray; 1m., violet; 2m., violet brown; 8m., yellow green; 2c., bistre; 3c., red; 8c., olive; 20c., mauve; 80c., orange.

Portugal.—New stamps are in preparation with effigy of Don Carlos $\frac{3}{4}$ to right, value at top, "Portugal" at right, "Correio" at left and "Continente" below. 2r. gray, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ r. black, 5r. yellow brown, 10r. violet, on red; 15r. violet on blue; 20r. green, 25r. blue, 50r. sky blue, 75r. sepia, 80r. green, 100r. lilac, 150r. carmine, 200r. blue, 300r. red, 500r. black, 1000r. blue. The last six on color. The stamps for Azores and Maderia will have in place of "Continente" the words "Aggro," "Horta," "Ponti Delgada" or "Funchal."

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Puttialla.—The *Monthly Journal* reports the 1a. surcharged "Patiala."

Queensland.—Bands are noted, $\frac{1}{2}$ d., green on manila, and 1d., red and white, and envelopes, 1d., red on white and red on blue (137 + 78mm.), red on buff (142 + 78mm.), 3d. stamps and 2d. inland reply cards are expected.

Roumania.—The 50b. unpaid is now green.

Russia.—*Le Timbre Poste* says the 14k. blue and carmine has been discovered with the eagle and post horn inverted.

Salvador.—We have seen the 1 peso brown of 1891 with various faint numbers on the reverse.

Samoa.—*Vindin's Pb. M.* has received a new stamp, with head of King Malietoa in beaded circle, "Samoa Postage" in curved label at top, value in figures and words. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. pink. Wmk., N. Z.

Sarawak.—We have the 3c. with surcharge in black across the bottom, "One Cent."

Seychelles.—The *I. B. Journal* chronicles cards 4 + 4c., carmine, and 8 + 8c. brown.

Sokotra.—These are probably humbugs.

Straits Settlements.—The 6c. lilac is now surcharged "ONE CENT" in two lines, and stamps of 25 and 50c. are expected of the type of Seychelle.

Sweden.—The 1 öre is greenish brown; the 2 öre comes in three types: (1) 2 with narrow tail; (2) 2 with thick tail; (3) with dot before "Frimärke."

Switzerland.—A new stamp of 30c. is expected, color probably violet.

Tonga.—The 1d. has been surcharged "4d." and the 2d. "8d.," in black. There are letter cards 1d., red on cream, with large oval stamp containing arms in centre, and registry envelope with similar arms, "TONGA REGISTRATION" above and "6 D" at each side. This was issued October 1, 1891, red on bluish, but the color of the paper was changed to white on January 1, 1892.

Turkey.—The cards 20 and 20 + 20 paras now have the new stamp. *Le Timbre Poste* says that the 1 piastre being exhausted at Bagdad in February last, the 2 piastre, yellow, was cut diagonally and each half surcharged in black, with new value. "1 P." and Turkish inscription above.

Uruguay.—The 20c. orange is surcharged in black in four lines, "UN—Centesimo—Provisorio—1892." A new series has been prepared by Messrs. Waterloo & Sons. The stamps measure 19 + 25mm. The *Monthly Journal* says the arms form the most conspicuous part of the design, and the surroundings are different for each value, being very artistic and the engraving of a high degree of excellence. 1c., green; 2c., dull carmine; 5c., blue; 10c., orange. Perf. 15.

It is said there is a large demand in England for a $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp. About one-half of the packages sent by post there, weigh between one and two pounds, the postage on which is $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. The old 4d. stamp is used but little.

GERMANY is having considerable trouble with the inhabitants of her lands in East Africa, two forces already having been defeated. Somehow our German friends do not have any success at all in governing her dusky-skinned dependents (or rather now *in-dependents*), and we should not be surprised to see John Bull either buy or steal Germany's land there within the next few years and consolidate it all into one district.

It is not extensively known that the United States maintains a post-office on territory other than belonging to this country. There is an agency of the Post-office Department at Shanghai, China (which is not Postal Union territory), that is essentially a post-office of the United States, being subject to all of the regulations which apply to the offices here. Prepayment of postage on articles mailed at this agency is effected by means of U. S. postage stamps only, some \$5000 worth being disposed of annually.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—The S. B. Bradt Company, formerly at 91 and 93 Wabash avenue, have removed to 132 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill. On April 10 Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was associated with them in business.

BOGERT & DURBIN CO.'S AUCTION SALE.


The 31st auction sale of The Bogert & Durbin Co., consisting of the stock of U. S. stamps of Millard F. Walton, took place on the 29th ult. Annexed are some of the prices realized:

1 Baton Rouge 5c., slightly clipped at side, a good specimen, used, on original envelope	\$16 50
Memphis 5c., two specimens used, on envelope	4 50
New Orleans 5c. brown on blue, used, on envelope	1 75
“ pair, “ “ “	4 00
“ 5c. brown on white, “ “ “	2 25
St. Petersburg, 5c. red, “ “ “	7 50
New York, 5c. variety with <i>white line</i> at bottom, used	8 00
1868, 3c. grilled all over, unused	8 50
“ 90c. “	6 00
“ 90c. “	6 00
1869, 90c. reissue, unused	8 70
1870, 90c. grilled, “	6 75
Justice, 90c., unused	7 75
Eagle Post, 1852, blue, used, on letter	6 50
“ 1847, black, “ “ envelope	7 50
Letter Express and Pomeroy, used, on envelope	14 00
Revenue, \$1.00 blue and black with head inverted	6 70
Envelopes entire, Horner's 169½, used, 3 at \$11.25	33 75

Total amount realized from the sale, \$1600.

The next sale, of balance of Millard F. Walton's stock, will consist of a very good lot of U. S. stamps and a large lot of foreign stamps, rare and common, and dealers will have a good opportunity to replenish their stocks.

Catalogues will be ready in a few weeks and can be had on application to The Bogert & Durbin Co. Sale will take place about June 15.

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MILLARD F. WALTON, *Editor.*

REPORT No. 9.

The delinquent list remains the same as in my No. 8 report of last month, *i. e.* :

R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.....	\$ 8 54
E. C. Biggar, Fremont, Neb.....	9 17
	\$17 71

Mr. R. M. Spencer, by the way, has never paid a cent on his account, which would be larger if it were not for several credits for stamps sold from his sheets. His account in detail is as follows :


	Dr.	Cr.
1891.		
Nov. 16. By stamps, Lot 6.....		\$1 86
“ 11. To “ “ 7.....	\$5 17	
Dec. 30. To “ “ 6.....	8 71	
1892.		
Jan. 15. By “ “ 8.....		3 97
“ 25. By “ “ 7.....		1 08
“ 27. By “ “ 6 (2d circuit).....		35
Feb. 8. To “ “ 5.....	1 92	
	\$15 80	\$7 26
	7 26	

Due Exchange Department \$8 54

The collections last month were good, which enabled me to pay all balances promptly on the 15th with the exception of a few which I had to hold back on account of the delinquents above reported.

My thanks are due to those members that remit the amount of their purchases with their report. It saves me considerable work and postage, and is duly appreciated.

The entire amount of sales for April was only \$41.12, notwithstanding the fact that eight lots are circulating priced at over \$800. My commission is 10 per cent., which gave me the enormous sum of \$4.11 for my work and time. I mention this fact here because several members have intimated that I had a soft snap and 10 per cent. was too much. The sales from sheets is not enough by several dollars each month to pay post-

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age and express. I should be glad to give those members a chance at it provided they guarantee to give the same attention to it that I have.

One thing should be borne in mind by those contributing stamps to this department and that is, that stamps will not sell at *catalogue* prices. Complaints are coming in every week on this point from buyers who do not put stamps in the Exchange Department. This no doubt accounts for the small amount of sales. It is not reasonable to expect cash buyers to pay full catalogue prices on common stamps in an exchange department.

• There is a demand for good stamps at reasonable prices, and any member who can supply this demand will find his sheets pretty well patronized.

If a lot comes to a member not prepaid, he should accept it and notify me. Do not refuse it, for it delays the lot. Pay the charges and report it. I will credit it on the payee's account and charge the member who neglected to prepay the package. Very often the express companies collect on a prepaid package, and this can only be ascertained by correspondence.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,

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

CHICAGO, ILL., May 2, 1892.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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APPLICATIONS.

N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wis.; References, E. A. Aldrich, P. M. Wolsieffer.
 Alfred Dahlberg, 182 Clark street, Chicago, Ill.; References, P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.
 W. J. Calder, Malden, Mass.; References, C. H. Mekeel, Bogert & Durbin; proposed by C. D. Renners and A. N. Spencer.

A. N. SPENCER, *Secretary.*

CINCINNATI, O., May 1, 1892.

GENERAL FOREIGN NOTES.

BY BONUMITA.

At Ober Radkersburg, in the Tyrol, a retired merchant by name of Berndt has a room the walls of which are entirely papered with postage stamps, all countries of course being represented. They are symmetrically arranged in stars, shields, medallions and other figures, and at first glance the walls seem to be covered with an ordinary highly tinted paper. Ninety thousand stamps were necessary.

The British Postmaster-General has announced that his Government will promote a bill placing telephone trunk lines in the hands of the Post-office.

THE last issue, April, of the *Stamp News*, London, reprints the biography and portrait of Henry Clotz, which appeared in *Plain Talk* a few months since.

THE Governor of British Honduras has taken steps to prevent the making of unnecessary surcharges in his colony. It appears that the surcharged stamps, six on the 4d. violet, were never issued to the public.

THE 5pf. envelope and 3pf. newsband of Würtemberg are to be withdrawn from circulation.

THE plate by which the counterfeits of the 10pf. German stamp were made has been discovered in Höchst in the possession of a printer.

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Any Philatelist desiring membership application blanks, can have them sent post-paid, 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.

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William Herrmann, 526 California street, San Francisco, Cal.; References, G. Folte, F. Koenig.
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RESIGNATION.

J. W. Lowry.

The past month has been a very busy one indeed, and the results which I hope to see at an early day will be of the greatest benefit to the W. P. U.

In every locality where there is a W. P. U. member there is increased activity, showing that all are interested in doing everything possible to help the Society to even greater prosperity.

The harmony which prevails in the W. P. U. cannot but be of great advantage, and I think I am safe in saying that if we keep together and follow on in the same path that we have started, we shall even surprise ourselves with the advance made.

As regards the amalgamation scheme, I believe the W. P. U. is doing well enough now, and I think it a very unwise plan to make such a movement in this, our most prosperous period.

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

CHICAGO, ILL., April 30, 1892.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

Thirty-nine filled sheets, valued at \$367.04, were received since my last report.

FRANK KENIG, *Exchange Superintendent.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 29, 1892.

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THE PURCHASING AGENT.

Several applications for this office have been received, which the Trustees are now considering. As it is desirable to get the most efficient person, the Board will make an appointment as soon as possible.

THE W. P. U. LIBRARY.

During the month of March a number of contributions were received from various members, mostly from Chicago and vicinity.

I am in hopes that outside members will be heard from before my next report, as I wish to have the library a national affair.

At this date the earlier numbers of all the philatelic journals are especially desired, in order that files of all papers may be made as complete as possible.

Nearly every member has some papers which would be of great interest to the library, and I hope to see a liberal donation from all.

Several very valuable works have been promised by Chicago members, which are accepted with many thanks.

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, donations from Messrs. Jerrems, Mitchell and Dunning. Mr. Dunning's donation in particular was very fine and included many excellent volumes which will prove an invaluable addition to the library.

Printed circulars have been sent to all members and also to the various publishers of the current philatelic papers, but as the aforesaid publishers have declined to help us in any way, I shall have to depend on members for the current periodicals, as well as the back numbers.

B. S. Ross, *Librarian*,
34 Wieland street, Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

The first meeting of the month of Branch 1 was held at the Auditorium Hotel, Club Room 2, on Thursday evening, March 10, with the following members present: Messrs. Lamp, Smith, Mitchell, Ross, Hosmer, Buquest, Rowley, Cady, White, Kieth, Massoth, Hoyt, Ferris and Myers. Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.

A motion was made and seconded that a fee of five cents a month be paid by the members for the current expenses; after some discussion, was voted upon and carried.

The resignation of the local Librarian has been presented to the official Board and accepted with regret.

The library will not, however, be without a Librarian very long, as the Official Board has some under decision and will report very shortly.


We now have another new publication in this city, bearing the name *Cabinet and Album*. This, however, is a trade publication of the Chicago Coin Exchange, being published in the interests of stamp and coin collectors, and will be sent free to collectors upon application.

A number of the local members formed a theatre party, and on one of the pleasant evenings of the past month saw DeWolf Hopper and his merry company in "Wang" at the Haymarket Theatre.

The S. B. Bradt Company's fifth sale, which was held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 23 and 24, opened with a large attendance. Bids were high on some stamps, but in all the U. S. stamps brought very good prices.

The Providence entire sheet of twelve stamps (11-5c., 1-10c.) brought \$51; an unsevered pair of 1851, 5c., unused, sold for \$11.55; an unsevered block of 3c., 6c., 1870 issue, connected at the sides with fine grill and cancellations, brought \$10.10; the imperforated pair of 2c. vermilion, 1870, with original gum, brought \$11.05.

Mr. Jenems passed through this city, returning from New York city, where he attended the Bogert & Durbin Co.'s auction sale, reported that the attendance was small.

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At a meeting of Branch 1, which was held on March 24, at the Auditorium Hotel, Club Room 4, there were present Messrs. Ross, Hosmer, Cady, Ferris, Kieth, Lamp, Severn, Massoth, White, Smith, Hoyt, and as visitor, Robert White, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Minutes of previous meeting read, and on motion approved as read.

The governing Board reported that the matter referred to them in regard to local Librarian had been attended to and would report progress at next meeting.

After an informal auction sale of some thirty-five lots (B. S. Ross, Auctioneer) and a recess, the meeting, upon motion, adjourned to meet Thursday, April 14, 1892, at 8 P.M.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 1, 1892.

T. R. FERRIS, *Local Secretary.*

SIXTH SALE, BRANCH 1, W. P. U.

The sixth sale of Branch 1, W. P. U., occurred at the Auditorium Hotel, on the evening of April 14, attended by one of the largest gatherings which ever attended a Chicago sale, some thirty-five members and collectors being present. Club Room No. 4 was filled almost to overflowing with bidders, who kept the interest from waning till the close of the sale.


Owing to some delay the sale was not started till 8.45 P.M., but with unusual celerity Mr. Ross was enabled to sell every lot by 10 o'clock.

The prices realized on the lots were very good, and in some cases far above catalogue value.

The following is a list of the prices realized on some of the U. S. stamps:

New York, 3c. blue.....	\$2 00
“ 5c. black.....	3 05
Carrier, Scott, No. 207.....	5 25
1851, 5c., fine.....	5 05
1857, 5c., ornaments.....	1 60
another.....	1 70
5c. red brown.....	4 00
5c., no ornaments.....	1 15
1860, 24c.....	1 10
30c., unused.....	1 35
1861, 5c. yellow.....	3 50
1869, 24c.....	2 75
90c.....	6 65
1870, 10c. grill.....	3 85
Executive, 1c.....	2 90
“ 2c.....	2 65
“ 3c.....	1 85
“ 10c.....	3 55
Justice, 30c., unused.....	2 60
Navy, 90c., unused.....	2 17
State, 90c., unused.....	2 85
“ 20 dollars.....	12 75
Treasury, 24c.....	1 35

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

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BRANCH No. 4, ST. PAUL.

On Monday, March 28, the St. Paul members of the W. P. U. met at the residence of Mr. Sharp to perfect the organization of Branch 4. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. E. C. Mitchell; Secretary, H. M. Norton; Trustees, Messrs. L. Sharp, W. B. Bourne, J. F. A. Williams.

THE New South Wales postal authorities will probably withdraw from issue, on the first of July next, the surcharged stamp $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 1d.

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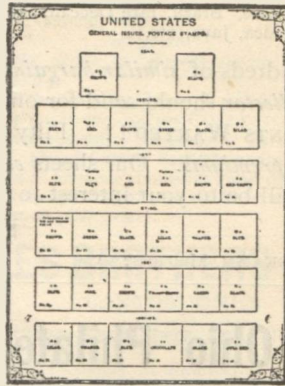
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