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## OFFICIAL DECREES.

### GREECE.

*George I, King of the Hellenes.*

In accordance with Article XIII, Law 693, dated 21st May, 1860, on the recommendation of our Ministers of Finance and the Interior, we have decided and do decree:

ARTICLE I. The postage stamps of the value of 25 leptas, of 50 leptas and one drachma, ordered by Article I of decree dated 5th April, 1883, shall be rectangular in shape, 18 millimetres broad by 22 long, and shall carry the effigy of Mercury in the centre in a circle 13 millimetres in diameter; at top the word *ΕΛΛΑΜ* and at bottom the value in figures.

ARTICLE II. These shall be put in circulation on and after the 1st of April of the current year.

We order our Ministers of the Interior and Finance to see to the execution of the present decree.

GEORGE.

*Minister of Interior,*  
N. PΑPAMICHALOPOULOS.

*Athens, 29th March, 1886.*

*Minister of Finance,*  
THEODORE P. DELYANNIS.

### PARAGUAY.

*General Post-Office.*

The public is notified that after this date the postage stamps of the following values are withdrawn from circulation:

One real, color rose; Two reales, color blue; Three reales, black; Ten centavos, green; Five centavos, orange, and also the same stamps surcharged that have been authorized to be employed as provisionals preceding receipt of 1, 2 and 5 centavos.

JOSE R. MAZO.

*Ascuncion, 23d June, 1886.*

### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

*A Document concerning Franking of Official Correspondence.*

1. Considering first that in the postal congress at Paris and in that held at Lisbon in 1885, it has been recognized that official correspondence ought to be franked and to evade the abuse to which the franchise will generate to the detriment of finances.

2. That conformably with these ideas it was stipulated in the before mentioned conventions to suppress franking of international official correspondence.

3. That inasmuch as the resolutions of this congress do not concern the correspondence of the interior and consequently the law relating to the official franchise remains in force. It is duty of P. E. to adopt the necessary measures to prevent the abuse that this privilege creates, as no law towards suppressing it has been decreed.

4. That this system has the advantage to make known the importance of the services

the post renders to the national government and the provinces in the free transportation of correspondence exempt from charge.

For these reasons the President of the Republic orders and decrees :

ARTICLE I. After the 1st of March, 1887, correspondence in accordance with Article XLII of the postal laws is exempt from charge, shall not be able to circulate through the post without being franked with stamps representing the postage according to the rates.

ARTICLE II. Correspondence from soldiers during a campaign in the service of the nation and that of the Postal and Telegraph Departments of the country is exempt from this prohibition.

ARTICLE III. As a special emission has not been decided upon, the objects of Article I shall be served by use of those of the public correspondence, but the P. O. Department shall have them surcharged with the inscription "Official."

ARTICLE IV. The said General Post-Office in the Capital of the Republic, and in the provinces, the post-offices in the respective capitals shall furnish to officials and bureaus comprised in Article XLII, postal laws, the official stamps necessary on receipt of a written demand and a receipt.

ARTICLE V. Every two months after the 1st of March, 1887, the General Post-Office shall demand of the Minister of the Interior an account of stamps furnished to all officials and bureaus, with an account of total amount of stamps furnished to each functionary and bureau, and as proof produce the written request.

ARTICLE VI. Any employé selling or using these stamps for private purposes, shall be discharged and punished according to Article CXXXIX, postal laws.

ARTICLE VII. This decree shall be communicated, published and inserted in the national register.

*Signed,*

JUAREZ CELMAN, E. WILDE,  
N. LEVALLE, N. QUIRMO COSTA,  
N. PACHECO, FILEMON POSSE.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AUGUST 8TH.

MEETING was called to order by President Tiffany, at 11.30 A. M. Roll called by Secretary Bradt. Whole number of members represented 184, of whom 161 were by proxy and 23 in person. Proxies were referred to the Committee on Credentials, Messrs. Bradt, Sterling and Mekeel; Committee on Standing Rules, Messrs. W. C. Stone, F. K. Stebbins and P. M. Wolsieffer; Committee on Finance, Messrs. Nicholson, Seagrave and Dill. Convention took a recess until reports of Committees were ready. The Convention reassembled at 1.15 P. M., and listened to the report of Committee on Standing Rules, who recommended the appointment of Committees on Official Journal, Library, Exchange and Purchasing Departments, Branch Societies, etc., to consist of three members each, except the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, which consists of President, *ex-officio*, and four other members.

Roll of members present called by Secretary. Minutes of Secretary not read on motion of Mr. H. L. Calman. Communications received from the D. S. C. L., concerning the Official Journal, referred to committee. Report of Superintendent of Exchange read later, with reports of officers Youth's Ledger Co., offering to send their paper one year free to all members. Offer accepted with thanks. Report of Secretary Bradt next read, showing a membership of 276 and a small unexpended balance in his hands. Report of Committee on Finance. Reports were both accepted. Report of Exchange Superintendent read by Mr. Calman, recommending a set of rules for governing the Department. Accepted and referred to the Committee on Constitution and

By-Laws. Report of Purchasing Agent read by Mr. Bradt. Accepted. Convention adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

AUGUST 8TH—EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the President at 8.15 P. M. Supplementary report of Committee on Credentials was read, making the whole number of proxies 167. Communication from the Librarian read by Mr. Bradt, which related chiefly to photographs. The Convention was then addressed by its President, in a speech of an hour, giving the history of the postage stamp and postal service and prospects of Philately at the present day, especially in relation to the American Association. [Great applause.] Report of Mr. E. B. Sterling, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, dealing with a number of matters and presenting Secretary's bond, which was accepted. Convention adjourned until 10.30 A. M., August 9th.

AUGUST 9TH—MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 12.05. A quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to regular order of business. Mr. Sterling moved that reading of minutes be postponed. Carried. Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to frame a resolution concerning the invention of the adhesive stamp. Messrs. Wolsieffer, Mekeel and Stone appointed by the President.

Mr. Dill:—"At the request of one of the St. Louis members, I suggest that we adopt some badge or button by which we may be known. I make this as a motion."

The President:—"Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to whom shall be referred the question of whether the Association shall adopt some button or device." Carried.

President then appointed Messrs. Dill, Nicholson and Gadsden as a Committee on Badges.

Mr. Stone proposed balloting for place of next meeting. Carried.

Mr. Calman:—"I nominate the City of Boston."

Mr. Wolsieffer:—"I nominate the City of St. Louis."

Mr. Wilson:—"I nominate the City of Erie, Pa."

A member, on behalf of some of his proxies, nominated Philadelphia.

Mr. Stone:—"In behalf of one of my proxies, I nominate New York."

Mr. Mekeel:—"I nominate Niagara Falls."

Mr. Wolsieffer:—"The question as to what different members have to offer in the way of their respective cities might be a good one; although I have no favorite to offer, I would say I think the proper place for holding the next Convention is in the East."

The roll was then called, and resulted in 123 being in favor of Boston, 53 for St. Louis, 10 for Philadelphia and one for New York, 187 votes being cast.

Moved that Boston be the unanimous choice for the next Convention. Carried.

Mr. Dill:—"I move that a committee be appointed to arrange for photographing the Convention." Carried.

President:—"I appoint as such committee, Messrs. Dill, Nicholson and Wolsieffer."

Secretary:—"I wish to state that a stenographer has been employed by the President and Secretary, and I suggest that the Association stand a share of the expenses incurred."

Moved and carried that a sum not to exceed \$20 be appropriated to pay for a stenographer of the Convention.

Treasurer's report was then read by Mr. Bradt. The report shows a cash balance of \$88.06. The total amount of his receipts was \$526, and his disbursements, \$437.94. The last warrant had not been paid when the Secretary made out his report. The report went to the Committee on Finances.

The report of the Library Committee was presented, recommending an appropriation of \$25, for the purpose of binding and cataloguing the library, and also that the

Librarian be instructed to subscribe for such foreign periodicals as they do not receive through exchanges.

Mr. Calman amended by limiting the appropriation to \$5. Carried as amended.

Report of Committee on Exchange Department, read by Mr. Calman, adopted and referred to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Adjourned to 5.30 P. M.

#### AUGUST 9TH—EVENING SESSION.

Called to order at 5.55 P. M. There being 176 members present, or represented by proxy, a quorum was present. The report of the Committee on Exchange and the Purchasing Department was then in order.

The report of the Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws was received and it was moved that the Constitution and By-Laws as amended be adopted. Unanimously carried.

Report of Committee on Official Journal, recommending that the Association publish its own journal, allowing subscriptions and advertisements from outsiders, but making reductions in rates to members. Moved and carried that suggestions be incorporated in the Constitution.

Mr. Bradford read the report of the Committee on Branch Societies, and a vote of thanks was tendered the committee for their very able report.

The Committee on Photographs then reported, followed by a lengthy discussion, and it was decided to photograph the Convention.

The Committee on Society Buttons also reported, recommending Philatelia and Globe. Not acted upon.

Mr. Mekeel then moved that all members that have paid their dues between the following dates be credited as follows :

Between December 13th and March 13th, fifty cents ; from March 13th to May 1st, one dollar ; from May 1st to June 1st, one dollar and fifty cents ; from June 1st to the expiration of this year, fifty cents.

Mr. Calman :—" It might be well to explain the object of this provision. It is that they may be computed by quarters, and for each quarter each member shall pay fifty cents ; that is, if a member joins after December 1st, three-fourths of the year will have passed, and if he joins the 1st of May it takes one dollar, and if he joins after the 1st of June it takes fifty cents. And as we could not make it retroactive, it was the best that we could do." Carried.

Moved, by Mr. Mekeel, that the Constitution be bound in pamphlet form and include the names and addresses of the members, and be furnished free to each member of the Association.

Moved, by Mr. Bradt, that in the same book be included the address of the President of this Convention. Carried.

Moved and carried that the resignation of the *Western Philatelist* from the office of Official Organ be accepted.

Convention adjourned until 11.30 A.M., August 10th.

A banquet was tendered to the A. P. A., by the Chicago Philatelic Society, on Tuesday, August 9th, at the Tremont House.

#### AUGUST 10TH—MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 12.20 P.M.

Committee on Constitution, providing for a Literary Board of Three, to conduct the official journal of the Association, and any other publications. Advertisements to cost 75 cents an inch—33½ per cent discount to members.

Moved and carried that a clause be added to the By-Laws, that the subscription to the *American Philatelist* may be taken from persons outside the Association at fifty cents per annum.

Committee on Chalmers' Resolution reported in his favor. Report adopted.

It was voted that the date of the next meeting of the Convention be fixed on the second Monday of August, 1888.

A vote of thanks was tendered the proprietors of the Tremont House, and also the Chicago Society, for the magnificent manner in which they had entertained the Convention during its stay there.

Moved, by Mr. Calman, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to all the officers of the Association, and that we adjourn. Carried.

The President made the following closing remarks: "I don't know, gentlemen, what I could say that would be appropriate to this occasion, more than we have said and has been said several times over, that I think that we all ought to feel thoroughly satisfied, and that our associates whom we have represented, and those whom we have not represented, will be satisfied with our work. I think we are justified in congratulating ourselves upon the harmony which has characterized all our deliberations and the results which we have achieved. I am glad of the opportunity afforded me by the call to address you again, to express to you all my thanks for the courtesy and kindness with which you have conducted yourselves toward the Chair during this Convention. I wish to express my own personal thanks and to join with them the thanks of all the members from outside of Chicago, to the Chicago Society, and I wish to make them understand how much we all appreciate the efforts which they have made to entertain us. I think when we go back and tell those who sent us of the manner we have been received and of the arrangements which were made for our comforts, and accommodations, and the royal manner in which we were treated last night, that there will be a great many gentlemen who will be very sorry indeed that they did not avail themselves of the privilege of meeting with you here.

"I wish to say that we, from the outside of Chicago, are very glad indeed that we have had this opportunity of meeting the Chicago Society and its members.

"I don't know that I can say any more, perhaps I have not said enough, but as we separate I wish to bid you all God-speed and wish you all success in all your pursuits, and particularly in your pursuits relating to Philately, and to express the hope that all of you will come to Boston next year and bring many more with you."

After a hearty applause to these words had been given, the second Convention of the Association adjourned till the second Monday in August, 1888.

## THE FIRST SERIES OF POSTAGE STAMPS OF NATAL.

**B**EFORE proceeding to give a description of the first series of stamps of Natal, it may be interesting to some to have recalled the history of this colony.

The date of its discovery by Vasco da Gama, in 1497, within five years of the discovery of America, is easily remembered, and its name, Natal, or "Terra Natalis," keeps before us the fact that it was discovered on Christmas Day.

From that time very little more is heard of Natal until 1721, when the Dutch made an attempt to colonize it, but unsuccessfully.

In 1810 the chief of a neighboring tribe swept through Natal, and, destroying the male part of the population, carried off the cattle and women.

Other and more successful attempts were made after twenty-five years to again colonize Natal with Dutch from the Cape. On August 8th, 1843, it became a British Colony, and from that time it has been steadily growing in importance. We can all remember that, in 1879, the operations of Great Britain against the Zulus, and, in 1881, an invasion of Boers, kept its name continually before the world.

The first series was issued on June 1st, 1857, and was composed of four values, *i. e.*, 3d., 6d., 9d. and 1sh., each of different design, and embossed on colored wove paper.

*Type I.* 3d. The shape of the stamp is oval, with outline of double lines. Above is a crown, with letter "V" on left and "R" on right, under "Natal." Below in an oval is the value, "Three Pence." Rose paper.

*Type II.* 6d. A rectangle with ornamented corners; border of four lines. Above, "Natal," crown and letters "V" and "R." Below, "Six Pence." Green paper.

*Type III.* An oval. Above, "Natal," crown and letters "V" and "R." Below, "Nine Pence" between two branches with crossed stems. Blue paper.

*Type IV.* Is similar to *Type II*, except the corners. The value, "one shilling," is in two lines, the lower of which is curved. Buff paper.

In the following year was issued a supplemental value, "1d." This stamp is much smaller than the four previous types and of different design, having in the top of the frame the word "one" and in the bottom "penny" with festoons on both sides. "Crown" above, "Natal" below, and is found on pink, blue, and yellow papers.

These stamps were reprinted in 1866 in the following colors :

|            |            |             |             |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1d., Pink, | 1d., Blue, | 6d., Green, | 1sh., Buff. |
| 1d., Red,  | 3d., Red,  | 9d., Blue,  |             |

And again in 1873, in the following colors:

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1d., Blue (without gum), | 9d., Buff (two shades), |
| 3d., Pale Pink,          | 1sh., Yellow,           |
| 6d., Yellow Green,       | 1sh., Buff.             |
| 9d., Yellow,             |                         |

Some of these stamps are said to have been counterfeited, but if one can properly say so, the counterfeits are rarer than the genuine stamps. The unused specimens usually offered are reprints. The 3d., 6d., 9d., and 1sh., were re-issued in 1869, paper colored on one side only, and perforated. These stamps however are fiscal, and were not used for the prepayment of the postage.

EX. LIBRIS.

## GO CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.

THE undersigned Committee of Organization have decided to issue a general invitation to all interested in Philately in Canada to join with them in forming a Canadian Philatelic Association. Officers will be elected as soon as possible after all details have been arranged. All correspondence of those stamp collectors intending to join should be addressed to the Secretary *pro tem.*, at Ottawa, Canada. The Officers to be elected are President, and Vice-President for each Province, Secretary, Treasurer, official organ, official editor, counterfeit detector, Ex. Com., etc. All names should be sent forthwith to the Secretary.

By order

H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.,

J. A. LEIGHTON, Orangeville, Ont.,

FRED. J. GRENNY, Brantford, Ont.,

JNO. R. HOOPER, 68 Albert St., Ottawa, Ont.,

*Secretary, pro tem.*

JUDGE WALLACE, of the U. S. Circuit Court, has affirmed the decision of Judge Shipman, of the District Court, giving judgment to the Government to the amount of \$5528 in the case against the Diamond Match Co., of Hartford. The Company bought of the Government each year about 2,500,000,000 private die stamps, thus paying to the Government \$2,500,000 in taxes. The Match Co., to induce the Government to keep a large stock on hand, gave a bond for \$16,000 to secure the Government for the cost of printing such stamps as should be left over should the law be repealed. When the law was repealed, stamps to the value of \$4364 were left over and the Company refused to settle. Suit was brought in 1885 and has resulted as above stated.

A GREAT GAIN.—Mr. E. B. Sterling has severed his connection with the Trenton Bank and will now give his entire attention to Philatelic matters. Philatelists who have dealt with him and those who will, will find this a most desirable move in their interest.

## SOME PHILATELICAL DATES.

- 1450—First established post in Tyrol, by Princes Thurn and Taxis.  
 1464, June 19—Post first established in France, by Louis XI.  
 1483—Posts established in England.  
 1561—Postal establishment in Piedmont.  
 1653, August 16—Dr. Valayer "Post-paid" put on sale for franking letters in Paris.  
 1676—Post in Massachusetts, by John Heyward.  
 1740—Posts established in Turkey.  
 1776—Paris de l'Epinar proposed to put a post in operation in Brussels, to be franked in advance by means of marks. Refused by Attorney General of Brabant, on account of nationality.  
 1806—Post at Cape of Good Hope.  
 1819, January 1—Stamped envelopes issued in Sardinia.  
 1840, May 6—Postage stamps authorized by England on proposition of Sir Rowland Hill, first.  
 1840, May 29—Stamped envelopes first issued in England.  
 1843, March 1—Canton of Zurich adopts stamps.  
     " July 1—Brazil is third to issue stamps.  
     " September 30—Canton of Geneva postage stamps, fourth.  
 1845, January 1—Finland adopts postage stamps, fifth.  
 1845, July 1—Canton of Basel, sixth.  
     " December 1—Russia adopts stamps, seventh.  
 1847, July 1—United States issues stamps, eighth.  
     " October 1—Thurn and Taxis issues envelopes for local use. Mauritius issues stamps, ninth.
- 1849, January 1—France adopts stamps.  
     " May 15—Hanover " " "  
     " October 1—Belgium, after adopting stamps in 1847, decides to put the law in force, thirteenth.  
     " Nov'ber 1—Bavaria adopts stamps, fourteenth.  
 1850—First establishment of posts in Honolulu.  
 1857—First news bands issued in United States.  
 1861—First telegraph stamps in India.  
 1862, January 1—Catalogue of postage stamps in French, by Potigurt.  
     " March 2—Catalogue in French, by J. B. Moens.  
     " September—First illustrated catalogue appears.  
     " September—First English catalogue, by Mount Brown, London.  
     " September—Second "Stamp Collectors' Manual," A. C. Kline, Philadelphia.  
     " December 15—First Philatelic journal, *Monthly Advertiser*.  
     " First Postage Stamp Album. Paris, J. Lallier.  
 1863, February 15—Le Timbre Poste first issued.  
     " August—Death of William Mulready.  
     " First German catalogue.  
 1864—First Italian catalogue.  
 1867—Suppression of the posts of Thurn and Taxis, in existence since 1450.  
 1869, October 1—First postal cards by Austria-Hungary.  
 1879, August 27—Death of Sir Rowland Hill, postal reformer.

MR. ROBERT BARRIE, formerly of the *Quarterly Inter-Change*, of this city, who is making an extended tour abroad, writes that the stories about the number of Parisian Stamp dealers is not in the least exaggerated. He says nearly every store has sheets of stamps for sale. He also writes: "In Italy every placard, no matter what size, from a 4x5 feet poster to a little card in a shop window that has written on it "2 for 5" is taxed, and must have upon it a 5 centime stamp, under penalty of a heavy fine.

THE Philatelic Society of London, through its Secretary, Mr. E. D. Bacon, under date of July 15th, 1887, again ventilates its unanimous decision that James Chalmers did not invent the adhesive stamp.

## EDITORIAL.

ADVERTISERS will note that this month we mail 4000 copies of the QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST to *known to be* live collectors of stamps. Similar large issues will be given during the coming six months, which time covers the best season for sheet and regular stamp trade, and it is unquestionably to your interest to use our columns to call attention to your goods. Remember that no matter how nice a stock you may have, or what special rarities it may contain, your chances of selling are *small* unless you let the buyers know what you have to sell, what you want for them, and *where* you can be found.

Our low rates (60 cents per inch) and the vast army of collectors who will see the advertisements, are inducements which wide-awake dealers will certainly see and take advantage of.

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OUR readers will be well repaid by turning to the several advertisements of Mr. M. D. Batchelder, whose energy and push have placed him far in advance of any other dealer west of the Mississippi, and who is now rapidly advancing to the foremost place among dealers in Philatelic supplies on this continent.

Dealers will find his wholesale assortments of good quality and at low prices, and collectors will be surprised on examining his offers of Packets, Sets and Albums. Mr. Batchelder has been well known to Philatelists for many years, and represents the most active traders on this side of the Atlantic.

Dealers will notice that he shows unquestionable judgment in his selection of an advertising medium, and we remind them also to take advantage of our large editions.

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MR. H. A. REUSS, Paris, Texas, uses one of our pages to make an unequalled offer to dealers. We notice that of this firm H. A. Reuss is manager of the wholesale department, Edgar T. Neville is manager of the retail department, and W. Paul manages the approval sheet department. They manifest unusual go, and unquestionably stand at the head of Philately in the great Southwest.

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WE announce with regret that Mr. W. S. Kinzer, of Wooster, Ohio, has decided not to publish *The Philatelic Journal of Ohio* at present, and commend his action in returning so promptly all moneys received for subscriptions, advertising, etc., etc.

We hope that he will soon find an opportunity to give us a representative from the Buckeye State.

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THE just claims of Sir Rowland Hill as the inventor of the stamp as a means of *cheap* postage are not withdrawn. We regret the action of the A. P. A. in this matter, and feel certain that it will ultimately be obliged to withdraw from this false position in which a FEW members have placed it.

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THE *Empire State Philatelist*, with 2000 (? ?) subscribers and 10,000 editions, has apparently withdrawn from its field of duty. Cannot some cotemporaries learn the lesson of *truth* and moderation from this pointed lesson ?

MR. W. H. BAKER'S "Philatelic Encyclopædia" is meeting with deserved success, and subscriptions are coming steadily in. The low price for this good and valuable little book makes it inexcusable to be without it.

THIS number will reach 4000 collectors and contains the advertisements of many well-known and reputable dealers. Will you not remember to say where you saw their advertisement if you find anything you want.

AS MR. PATRICK CHALMERS is continually publishing the names of the various bodies and persons who support him, we publish a few of those who consider his claims for his father as ridiculous.

The Philatelic Society of London; The Quaker City Philatelic Society; some members of The National Philatelic Society of New York; Major Evans, Bermuda; *The Philatelic Gazette*, Altoona; *The Philatelic Record*, London, Eng.

WE announce with deep regret the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin, on the 13th of August, at his home, in Burlington, N. J. In his death Philately has met with a loss not soon to be forgotten or recovered from. Mr. Durbin was born in Rising Sun, Ind., thirty-eight years ago, and when but thirteen years of age secured a position as quartermaster's clerk, and remained with the army until the close of the war. He was afterward in the employ of Gaylord Leavenworth & Co., St. Louis, Mo., until 1867, when he was obliged to resign, owing to his failing health.

He removed to Philadelphia in 1869, and after being with that formerly well-known firm of Mason & Co. for a short time, he went into the stamp business on Tenth street, below Chestnut, where he met with great success, and attained the leading position in America as a dealer in Philatelic matters.

He was a member of the I. O. of O. F., and attended the Methodist Episcopal Church in Burlington, N. J.

Mr. Durbin's health noticeably failed during the past two years, and his friends on several occasions despaired of his life.

### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

THE *Philatelic Gazette*, for July, comes to us late, but makes up for this by its general appearance and reading matter. The new cover is a dandy and does credit to our friend Warner. We would respectfully suggest though that it would look better on glazed paper. We tried the glazed for a short time, and know whereof we speak.

In the August number of the *Curiosity World*, a gentleman from some obscure cross-roads out West writes to quote something from the Good Book, "Never argue with a fool." Exactly, sir; we won't. We have kept it up too long already.

We are in receipt of a new aspirant—*The American Philatelic Record*. The initial number, we think, has too many clipped articles. More originality is wanted.

We have received the *International Collector* for August. We may have only six and a half pages of reading matter and eight pages of advertisements, but we are not in the business for glory only, and what is more, our ads. bear upon the subject of Philately, not tobacco, boots, shoes, clothes, etc.

We have received the following papers; publishers please accept thanks: "Witch City Philatelist," Vol. I, Nos. 1 and 2; "P. J. of A.," No. 29; "International Collector," Nos. 2 and 3; "Collectors' Review," No. 10; "Philatelic World," No. 8; "Mohawk Standard," No. 5; "Eclipse," Vol. II, No. 2; "Plain Talk," Nos. 28 and 29; "Halifax Philatelist," No. 7; "Youths' Ledger," No. 21; "Curiosity World," No. 12; "Monitor," No. 2; "Buckeye State Collector," Vol. I, No. 1; "International Philatelic Advertiser," No. 7; "Collector," No. 9; "American Philatelic Record," Vol. I, No. 1; "Agassiz Companion," No. 7; "Stamp Collectors' Figaro," No. 6, and "Texas Philatelic Journal," Vol. I, No. 1.

### NEW U. S. STAMPS.

WE clip the following from the Philadelphia *Evening Telegraph*, for Friday, August 12th, 1887:

WASHINGTON, August 12.—The Post-office Department, about the 15th of September next, will make certain changes in the color and design of some of its adhesive stamps and impressed stamps upon envelopes. The 2-cent adhesive stamp, now issued in red, will be changed to green. The 3-cent adhesive stamp, now issued in green, will be changed to vermilion. The design of adhesive stamps will remain unchanged. In stamped envelopes the 2-cent envelope will be changed from red to green; the 4-cent envelope will be changed from green to carmine; the 5-cent from brown to dark blue; the 30-cent from black to brown, and the 90-cent from carmine to purple. The design of the stamped envelopes will also be the same as now, except with the 1, 2, 4 and 5-cent denominations. The heads of these stamps have been re-engraved, and have a slightly different appearance from the old stamps, and the ornamentation around them is also slightly different. One purpose in making the changes in color is to have that of stamped envelopes correspond as nearly as possible with that of the adhesive stamps.

### QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETING.

MEETING, AUGUST 13TH, 1887.

MEETING called to order at 8 P.M. President Henderson in chair. Messrs. Chiles, Durborow, Henderson, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, McAllister, Richards, Watson and Harvey present. Circular in regard to new members was discussed, and circular presented by committee some time back was adopted. Communications from M. N. Levy, of New Milford, Conn., and E. B. Bacon, Secretary of the London Philatelic Society, read and ordered filed. An appropriation was made to procure Tiffany's book on U. S. Stamps. Mr. Lynde proposed that the society have a counterfeit collection, and started it with a blank-book, and 30 counterfeits, Mr. MacCalla 150, Mr. McAllister 50, and many others. Mr. Watson having announced Mr. L. W. Durbin's death, the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our fellow and honorary member, L. W. Durbin, we bow in humble submission to the divine will of him who doeth all things well; and,

WHEREAS, In the death of our fellow-member we have lost a friend and brother who was ever ready to assist in any project whereby our cause would be benefited; therefore, be it,

*Resolved*, That the Quaker City Philatelic Society tender their heartfelt sympathy to his family.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to attend the funeral.

Adjourned 9.45 P. M.

F. E. P. LYNDE, *Secretary*.

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Meeting of August 13th of Philadelphia Section was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Lynde, at 8.45 P.M., with the following members present: Siddall, Richards, MacCalla, McAllister, Watson, Lynde and Corfield.

Moved and carried that the constitution be adopted as a whole.

Moved and carried that the QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST shall be the official organ of Section Philadelphia.

Mr. Watson notified the Section of the death of our fellow-member, L. W. Durbin.

Meeting adjourned at 9.27 P.M.

W. H. CORFIELD, *Secretary*,  
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## POSTAGE VS. FREIGHT.

WE are accustomed to think of two cents for a letter not weighing more than an ounce or one cent a pound for fourth-class matter as a low rate. But in comparison with the average freight rates charged by the railroad companies, these postal rates considered as transportation charges, are enormous. At two cents per letter the cost of transporting sixteen letters, weighing an ounce each, from San Francisco or St. Paul to New York would be thirty-two cents, equal to \$32 per hundred pounds, or \$640 per ton. This is several times the highest freight rate imposed by any railroad company from San Francisco to New York, and nearly forty times the existing high freight rate between New York and St. Paul. But when it is considered that the average weight of letters is considerably less than one-third of an ounce, the actual postal rate per ton is considerably more than three times the figures above given. Our correspondent will perceive, therefore, that it is easy enough to equalize the rates of letter transportation when these rates are equivalent to probably one or two hundred times the average freight rates throughout the country. Such rates are made possible only by reason of the minute subdivision of the charge in many small and light parcels distributed among many individuals. No one considers it a burden to pay two cents postage for a letter weighing less than an ounce. But it would be an intolerable burden to pay \$640 a ton for coal or lumber.

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In 1727 mail was first carried from Philadelphia to Annapolis, going once a fortnight in summer and once a month in winter. In 1756 the first stage was run between New York and Philadelphia, and occupied three days each way in making the trip. There was mail three times a week in summer and once a week in winter.

Benjamin Franklin, always closely identified with the interests of colonial postal affairs, became postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737, and was appointed Postmaster-General by Congress on July 26, 1775, at a salary of \$1000 per year. To carry the mails there were riders for every twenty-five miles, "to deliver from one to the other and return to their starting places, they to travel day and night, and to be faithful men and true."

In November, 1776, authority was given "to employ extra post riders between the armies, from their headquarters to Philadelphia." During the Revolution postage was paid in currency, but this depreciated so in value that specie only was ordered to be received. In 1792 rates of postage were fixed which remained unaltered for nearly half a century.

There is nothing in which the days of "Auld Lang Syne" differed more from the present than in their mail facilities.

## THE STAMPS OF ANTEKKIRTA.

YOU have doubtless read Jules Verne's novel, "Matthias Sandorf." Now he mentions in it an island by name of Antekkirta, situated somewheres in the Mediterranean. He forgets however to speak of its postage and revenue stamps.

The postage stamps were as follows: Printed in black and green, perforated, of the values of 3, 4, 17 and 161. Revenue stamps were used to help defray the expenses of the war with the Turks. Nearly every action of the inhabitants was taxed. Checks, bills, receipts, charters, powers of attorney, express receipts, bills of exchange, exports, imports, mortgages, bills of lading, notes, drafts, books, photographs, patent medicines, perfumery, soap, penknives, shoes, and everything that could possibly be taxed. There were 167 varieties of revenues. There is one on whisky—very common also on mortgages and books; very curious, are they not?

Don't you wish you had one? So do I! You will notice that they are printed in English. Verne does not say so, but Dr. Antekkirta adopted the English language as the language of the island, and established schools to teach it. He was a very progressive man, and if he had only issued the above mentioned stamps every stamp collector would rise up and call him blessed. The trouble is, however, that none of these stamps were ever issued. This is only an Ananian tale,

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