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## POSTAL PARAGRAPHS.

BY FELIX.

THE Star-route mail service of this country has made many men rich and kept many men poor. The mail carrier who jogs along the muddy country roads generally has not an extra coat to his back and few extra dollars in his pocket. The big contractor, on the other hand—the man who buys up many routes from the Government—frequently has more money than he knows what to do with, at least other persons, especially the humble mail-carrier, sometimes think so. However, the profit in this business is not what it once was, by a great deal, for competition, the leveler of incomes, is now close. On the second day of last February the contracts for Star-routes were let for Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. The contract lasts from July, 1892, to June 30, 1896. Every route must be bid for separately and a separate bond given for each. The Government is very particular in this respect. The bids are made according to the weight of the mail to be carried, the distance of the route and the number of times per week it has to be carried. In few if any cases does the man who makes the successful bid carry the mail himself, for generally one man or one firm gets several hundred of the contracts. The contractor then sublets the routes to men who agree to carry it for so much per year. There is generally a vast difference between his idea of what it costs to carry the mail and the Government's. It is said that some carriers who have to work every day do not make fifty cents per diem. Besides they have to furnish their own conveyances. It is generally carried on horseback, though a buggy, a 'bus or a stage may be used. This, in fact, is the distinct characteristic of a Star-route as different from other forms of mail service, the Government does not specify how it shall be carried. The hardships of the street-car driver are nothing compared with the suffering that some of the mail-carriers have to undergo. In rain, snow, sleet or hail they have to take their long daily rides. The thermometer may get so low that cattle freeze in the field, but the mail-carrier is supposed to be invulnerable for the pay of fifty cents a day. He has to catch trains, on pain of losing his contract and thereby forfeiting his bond, when the roads are little less than beds of quicksand. He has to feed his horse, feed himself and family, not to mention clothing and the expense of keeping his vehicle in order if he uses one, for fifty cents a day. They must be wonders of economy, these mail-carriers. In some portions of Kentucky, especially in the southeastern part, the mail-carrier has to go only once a week. There are places not fifty miles from Louisville where mail is received only three times a week. The carrier, however, has one thing to compensate him for his small pay where mail is delivered only once a week. He is a very important personage there, outranking the country 'squire except when the examining trial of a murderer is to be held. An eager crowd, who have not heard from the outer world for six days, await his arrival. The first sight of him, as his horse turns a bend in the country road, is a village sensation, the greatest probably since he made his last trip. In addition to the mail he carries the gossip of other neighborhoods and the news from the entire outer world. When he alights from his horse and stretches his limbs he is quickly the centre of a

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crowd of eager inquirers. Thus his small pay and many privations are not without their reward.

It cannot fail to be disappointing to many rural districts that free postal delivery has been practically shelved for the present session of Congress.

Mr. Holman, the House economist, admits that the pressure from rural sections for the adoption of free delivery this year is very great. But the necessity for retrenchment, he says, is inexorable. Other much-needed reforms besides this one must be postponed, and the farmers must thank a former extravagant Congress (?) for the delay.

### CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

**Bahamas.**—The 1½d. and 1½ + 1½d. post-cards are now surcharged in black "ONE PENNY," across the lower part of the stamp.

**Bermuda.**—This island has a registration envelope, 2d., blue; 133 x 83mm. It is of the usual style.

**Brazil.**—Mons. Maury chronicles a 1000 reis, bistre, of the current constellation type. The 100 reis, envelope, of the new type comes on white wove paper, 150 x 92mm., and on white laid, 157 x 91mm.

**British North Borneo.**—There is a 6c. of the current type; color, solferino.

**Ceylon.**—*Le Carte Postale* notes a reply paid card, 5 + 5c., blue on buff.

**Cook Islands.**—*The Monthly Journal* is informed by a correspondent in New Zealand that a series of stamps and a post-card have been printed in the government printing office, Wellington, at the request of the British Resident at Rarotonga. The stamps are type set, with seven stars in the centre; "Postage—Cook Islands" in two straight lines above, "Federation" and value in words below, the whole enclosed in a frame of key-pattern similar to that of the New Zealand official stamps; 1d., black; 1½d., mauve; 2½d., blue; 10d., carmine. The post-cards have a stamp similar to the adhesives and are double, "but with only one stamp, the complete card being returned in case of reply." 1d., blue on buff.

**Egypt.**—The 2 piastre envelope is surcharged "3 milliemmes."

**Falkland Islands.**—The 6d. is now yellow, and the 1sh. deep orange.

**French Guiana.**—The current stamps are now surcharged obliquely, "GUYANE" in black; also the 10c. and 10 + 10c. post-cards and the 15c. and 25c. letter cards.

**German Empire.**—The single and reply paid cards of 1878 and 1886 have differences in the Greek frame.

**Great Britain.**—The *Pb. Record* states that on the 29th of March the colors of the envelope stamps were changed as follows: 1½d., chrome-yellow; 2d., brown-carmine; 10d., red brown.

**Hong Kong.**—The 20c. on 30c. and the \$1 on 96c. exist without the Chinese surcharge.

**Iceland.**—There is a new type of the 5 aur card. It differs little from the known type, and resembles that of the 5 + 5 aur card.

**India.**—There is an official denial that the 4 annas has been surcharged 2½ annas.

**Jamaica.**—In making the provisional ½d. card, not only was the 1d. card surcharged, but both halves of the 1 + 1d. There is now a new issue of cards; the ½d. and ½ + ½d. are on a yellower shade of buff than before, and there are 1d. and 1 + 1d., blue on buff, 140 x 89mm., for Postal Union.

**Liberia.**—Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, limited, have just made a very beautiful series of stamps for this republic. All are inscribed "Republic Liberia" and "Postage," with value in words and numerals. The 1c., vermilion, 2c., blue, 24c., bronze on pale yellow, and \$2 brown on pale yellow, have a five-pointed star in the centre; 4c., black and green, elephant; 6c., green, palm tree; 8c., black and brown, and \$5, black and carmine, portrait of ex-President Johnson; 12c., carmine, full length figure



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of native lady in full evening dress; 16c., mauve, and 32c., gray blue, ship, plow, etc., on a shield with flags; \$1, black and ultramarine, with hippopotamus emerging from the water amidst palms, etc.

**Monaco.**—There is a 15c. envelope, of current type, rose on pale blue green, 122 x 94mm.

**New South Wales.**—The 2d., of 1854, with diadem, has been discovered water-marked "8."

**Perak.**—Mon<sup>s</sup>. Maury notes a new value, 8c., orange, with tiger.

**Philippine.**—Of current baby type, a 15c. red brown.

**Siam.**—The *Monthly Journal* chronicles a second type of surcharge in the 4 on 1 att card, which is smaller than the other. There is also a 4 + 4 att card with the stamps surcharged "KEDAH" in a semicircle, this being a province close to province Wellesly in the Straits Settlements, and paying tribute to Siam.

**Spain.**—There is a 15 + 15c. card, blue on buff, for interior, with frame, and baby king in the centre.

**Straits Settlements.**—The 2c., 12c. and 24c. have all been surcharged "ONE CENT." There are two new stamps of the Seychelles pattern, 25c., brown and green, and 50c., olive and carmine.

**Tasmania.**—There is a new registry envelope of usual type, but without value: color, blue; sizes, F and G. There are two new stamps of the De La Rue type: 2½d., lake, and 5d., pale blue, with value in brown, and three wrappers; ½d. and 1d., with head of queen, and 2d. with platypus; all are red, the 1d. on laid and the others wove paper.

**Tobago.**—The 4d., gray, has been surcharged in black for use as ½d.

**Zululand.**—The *Stamp News* says the new stamps of 9d., 1sh. and 5sh. are to appear shortly and to be followed by the 5d.

#### INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.

APRIL REPORT, 1892.—New members, J. N. B. Newton, London, Eng.; W. Hadlow, Tottenham; J. Rose Troup, Exeter; J. B. Main, Hamilton, N. B.; J. Simmons, Glasgow, N. B.; E. F. Whitby, Livorno, Italy; W. A. Merzbacker, Buenos Ayres; C. Barkowska, Buenos Ayres; F. S. Cooper, Belfast, Ire.

Messrs. Charles Brown, Tenn., U. S. A., and F. A. Scharf, Joketa, Saxony, have been appointed Deputies for their respective countries. Arrangements are now being completed for extending the exchange circuit to Germany, that with France having proved very satisfactory. An analysis of the monthly exchange packet returns has been published showing a grand total of \$7215.75 from July, 1889, to December, 1891, an all round monthly average of \$240.50, the average having risen from \$95 in 1889 to \$551 in 1891; the highest monthly total being \$562.50 in November, 1891. A free circulating library has been started and donations of books, pamphlets, and periodicals will be very welcome. The I. P. U. now numbers 230 members.

S. F. BICKERS, Hillview, Clifton, Bristol, Eng.

The dues for the U. S. A. are fifty cents entrance fee and \$1 annual subscription, the latter including subscription to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. Send in your name and \$1.50 to Charles Brown, Deputy for U. S. A., Box 354, Nashville, Tennessee.

IN the Australian Postal Conference, which recently held its session at Hobart, steps were taken to introduce a set of postage stamps for use in all of the Australian Colonies, both as a great public convenience and also as a step to political federation. Should the system be adopted, the committee advised that the stamps should only be used for postage and not for duty and other purposes, and that the revenue derived from the sale of the stamps should be apportioned among the colonies on the basis of population.

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**USE OF FACSIMILES OF POSTAGE STAMPS, POSTAL CARDS, AND OTHER POSTAL DEVICES FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.**

U. S. OFFICIAL POSTAL GUIDE.

A practice has been prevalent among merchants, and other business men, to adopt facsimiles or likenesses of the postage stamps, postal cards, and other devices used by the Post-office department for advertising purposes.

It is not an uncommon thing for a business man to have a card printed in imitation of a United States Postal Card, the only difference being that in lieu of the words "United States Postal Card," he will substitute "Smith's Postal Card," or "Brown's Postal Card," and perhaps his own portrait, or some other, in place of the official one. A 1-cent stamp is affixed to these cards, and they are deposited in the Post-office.

An ingenious advertising scheme was recently devised by a firm in one of our large cities, whose business is mostly local. It was a facsimile of a canceled postal card, of the ladies' size, purporting to be a note from one lady to another recommending the firm in question. On each side of the card was printed an advertisement in imitation of a newspaper clipping. These cards were distributed in the city by carriers.

Imitations of the special delivery stamp have been printed on envelopes. The official inscription would be eliminated, and in its place would be the name and address of the firm or person issuing the same, or sometimes a return request, "If not delivered in 10 days return to——." In the rush of handling mail it was not unusual for the mail clerk to take this card for a special delivery stamp, and to handle these letters with the "special delivery matter."

Imitations of postal money orders, postal notes, the seal of the Post-office department, and other postal devices, have been used for advertising purposes.

Government "penalty envelopes" are frequently imitated in style and size of envelopes, type and manner of display of inscriptions. Stamps are always affixed, but at a casual glance such an envelope would naturally attract more attention than an ordinary one.

These different advertising devices are used innocently and without any intention to defraud the revenues; and very few persons are aware that such use of the postage stamps and other obligations of the United States is in clear violation of a penal statute.

Section 3708 of the Revised Statutes prohibits the use of Government obligations for advertising purposes.

It has been necessary to be very strict in the enforcement of these laws in order to prevent what might become a very annoying practice.

**AFGHANISTAN.**

Notice has been received by the Post-office department from the postal administration of British India, through which articles destined for Afghanistan are forwarded, that articles of mail matter will not be received in Afghanistan unless additional postage is prepaid on them by means of *Cabul* postage stamps and according to the rates fixed by the Emir of Afghanistan, or unless the amount of this additional postage is prepaid in cash at the time when the articles are delivered to the agent of the Emir at Peshawar (on the Indian frontier).

Consequently, articles for Afghanistan should be addressed to the care of some person in British India who can provide for the payment of the Afghan postage to the agent of the Emir at Peshawar, as otherwise the articles cannot be forwarded beyond British India.

THE Post-office Department rules that mail matter upon which an indefinite address is written or printed, such as "The Leading Vegetable Dealer," or "Any Intelligent Farmer," is not deliverable.

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## EDITORIAL.

THE scheme of amalgamating all the various philatelic societies with the American Philatelic Association should receive the support of all true philatelists. The United States of America has never allowed any country to lead them in anything any length of time. The progress of this country in arts, sciences, manufacturing interests and various other lines of professional and mechanical industry, has taken rapid strides, and the old world looks on in wonder at the achievements of a comparatively young nation. This is as it should be. The master touches his painting, the pupil finishes, and soon outstrips his preceptor. The fire of genius is transmitted with still greater enthusiasm into the brain of the younger student; he adds to his own gifts that of his tutor and makes one grand *tout ensemble*. And thus it is with this great nation; we lead where others follow. Where once we studied under the tutelage of the mother country, we now have advanced, and it is proper that philately in this country should awaken to the fact that American philatelists cannot expect to outrank their foreign brethren so long as they persist in maintaining numerous societies for the advancement of philately.

As it stands to-day, Europe, in a philatelic point of view, far surpasses this country, not in the number of its societies for each individual country, but has the proud honor of possessing the largest, numerically speaking, in the world. Why is this so? Simply because the philatelists of the continent saw that one large society could do more good than scattered interests, and combined all in one with branches all over the world. Is there any reason why we, the greatest nation on the face of the globe, should be humbled in saying that we are behind in this matter; that we cannot rival or even surpass any nation on the face of the earth in this matter? Let patriotism speak for itself; cast personal feelings to the winds; let your love of country say to your philatelic hearts, we cannot allow this matter to remain in *statu quo* any longer. Awaken to your responsibility, brother philatelists, and sound with clarion tones the sweet word "amalgamation," and make the *American Philatelic Association* the greatest society in the world.

THE Editor of this paper will pay good prices for original meritorious articles on philately.

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THE BOGERT & DURBIN Co. state that the announcement of their removal to 604 Chestnut street by one of our esteemed contemporaries was premature. They are still at their old stand 128 South Seventh street, Philadelphia, but their business is growing to such immense proportions that they think about hiring one of our largest halls in Philadelphia to hold their next auction sale. Without joking, however, a removal is contemplated in the near future, as their old quarters are now entirely inadequate for their rapidly increasing business.

BROTHER ARTHUR E. TUTTLE still peers over his eyeglasses when you visit Bogert & Durbin Co.'s establishment, and ably assists Mr. E. B. Hanes in his various duties. Any collector visiting Philadelphia cannot fail to be well treated in calling upon the above-named gentlemen at 128 South Seventh street.

At Mr. Cheveley's twenty-sixth sale, the "Connell" stamp, New Brunswick, in fine condition, brought \$105, and one-half of the 1s. and one-half of the 3d. from the same country, used as 7½d., brought \$12.50. At Mr. Hadley's February sale, the 12½c. green, imperf., large margins and used, brought \$11.50. At the same sale a collection of 4000 varieties, valued at \$835, brought only \$115.

#### THE OFFICIAL STAMPS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The following list gives the meaning of the letters surcharged upon the stamps of South Australia for official use. The list is compiled from an article in the *Stamp News Annual*; it is not absolutely correct, but it is nearly so:

A., Architect.	L. T., Land Tenures.
A. G., Attorney General.	L. M., (?).
A. O., Audit Office.	M., Militia (?).
B. D., Barrack Department.	M. B., Marine Board.
B. G., Botanical Gardens.	M. R., Marine Registry.
B. M., Board of Magistrates.	M. R. G., Manager Railway Gambiers-
C., Customs.	town.
C. D., Convict Department.	N. T., (?).
C. L., Crown Lands.	O. A., Official Assignee.
C. O., Commissariat Office.	O. S., Official Service.
C. P., Commissioner of Police.	P., Police.
C. S., Colonial Secretary.	P. A., Protector of Aborigines.
C. Sgn., Colonial Surgeon.	P. O., Post Office.
C. T., Commissioner of Taxes (?).	P. S., Principal Secretary.
D. B., Destitute Board.	P. W., Public Works.
E., Engineer.	R. B., Road Board.
E. B., Education Board.	R. G., Registrar General.
G. F., Government Factories (?).	S., Sheriff.
G. P., Government Printer.	S. C., Supreme Court.
G. S., Government Survey.	S. G., Solicitor General.
G. T., Goolwa Tramway.	S. M., Stipendiary Magistrate.
H., (?).	S. T., Superintendent of Telegraph.
H. A., House of Assembly.	T., Treasury.
I. A., Immigrant Agent.	T. R., (?).
I. E., (?).	V., Volunteers.
I. S., Inspector of sheep.	V. A., Volunteer Artillery.
L. A., Lunatic Asylum.	V. N., (?).
L. C., Legislative Council.	W., Waterworks.
L. L., Legislative Library.	

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—THE—  
**Western Philatelic Union.**

—Organized April 15, 1889—

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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.**

NEW MEMBERS.

- No. 136. William Herrmann, 526 California street, San Francisco, Cal.
- No. 137. A. H. R. Schmidt, 526 California street, San Francisco, Cal.
- No. 138. M. H. Newmark, Box 1273, Los Angeles, Cal.
- No. 139. George A. Thomson, Room 42, Auditorium Building, Chicago, Ill.

APPLICATION.

Carl B. Bergquist, 1440 Noble avenue (Lake View), Chicago, Ill. References, T. R. Ferris, A. P. Hosmer.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

H. M. Norton, 405 Bank Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.

I hope that during the coming summer, members will do their best to keep up the interest by getting all the first-class applicants possible. It is our intention to get as many as we did during last summer from Chicago and vicinity which is now being actively canvassed by W. P. U. members. Numerous applications are promised, and we hope to hear like reports from all over the country. If there are any prospective members who are deterred from joining on account of the amalgamation scheme, don't let that keep you back at all; the W. P. U. is here to stay, and at all times will be found doing business at the same old stand, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

CHICAGO, ILL., May 31, 1892.

**EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.**

**REPORT No. 10.**

The delinquent list is as follows:

R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.....	\$ 8 54
E. C. Biggar, Fremont, Neb.....	7 17
R. Frost, Palatka, Fla.....	1 45
L. Lambeck, Beaver Dam, Wis.....	1 48
Lon R. Conner, Connersville, Ind.....	76

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As long as there is a delinquent list just so long there will be delayed payments of balances. I try to even it up as much as possible by making every member wait in turn. I don't blame the members for kicking at this state of affairs, and my object in publishing the list of delinquents every month is to show the members, who are responsible for the delay in making prompt settlements.

Matters relating to the Secretary's office should be sent to that officer. Complaints against members or officers I cannot adjust, and would advise sending them either to the Secretary or President.

There is a little improvement in the class of stamps sent in since my last report and the prices are a shade lower, but there is room for much more improvement.

When lots don't arrive a few days after they are due, members should notify me at once, as delays are sometimes very dangerous.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,

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

CHICAGO, ILL., June 1, 1892.

#### REPORT OF EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

Eighty-six filled sheets, valued at \$659.83, were received since my last report.

The Exchange Department is running smoothly at present with one exception, and this is the same as before, the members are too slow in forwarding the books.

I am pleased to announce one more branch on the branch circuits, and this is Branch 5, of San Francisco, with twenty-five members, and Mr. J. N. Luff as Branch Manager.

FRANK KÖENIG, *Exchange Superintendent.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 26, 1892.

#### THE W. P. U. LIBRARY.

Contributions to the library have been received from Messrs. Dunning and Kenyon during the past month.

Some of our eastern members have promised some valuable lots which I hope to receive soon.

Enough material has already been received to make a fine showing, and with what has been promised we shall do excellently. Among the periodicals are *Philatelic Journal of America*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Metropolitan Philatelist* and other good journals. These will be gotten into shape as soon as possible for reference.

Let me hear from those members who have duplicate papers; the library is what the members make it, and if it is desired to make an ideal library, let the contributions come from all.

B. S. Ross, *Librarian,*

34 Wieland street, Chicago, Ill.

#### CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

At the first meeting of the month, which was held on May 12, in Club Room 4 of the Auditorium Hotel, the following members were in attendance: Messrs. Mitchell, Lamp, Hosmer, Buquest, Cuttlow, Ross, Smith, Glass, Kieth, Cady, White, Ferris and Hoyt.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and upon motion approved. Reports of various committees being next in order, the Official Board was called upon; their being no quorum present, their report was deferred until next meeting.

Finance Committee was called upon and begged more time in which to finish their report.

After a lengthy recess the meeting adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

A Literary Committee, composed of three members, was appointed to draw up and read papers on Postage Stamps and matters of general interest to collectors, at

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the last meeting. This is a much needed move on the part of the members and will tend to make the meetings more instructive and entertaining.

The new Librarian, Mr. A. Kieth, who has been appointed since my last report, is rapidly getting his volumes and papers in order and will distribute them to circuits of members who desire reading in a short time.

Members having duplicate papers can dispose of them to advantage by sending them to our new Librarian.

At the meeting which was held on May 26, the following members were in attendance: Messrs. Ross, Mitchell, Cuttlow, Fritz, Hosmer, J. A. Pierce, Lamp, Meyers, Glass, Buquest, Kieth, Rowley, J. S. Smith, Cody, Hoyt, White, Ferris, and as visitor, Mr. Herman Smith. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The Official Board reported on various matters of general interest to the members.

After a recess, in which the members participated in the Exchange Mart (there being no auction sale this evening), meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 1, 1892.

T. R. Ferris, *Local Secretary.*

#### BRANCH No. 4, ST. PAUL.

A regular meeting of the St. Paul Branch was held on Wednesday evening, May 25, with a large number of visitors present.

A number of rare stamps were exhibited by members, including the rare "Connell."

Regular meetings will be held at stated intervals and a good increase in membership is expected.

H. M. NORTON, *Secretary Branch No. 4.*

CHICAGO, May 21, 1892.

A. P. HOSMER, *Secretary:*

*Dear Sir:*—I have noticed that my last letter, published in the Q. C. P. in regard to amalgamation has created considerable comment through the philatelic press.

While not caring to answer all the weak criticisms published, I simply wish to state that I have yet seen no argument which has caused me to change my opinion.

Incorporation has not brought, as yet, the number of applicants so confidently expected to the A. P. A., and I think this amalgamation is only a plan to work new blood into an organization which cannot progress by its own efforts.

The W. P. U. asks no favors of any one and will either succeed or fail of itself.

If the A. P. A. cannot reach the desired result, let it give way and make room for some society that can.

As for myself, I am satisfied that the W. P. U. is giving me the most benefits for the money, and, therefore, am unwilling to see any change brought about which would dissolve the Western Philatelic Union.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM PEARSON, W. P. U. 48.

TROUTDALE, OREGON, May 16, 1892.

*To the Members of the W. P. U.:*

Judging from the expressions of opinion which I have received from various sources, it seems to me that the amalgamation plan is not fully understood.

Now I will state right here, that I am first and last in favor of it. WHY? Look where you will, in any profession, or in any industry or manufacture, and you will readily perceive the force of the old maxim, "In union there is strength." Now, fellow-collectors, I do not think the rule would fail, and you will readily admit that a society of 1500 or 2000 members will do more good to our common cause, both here

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at home and abroad, and be of more benefit to you and to me, than half a dozen societies of fifty to five hundred members.

In regard to the Exchange Department: The W. P. U. has a very good department and an excellent manager in Mr. Kœnig, but that is no reason why we could not have just as good, and very likely better department in a greater society. You ask, why better? Because, in a society of 1500 or 2000 members the revenues of the office could support at least one, and perhaps two, persons who could devote their *whole* time to the duties of the office, and thereby give the members better satisfaction generally. This is not intended as any reflection on Mr. Kœnig and our present system, but I think that if a person devoted his whole time to the service, that it would be improved. Another department which would benefit by amalgamation is that of the Purchasing Agent's. The benefits to members of a large Purchasing Agent's Department, in competent hands, are many, and the larger the society the better the department.

The A. P. A. is now an incorporated body, and this fact must not be lost sight of. No one member, or several members, can be sued or held responsible for the debts or liabilities of the Association, but the Society *as a whole* must be held responsible. As the W. P. U. is, any one member, or several members, can be held responsible for any *and all* the debts that an unscrupulous officer may incur. While this is not likely to occur, it is well, however, to bear these *facts* in mind. This point will appear more forcibly to our more prominent and responsible members.

Another good feature of the A. P. A. is the Counterfeit Detector, who passes upon the genuineness of stamps submitted to him by the members of the Association. The Assistant Counterfeit Detector passes upon the genuineness of the stamps, etc., circulated in the Exchange or Sales Department. Both of these offices are filled by able gentlemen, and the Assistant Counterfeit Detector, Mr. Henry L. Collin, of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., is rendering the department splendid services. The exchange sheets, before going on the circuits, are submitted to his tender mercies, and judging from the appearance of the sheets at times, he fills a "long-felt want" in detecting and removing the various frauds, etc., which would otherwise be gracing some member's album.

If the W. P. U. or the P. S. of A., or *any* society, has *any* features the A. P. A. has not, let us have them. If a member says, "but the so-and-so has a better Exchange Department than the A. P. A.," or "the so-and-so has a better Library than the A. P. A.," good! By consolidating *all* the collectors will receive the advantages that perhaps only a few receive at present.

Now, a few brief remarks and I am done. I think a good way to accomplish the desired end would be to have each society elect or appoint delegates in proportion to their membership, say one delegate for each one hundred members, or fraction thereof. Let these delegates meet and confer, and after exchanging views, etc., select a mode and form of amalgamation, *and submit it to the vote of their various Societies*. If it suits, adopt it and become part of the greater Society, and if it does not, let it alone. And I would suggest that the A. P. A. drop their present Constitution, etc., and adopt a new one with the necessary By-Laws, etc., suited to the greater Society, elect new officers or re-elect the old ones, and start anew throughout.

I shall be pleased to hear from any member personally, and discuss any points in the plan.

I have the honor to remain, very sincerely,

LERROY D. WALKER,  
Member Official Board.

THE April P. J. of Gt. Britain prints an excellent photograph of and interview with Dawson A. Vinden, of "Laureated" fame. Nearly everybody, by the way, now believes this gentleman innocent of anything "crooked" regarding these stamps.

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

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 No. 48. J. Percy Stetler, Box 231, Altoona, Pa.

The convention of the P. S. C. L. will be held at Gettysburg, Pa., on July 4. All members are requested to be present. Those that cannot attend can send their proxies to Mr. R. M. Miller, Secretary Sons of Philatelia, New Oxford, Pa.

A. R. FREY, *Secretary.*

**GENERAL FOREIGN NOTES.**

BY BONUMITA.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY.

Up to the 9th of September last the stamps of the British South African Company had not been issued to the public for postal purposes because the route to the coast had not been thrown open for the carrying of letters.

VERSUS PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

The large number of Philatelic Societies which are everywhere being formed has prompted a certain French dealer to insert a notice in his advertisements to the effect that he is not a member of any philatelic society! It seems to be a case of *vice versa*, for the American dealers evidently think the more societies they belong to, the larger trade they will get.

AUCTION SALES.

Auction sales of stamps will be held next month at both Amsterdam and Paris.

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At Mr. Hadlow's April sale a Newfoundland (1857) 6d., orange, sold for \$5.25; and at Messrs. Thomas Bull & Co.'s April sale the following sold at the prices annexed:

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## ST. PIERRE MIQUELON.

There are a large number of forged St. Pierre Miquelon stamps on the market, and collectors had best be on their guard.

## COOK ISLANDS.

In the July, 1891, issue of this paper, I noted that a set of stamps would probably be issued by the Cook Islands—2000 miles northeast of New Zealand. This has recently been done, particulars giving us the information that there are four in the series in addition to a post-card. The stamps are type set, and will probably be followed by a more elaborate set. But 9000 of all kinds were printed.

## SAXONY.

Bright & Son, of Bournemouth, England, offer in their recent advertisements a block of four very rare stamps. They are the Saxony, 1851,  $\frac{1}{2}$  ngr. light blue, error of color. Only 120 stamps of this error were printed. Sixty-three were sold as 2 ngr. stamps, and used as such before the mistake was discovered. The remaining fifty-seven were returned to the Department of Finance in Dresden. Thirty-three of these were destroyed, and the other twenty-four were recently found. A strip of five was exhibited at the London Philatelic Exhibition in 1890, and the others were sold to large collectors in Germany and France. Messrs. Bright & Son want \$1500 for the four, or \$800 per pair.

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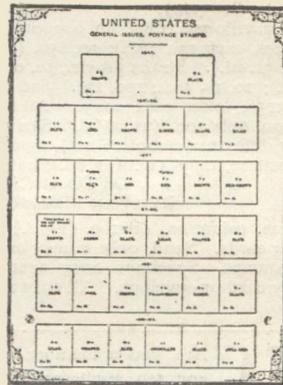
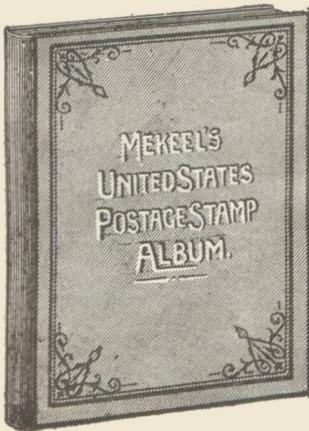
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