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#### ORGANIZATION IS POWER.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

THERE has been of late a great deal of discussion concerning the formation of a Philatelic Press Association.

Some philatelic publishers enthusiastically favor such an organization, while others seriously question its utility.

At first thought, the matter would appear to be of little interest to collectors, but upon looking deeper into the subject, it may readily be perceived that any factor which promises to effect an improvement in the tone and standing of philatelic journalism is of great importance to every philatelist in the land. Our magazines are the life and soul of philately; without them its existence would

Our magazines are the life and soul of philately; without them its existence would be problematical, and it could not, at best, attain a quarter of the popularity and influence which it now enjoys. A stable and prosperous press would not only insure the permanence of philately, but would tend to swell our numbers, by attracting into the fold men of education and intellect, who are too apt at present to condemn the science as trivial, from the crudeness and imperfection of what might be called the amateur philatelic magazine. There are a few philatelic journals, managed by business men upon a business basis, of which we may well be proud; but there are too many whose appearance, contents and management are amateurish (to use no stronger word).

I believe that an organization composed of all the reputable philatelic publishers in this country is not only a possibility but a probability. Such a society could certainly do no harm and might prove highly beneficial to its members. I do not expect that organization would eliminate all the evils attendant upon philatelic publishing; but some of them might, it seems to me, be removed if the coöperation of all those interested could be secured.

It is somewhat difficult to determine upon what lines such a society might be formed. Happily, trade jealousies are not a potent factor in philatelic journalism; and this fact greatly simplifies the difficulty of banding together the individual publishers for mutual aid. There are some pitfalls, however, which the organizers of such a society must beware of. A Press Association is not in any sense a Trust. Hence any attempt to equalize or raise the advertising and subscription rates is not advisable. No ironclad rule, by which a dozen publications, differing widely in circulation, catering to different classes of readers, and varying greatly in regard to the expense of make-up and contents, can be bound down to a uniform rate for advertisements and subscriptions, ever has or ever will be devised. Undoubtedly the subscription rates to many of our best journals are far too low, but any advance in price must be left to the discretion of the publisher. Whether the advertising rates of our best journals are also too low, I am not in a position to judge, not being myself an advertiser. But I would hazard the guess that most stamp journals value their advertising space at a sufficiently high price when circulation is considered.

I do not look upon the equalization of advertising and subscription rates as the chief end of a Press Association. These are not, certainly, the main advantages of the newspaper associations. Such an organization would afford some measure of protection against the advertising dead-beats, a class of people who swindle the philatelic press out of hundreds, if not thousands of dollars, every year. Mercantile associations have proved a valuable factor in lessening the losses of merchants. Why should not our philatelic publishers also protect themselves by organization?

The main use of a Philatelic Press Association would be to drive out of existence the small amateur papers which are a disgrace to the pursuit. It is, of course, understood that such a society to be of any benefit should limit its membership to the publishers of first-class journals of established reputation. If the publishers of those ephemeral ventures which have no legitimate excuse for existence are to be admitted, the society will defeat its own ends. Collectors, dealers, and authors would also have a responsibility in this matter, in withholding their patronage and their assistance from those journals which are not deemed worthy of membership in the association. (I assume that all the leading publishers would be willing to join such a society. Such might not be the case, but I am quite confident that it would be.)

I do not agree with those who suggest that authors and contributors should also be allowed to belong to the association. No one but publishers themselves should have any knowledge of its workings. A contributor is no more a proper candidate for membership in a Philatelic Press Association than is a clerk for membership in a society of merchants.

A new journal should be required to prove its mettle, by issuing at least six numbers before it is admitted to equal rights and privileges with the veterans who have won their spurs by years of uphill work.

I do not see why such an association should not be made a thorough success, if it refrained from meddling with advertising and subscription rates. The philatelic press should be organized, and if it understands its own interests it will be in the near future. Almost every trade and profession is organized, professional newspapers have found that organization is beneficial to them. Why then should not the philatelic press derive some advantage from such a movement?

#### ANOTHER SUBJECT.

#### BY JOSEPH F. COURTNEY.

A NEW subject has been introduced into the ocean of Philatelic Literature, by some whole-minded and sympathetic author who was pained at beholding his confrères without a proper subject for dissection. With a feeling akin to fellowship, he set himself to work to try and discover a suitable matter for discussion, that is, one having the consistency of India rubber, in order that it might be of sufficient elasticity to meet with the requirements of his suffering coworkers.

After burning a few thousand cubic feet of midnight gas, and after answering the many inquiries of his acquaintances in the negative, in regard as to whether he was composing an Italian opera or writing a farce comedy, this author has at last given the fruits of his nocturnal labors to the philatelic world in the shape of the following matter for discussion, viz.: Shall the philatelist collect used or unused stamps? This subject is given forth for the sole purpose of filling the chair, not long since made vacant by the death and burial of that renowned and well-known subject, Is philately a science ?

Used or unused? that is the question. We will first give the different merits of each branch, and then it will be much less difficult to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. Let us first take unused specimens. Unused stamps have apparently the advantage over used ones by the simple fact of being clean and bright looking, thereby shedding a lustre upon the page of the album in which they are mounted, and therefore having a greater faculty for catching the eye of an observer than used specimens, which fact makes a considerable difference in their favor, in the minds of the younger class of philatelists. But there are four small words which might possibly reduce the affection which some philatelists bear towards unused stamps.

These four are, viz., price, counterfeits, reprints and remainders, the three last

being the weightier reasons against their collection. Price: This fact enters a good deal in the purchasing of stamps by young collectors, who are endeavoring to bring together a collection at the least expense. With philatelists whose purses are well lined, price is no consideration, but nevertheless they are not in the least degree anxious to purchase a complete set of newly issued stamps at a large percentage above face value, and to have the same stamps unloaded on the market a short time afterward under the wellknown title of remainders, and to be bought of any dealer in stamps at one-tenth of what he originally paid for them.

"Reprints" is another item which enters as a factor in the collection of unused stamps, and is secondary only to remainders as a reason against their collection. Reprints are exact counterparts of the originals, possibly there might be a shade difference in the color, but such a difference would require for its detection more philatelic knowledge than the average collector can boast of.

"Counterfeit" is another voice which says, Do not collect unused stamps! Counterfeits as a general rule come in an unused condition, although some of the gentlemen, who have entered that branch of professional life, have discovered a knack of canceling and postmarking their output, so as to make the detection of their little game the more difficult. But young collectors can safely follow the rule that a stamp with a plain cancellation is not counterfeit, as the counterfeiting fraternity as a rule do not bother putting on any fancy touches on a stamp whose value is measured by cents, only troubling themselves with those measured by dollars.

Among the many salient features of a canceled stamp which recommend it to the thoughtful consideration of the philatelic fraternity are the following :

In the first place, the cancellation and postmark on a specimen are similar to a written guarantee as regards its genuineness, and again they are silent testimony that the stamp has performed the duty, for the purpose of which it was engraved. Reprints are not designed to perform any specific duty, except that of extracting cold cash out of the collector's pocketbook.

Again, as price is a great consideration to the average stamp collector, canceled stamps should meet with their hearty approval, costing as they do but a small proportion of the value of an unused specimen.

Then, again, used stamps have an equal chance with unused specimens of increasing in rarity and advancing in value as time progresses, taking as examples old German States and United States Columbian or any issue.

Taking everything into consideration, it is my honest opinion that used stamps have not been given the attention to which they are justly entitled and that they should be accorded equal if not greater consideration than unused specimens by the philatelic world.

#### NEW ISSUES.

#### BY R. R. BOGERT.

Angra.—We have now of the new type, 150r. carmine on rose, 200r. blue on blue, 300r. blue on orange.

Brazil.—We have a 50r. newspaper stamp, type of 10r. 1891.

**Br. North Borneo.**—Types for a new set have been approved and stamps may be expected soon. They are thus described: 1c. Dyak, a native chief; 2c. head of a stag; 3c. landscape and palm tree; 5c. pheasant with tail spread; 6c. arms without shield; 12c. crocodile; 18c. landscape, river and house; 24c. arms with supports.

**Ceylon.**—We have received the new permanent stamp of 3c. brown on green. Also new cards of 2c. and z + 2c. They are in blue on thick white card. Stamp like same value adhesive.

Chili.—A 5 peso vermilion and black, type of 1 peso, is mentioned by our contemporaries.

**Cook Islands.**—New stamps have been prepared showing portrait of Queen Makea. They are 1d. brown, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. mauve, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. rose, 5d. slate and 10d. green.

Eritrea.-We have now the full sets of adhesives, envelopes and cards.

Funchal.—Same as mentioned above for Angra.

Hawaii.—The envelopes and cards have been surcharged in the same manner as the adhesives.

**Honduras.**—Mr. Seebeck has sent us specimens of the 1893 issue. They are adhesives: 1c. green, 2c. red, 5c. blue, 1oc. pale brown, 2oc. brown red, 25c. dark blue, 3oc. orange, 4oc. black, 5oc. dark brown, 75c. purple and 1 peso maroon. Envelopes: 5c. blue, 1oc. brown, 2oc. carmine and 25c. green, all on white wove paper. Bands: 1c. dark green, 2c. dark carmine, 5c. dark blue and 1oc. brown, all on manila. Cards are all in black on blue card. The 2c. and 2+2c. have blue ground, the 3c. and 3+3c. pink ground work.

Horta.—Same as Angra.

Montenegro.—To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of printing, the stamps, envelopes and cards have been surcharged 1493–1893. These surcharged stamps, etc., were in use July 25–29 only. There were made 5000 sets of adhesives, 2000 sets of cards and 1000 sets of envelopes.

Niger Coast Protectorate.—Plates were prepared for the Oil Rivers stamps, but a change of the boundaries led to a change of the name. Therefore the name Oil Rivers was erased and Niger Coast substituted by printing it on the upper margin of the stamps. The stamps are  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. red, 1d. blue, 2d. green,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. carmine, 5d. mauve and 1p. black.

Ponta Delgada.—Same as Angra.

**Portugal.**—Stamps of the new type are in hand. 150r. carmine on rose, 200r. blue on blue and 300r. blue on orange. We also have a number of surcharges, 1893, Provisorio in black on 5r., 20r., 25r., 50r. and 80r. The 25r. is surcharged 20r. in addition to above and 80r. is also surcharged 50r. and 75r.

Servia.—Has issued an envelope 25 para light blue.

So. African Rep.—We now have the 2d. bistre with surcharge noted in August, in black instead of red brown.

Surinam.—Of the type of Queen's head we now have 10c. bistre, 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. lilac, 15c. gray, 20c. green, 25c. blue and 30c. brown.

THOSE COLUMBIAN STAMPS.—A charge was recently made in a newspaper that ex-Postmaster-General Wanamaker had given the printing of the Columbian postage stamps to the American Bank Note Company without asking for other bids. President McDonough of the company says in reply :

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THE souvenir Columbian half-dollars in which the National Government paid its appropriation to assist the Fair appear to be unappreciated. They are being returned to the Treasury in exchange for other money in such numbers that Secretary Carlisle has caused to be introduced a bill relieving the Treasury from obligation to redeem subsidiary coinage when presented in sums of \$20 or more. The people who made haste to pay a dollar, apiece for these tokens, supposing it might be difficult to get them by and by, did not make a good bargain. However, the coins may be somewhat scarce fifty years hence and again command a premium. The fact is, there were too many of them issued to make hoarding of them for a rise profitable.

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