

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

## FROM OVER THE BORDER.

Mr. C. L. Moreau held his twelfth mail auction sale on Dec. 16th.

*The Post Office* has reduced its subscription price to twenty-five cents per annum.

The J. W. Scott Company sold the Perozo collection by auction on Nov. 25th and 26th.

*The Pennsylvania Stamp* has been refused second-class rates, and will be discontinued.

I regret to learn of the death of the father of Mr. Joe F. Beard, the genial A. P. A. secretary.

The New England Stamp Co., of Boston, have removed from 325 to 365 Washington street.

The Pacific Philatelic Society has ceased to be a branch of the American Philatelic Association.

Frank P. Brown, of Boston, has entered into the auction business, having held his first sale on Dec. 10th.

Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle's first sale was held here Nov. 18th. A copy of the \$200, second issue, revenue, sold for \$72.65.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, a prominent Canadian dealer, has just returned to Canada after an extended visit to the United States.

The annual report of the Postmaster-General shows a deficit of over eight millions; and yet people expect a one-cent letter rate.

Mr. A. R. Rogers, of Philatelic Blue Book fame, announces that he will hold an auction sale in New York City early in January.

A new philatelic magazine is announced to appear from Brocton, Mass., on or about December 20th, with Mr. W. L. Kendall as publisher.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held an auction sale on Nov. 17th and 18th. Mr. Wolsieffer, will hold a sale sometime this month and another early next year.

A friend in British South Africa has sent me a recently issued registration envelope for that protectorate. It is of the value of 2 annas and red-brown in color.

Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co. will hold a sale early in January, which they announce will consist of rare stamps only. This firm held a successful sale on Dec. 14th.

*Our Philatelia* is announced to appear from Providence, R. I., about Dec. 20th. Another new paper, *The American Stamp*, will appear from Laconia, N. H., about the first of January.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. will hold their 41st sale, Jan. 5th and 6th, 1897, at the Collectors' Club. The sale comprises 675 lots, including the collection of Mr. Henry Clotz, one of the prominent collectors of New York City.

After issuing 284 numbers, *The Daily Stamp Item* has discontinued publication. After a fair trial, the publishers found the venture to be impracticable. The paper was always bright and newsy, and I, for one, will miss its regular and welcome visits.

A New York attorney has recently been engaged in closing up an estate, the principal item in which was \$125,000 in unused U. S. Columbian stamps, mostly \$2 values. This will explain the recent drop in prices in certain values of the Columbian issue.

Beardsley's new philatelic directory has appeared. It is, to all appearances, carefully edited, and its hundred pages comprise some twelve thousand names and addresses, which will no doubt prove useful to our dealers and publishers. Mr. Beardsley announces that he will shortly issue a second edition of the work.

The new abbreviated edition of the International Album is out. It is a wonderful book for the money. The fact that it omits spaces for minor varieties, such as watermarks, perforations, etc., will make it popular with many who have felt no interest in such varieties. I understand the book has had a very large advance sale.

Quite a large number of resignations were accepted by the American Philatelic Association during the past month, but, notwithstanding, the membership is still above the thousand mark. I am pleased to see the society in such a prosperous condition. One of the recent innovations is an insurance department, which should be well patronized.

The Minneapolis Philatelic Society held their first annual banquet on Dec. 10th. It was a decided success. The toast list was a novel one, and responded to in a very bright manner by Messrs. Capen, Edsten, George, Achard, Stebbins, and others. The banquet was held in the Commercial Club, and those who attended spent a very enjoyable evening.

R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s 30th sale was well attended. The following brought \$20 and upwards:—U. S. 1851, 5c unused, no gum, \$23; 1869, 90c o. g., \$20.50; New York, 3c blue, wove paper, used \$27; Justice, 90c, unused, o. g., \$25.50; State, \$20, unused, o. g., \$39; Revenue, \$1 proprietary, \$46; Local, Jones City Express 2c, rose on cover, \$27; Nova Scotia, 1 sh. violet, \$120; Fiji 1875, 2d on 12c, \$20.25. The prices obtained on the whole were better than usual.

I see by *The Evergreen State Philatelist* that the following officers were elected at the recent annual convention of the Interstate Philatelic Association:—President, H. F. Bartels, of Portland; Vice-President, G. C. Corbaley, of Waterville; Secretary-Treasurer, D. E. Brown, of Port Townsend; Exchange Superintendent, I. Zug, of Seattle; Librarian, H. Moeller, of Portland; Trustees, E. J. Patton, O. White, and F. Stump, Official Editor, R. W. French.

On the evening of Nov. 23rd I had the pleasure of attending an enjoyable entertainment at the Collectors' Club, 352 Fourth Avenue. An interesting series of about eighty first-class stereopticon views of the genuine and counterfeits of "The Cantonal and Early Swiss Stamps." These were accompanied by some good Swiss views and interesting comment of Messrs. Luff and Rich. The entertainment committee of the club deserve great credit for the painstaking work necessary in the preparation of the programme.

HENRY F. DOYLE.