

shaded bands, ornaments in corners, shaded dexter and base. The 50c. has the figure of value in an upright oval of *lathé* work, (showing light reflections) the word "POSTAL" in white capitals on solid straight label at top, scrolls at side shaded. The word "TELEGRAPH" to sinister and "COMPANY" to dexter in white letters, on arched solid tablet over oval, framed white. "FIFTY CENTS" in white capitals in solid double curved tablet at base, framed white. Greek ornaments in upper spandrels, and in lower. These stamps became obsolete after July 4th, 1885. The cancellation is a star in black, and two pen lines across the stamp.

No. 1.	10c. blue green	C. C.,	30.
" 2.	15c. vermilion	"	123.
" 3.	25c. blue	"	48.
" 4.	50c. brown	"	80.

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## CHRONICLE.

**Afghanistan.**—The *Ph. R.* mentions the 1 abasy black on red, pink, yellow and green. Also the 2 abasy, price and 1 rupee, blue, on the same paper. The laid lines are  $2\frac{1}{2}$  min. apart.

**Annan and Tonkin.**—The 5c. on 2c. which was chronicled some time ago as an error, has turned out to be a fraud. The *Timbre Poste* says that this stamp never existed, but that a variety of surcharges were made in the colony for a French banker who deals in postage stamps.

**Argentine Republic.**—A 3 + 3c. letter card has been issued, green on white.

**Bavaria.**—The arms on the post card are on a shield instead of an oval and are smaller.

**British Bechuanaland.**—The 3d., 4d., 6d., 1sh., 2sh., 2sh. 6d., 5sh. and 10sh., are surcharged "Protectorate" as well as the lower values. We were in error last month in supposing that the British Bechuanaland stamps surcharged with the word PROTECTORATE had superseded the use of those already issued in that territory. Mr. Campbell has forwarded to us a copy of the *Bechuanaland News* of the 8th of last month, which announces that arrangements will shortly be completed for the establishment of a postal service by native runners between British Bechuanaland and Matabeleland, *via* Bamangwato, at the rates set forth in the notice issued by the Acting Postmaster-General of British Bechuanaland, dated Vryburg, the 28th July last. A further notice was issued on the 7th August last, that the native runner service had commenced, and that correspondence for the Protectorate should be forwarded to Mafeking Post-office. It was also ordered that correspondence posted within the Protectorate and Trans-Protectorate should be prepaid in British Bechuanaland stamps, overprinted with the word "Protectorate." It is clear, therefore, that stamps, as mentioned in our list last month, have been so overprinted for the special use of this service to the north of British Bechuanaland, and which constitutes the "Protectorate." We subjoin the notice headed "The British Bechuanaland Protectorate—Postal Extension," which appeared in the above newspaper: