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FICTITIOUS STAMPS.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STAMP DEALERS AND THE PUBLIC.

IMITATION OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

WHEREAS there is reason to believe that certain persons are engaged in manufacturing, dealing in, or selling for the purposes of stamp collectors and for other purposes, imitations of Stamps for denoting rates of British, Foreign or Colonial Postage, whereby the respective revenues are endangered, the Postmaster-General and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue desire to call attention to the law on the subject.

The Post Office Protection Act 1884 enacts, amongst other things, as follows:—

(Section 7.) A person shall not—
(a) make, knowingly utter, deal in or sell any fictitious stamp, or knowingly use for postal purposes any fictitious stamp; or
(b) have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious stamp; or
(c) make, or, unless he shows a lawful excuse, have, in his possession, any die, plate, instrument or materials for making any
“Any person who acts in contravention of this Section shall be liable on summary conviction on a prosecution by order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to a fine not exceeding £20 subject to the like right of appeal as in the case of a penalty under the Acts relating to the Excise.”

“Any stamp, die, plate, instrument, or materials found in the possession of any person in contravention of this

section, may be seized and shall be forfeited.

“For the purposes of this section “fictitious stamp” means any facsimile or imitation or representation, whether on paper or otherwise, of any stamp for denoting any rate of postage, including any stamp for denoting a rate of Postage of any of Her Majesty's Colonies or of any Foreign Country.”

Persons who may be in any way engaged in these illegal practices should also take notice, that the fraudulent imitation of stamps is a felony under the Post Office and Inland Revenue Acts.

By Order of the Postmaster-General and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

[The above official notice has appeared, and we reprint it, from one of our English contemporaries.—Ed.]

POMEROY'S EXPRESS.

We are indebted to an obliging correspondent for a copy of the *Toledo Blade*, containing an interesting article on Pomeroy's Express.

It was started in 1841, by Geo. E. Pomeroy, Sr., between Albany, N. Y., and the west, and did an immense business in carrying packages and letters. Stamps were issued as early as 1844, and during the months of June and July of that year, the sales of stamps alone amounted to nearly \$3,000.00. It was largely through the operations of this express that the Government was compelled to reduce its postage rates, and adopt plans for safer and quicker carriage and delivery of mail matter.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

Subscribers will please take notice that an exchange column will be started next month and are requested to send in their notices.

NEW ISSUES.

Bangkok.—The 3 ct. card of Straits Settlements has been surcharged “B.”

Belgium.—The following three stamps have been issued: 20 centimes gray, 50 centimes violet, and 2 francs violet.

Liberia.—(From the Monthly) A new set of stamps has made its appearance of about as commonplace a design as could be imagined. The 32 cents is a fair looking stamp, but all the others could scarcely be plainer for postage stamps. The higher value bears the arms with “Thirty Two” above and “Cents” below “Liberia” on a plow in the arms. The other values have the numerals in the centre, “Postage” above, value below, “Republic” on the left and “Liberia” on the right. The set is as follows: 1 cent, red; 2 cents, pale green; 3 cents, violet; 4 cents, brown; 6 cents, gray; 8 cents, lilac; 16 cents, yellow; 32 cents, blue.

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IN MEMORIAM.

The following resolution was adopted by the Philatelic Press Association regarding the late Dr. Henry, publisher of the *New England Philatelist*:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life a member of this Association, whose brief sojourn in Philatelic Journalism has made him numerous friends; be it

Resolved, That the death of Dr. Chas. P. Henry, publisher of the *New England Philatelist*, of Fitchburg, Mass., is a calamity to the cause of Philately, and a matter for deep and sincere sorrow on the part of the members of this, the Philatelic Press Association, as well as the entire Philatelic public, whom the press represent, and that we do, both as an Association and individually, tender to the partner and near friends and relatives of the departed our heartfelt sympathy in this bereavement; and be it

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to such friends and relatives of the deceased as the Director of this Association may direct and that this resolution be published in each and every journal, the proprietors of which are members of this Association.