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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

Our foreign and domestic correspondents are respectfully requested to send us specimens of, or information relative to, any new issues or discoveries that may chance to come under their notice. Such information will be duly appreciated, and proper credit given the donor. As it is our intention to make this department one of the best of its kind, we ask the aid of every individual correspondent to that end.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—*The Philatelic Monthly and World* is authority for the statement that there are three distinct types of the 1 cent brown of 1884. The differences consist mainly in the lined ground-work.

AUSTRIA.—The new 20 kr., olive green (with original figures omitted in the lower corners) has been surcharged "2 PIASTER 2." The new 50 kr. violet has also been similarly surcharged "5 PIASTER 5."

BAVARIA.—The 5 Pf. green card now comes to hand with the date "91" and watermarked, waved vertical lines.

BRAZIL.—The 80 reis letter card is now red on rose.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A contemporary states that the 1d. is now printed in green and surcharged "1 CENT" in black. It seems as if Seebeck has a hold on this republic as well as the other minor Central American States. We are about disgusted with the constant array of surcharges coming from this place.

ECUADOR, the fallen.—We are *very much pleased* (?) to inform our readers that in future their collection of this place can be greatly increased each year at a small cost. We are sure all will appreciate (?) the generous Seebeck (or successor) who has been so thoughtful in regard to their wants. The regular postage stamps have a full-face portrait of San Jose Flores. There are eight varieties of postage stamps, as follows: 1 centavo, orange; 2 centavos, blackish brown; 5 centavos, vermilion; 10 centavos, light-green; 20 centavos, light chestnut-brown; 50 centavos, claret; 1 sucre, blue; 5 sucres, purple. Then come 7 varieties of official postage stamps, the same as the general issue, but surcharged "Franques Official" in red. Values are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 centavos, and 1 sucre. There are also two varieties of newspaper wrappers, having large numeral figure of value in the centre: 1 centavo, light yellowish brown, size 151 by 304 millimeters; 2 centavos, chocolate brown, size 148 by 355 millimeters. There are also two varieties of post-cards and two varieties of envelopes; but we have neither time nor space to waste in the description of these issues.

FRENCH CONGO.—We are pleased to hear that the four unsightly wood-blocks chronicled by us in a recent number have turned out to be fraudulent.

FIJI.—*La Revue Philatelique* mentions a 4d. without surcharge of type, similar to the new 2½d.: 1891, 4d., lilac.

ITALY.—The 5 cent stamp now has the inscription in colored letters and the arms on horizontal lined ground.

MARTINIQUE.—The 20 cent unpaid letter stamp is in use at present for the prepayment of letters, being surcharged "Poste," and the new value "15 cent" in black. It would be a relief to stamp collectors if these worthless little colonies would quit this almost ceaseless array of surcharges. [Made to order on short notice.]

MEXICO.—The C. H. Mekeel Co., of St. Louis, have several sheets of different values of the current issue watermarked: CORREOS. E. U. M.

MOZAMBIQUE.—A royal decree changes the name of this province to "The Free State of East Africa;" we may therefore expect new stamps.

MONTENEGRO.—The 1 Nov. is now printed in rose and per. 12½.

NOSSI-BE.—Four new unpaid letter stamps have been issued by surcharging the ordinary stamps.—The value in figures is in the centre, "Nossi-Be" above, and "a Percevoir" below; value, 5 on 20c.; 10 on 15c.; 15 on 10c.; 25 on 5c. Next!

ORANGE FREE STATE.—*Le Timbre Poste* mentions a provisional postcard: 1891, ½d. on 1d., orange on white. This State has also, it seems, caught the surcharge fever.

PERAK.—Three new Tiger stamps are announced, similar to those of Pahang.

SURINAM.—*The Post Office* states that they have seen a new unpaid letter stamp from this place: 1891, 10 cent, gray, lilac and black.

SIAM.—A new 1 cent stamp was issued a short time ago: 1 cent, light green.

SWEDEN.—Two new values of the new current type, with head: 30 on brown and 50 on gray.

UNITED STATES.—We thank Mr. W. F. Leggett, of Brooklyn, who was the first to forward us unused copies of the new cards. We do not describe them, as we suppose all collectors will have seen them before this number is issued.