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## NEWS OF THE MONTH.

Under this heading we propose to briefly record the important happenings in regard to things Philatelic month by month. Of course the most important news to Philatelists will always be changes in the issues of stamps, and in regard to this we are now in a fairly good position to obtain the earliest information from all parts of the world, but we hope to greatly improve the service of our foreign correspondence, and request subscribers abroad to assist by sending us as soon as issued several specimens of all new issues in complete unused sets, and a larger number of low values. A liberal premium will be paid over face value for all such stamps sent us as soon as they appear. We also desire copies of official documents authorizing the issue of new stamps, or the withdrawal of old ones.

But besides news on stamps we will also here record other events relating to Philately, such as important sales, the doings of the societies, personals, finds and discoveries, new publications, novelties in counterfeits or frauds, in a word anything in the shape of news that is calculated to interest or instruct our readers. We invite each and every subscriber to this paper to assist us to make our record complete, by sending us any items of interest that may come to their knowledge. Due credit will be given in our columns for all such friendly assistance.

This month we have to chronicle an unusually large number of new issues, noting everything that has appeared, which is not catalogued in the 59th ed. of Scott. It will be noticed that our style of chronicle is somewhat different to that of most journals. We aim to give the news in short readable paragraphs, instead of in bare, dry formal lists; and we

endeavor as far as space will permit to give the reason of each new issue, its historical importance and status.

### ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.** We have received from Mr. Vicente Dino of Rosario de Sta Fe specimens of the new issue, mailed on date of issue October 12th, and we translate from "*Le Timbro-philie Belge*" the official circular of the Postal Department in regard to them.

"The General Direction of Posts considering that it is useful to adopt a single type for postage stamps in order to avoid errors as much on the part of the public as on that of the employees, charged the South American Bank Note Co. to submit to them designs.

The Direction having made its choice, has decided as follows:

Art. 1. A new issue of postage stamps is authorized and will be put in circulation October 12th. The steel engraving will represent the Republic sitting, the right arm resting on the national shield, with the River de La Plata and a rising sun, as a back ground, above is the inscription "Republica Argentina." The paper of these stamps will have on the back a sun as water mark.

Art. 2. The value of these stamps will be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 30, and 50 centavos; they will be printed in one color each and will bear in the lower corners the value in figures and in the middle the word "centavos." The stamps of 1, 5, 10 and 20 pesos will be larger and printed in two colors. They will have the value in the left upper corner in figures and in letters at the base.