

## CHRONICLE.

**Austria.**—The 5kr. comes on yellow paper, and the 20kr. pneumatic envelope is surcharged 15kr. in black.

**Belgium.**—The 1c. has returned to its former color, olive green, and the 10c. letter card is gray blue, (both sides).

**Cape of Good Hope.**—Cards of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. are expected Jan. 1st.

**Chamba.**—On each sheet of all the values there is an error of surcharge, the "S" of "State" being replaced by "8."

**Colombia.**—The *A. J. P.* notes the 10c. map, printed in lilac by error.

**Costa Rica.**—It is stated that a new series is being made in London, inscribed "Correos y Telegrafos." Values 1, 2, 5, 20c. and 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos.

**Denmark.**—There is a slight change in the 4 ore envelope. The upright stroke at the right of the figure 4 does not extend below the horizontal stroke as formerly.

**Dominica.**—The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is blue, and the 6d. yellow brown. The 6d. green was issued on C. A. paper.

**Dutch E. I.**—The 15c. surcharged envelope has been succeeded by one of the same design as the 10c., color bistre.

**Faridkot.**—The perforated stamp resembling the first type is reported in green as well as blue, and the 1883 square type also perforated, in black, blue and green.

**Formosa.**—With reference to these stamps, Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co. have furnished us with some interesting information, accompanied by specimens of both the public and the official stamps. The one depicted in our last is of the latter kind, the heading reading, "*Tai wan yü p'iao*," or "Formosa postage stamp." The centre column is the date; the right, the weight; the left, the destination; and in the border, on the extreme left, is the serial number and value, part of this remaining on the counter-foil. In all the specimens sent to us the top character in this latter row, on a line with the inscription, is in red, the rest in black, except the hand-stamps, which are in red, and which appear to be control marks, most probably affixed at the stages. In these official stamps it would seem that the particulars in the body of the stamp are not necessarily filled in, as is done in the public stamps, which are of larger size, and are a single-lined upright rectangle of 73 by 33 mm. The compartment at the top contains the inscription, "*Yu cheng shang p'iao*," or "Public Postage Stamp." The column of characters signify the same as those in the official stamps. The paper is yellowish native-laid.

The public stamps are, according to the correspondent of Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co., not sold to the public; they have no fixed values, but are attached to the packet by the official in charge of the Post-Office, who fills in the value and other particulars. And this appears to us to be the fact, as the characters denoting the variable particulars and inserted in different writing and ink from those which would be permanent. The