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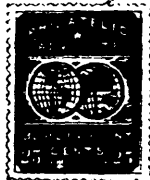
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Pithy Philatelic Points.

Sayings and articles of noted writers carefully condensed.

By REGINALD KINNERSLEY.

A numismatist friend says that a number of people were one day examining his coins, one of the party being a judge, and several, High School teachers. One of the coins was of the Strait's Settlements, the question arose among them where this particular portion of the earth's surface was located. It is safe to say that not one was a philatelist.—Lillie H. Murray.

The Nova Scotia remainders are now being hawked around the country at all prices, but a great decline is noticed. Some day a big drop will take place and people will take to papering walls with the stuff. Collectors should steer clear of them; it looks fishy. It is generally said that forty thousand of each value was found.—Alex. M. Muirhead.

A hopeful sign is the number of adults, of men of mature years who are joining the philatelic clans. They are of standing and influence in the various worlds of business in which they move. These beginners are solid men. It is unfortunate that the boys are forsaking philately, but it is

gratifying to learn that men are allying themselves with it.—C. E. Severn.

In the fourth ranks of philatelic journalism we find that much abused and downtrodden specimen of humanity—the philatelic poet. What biting sarcasms, what ludicrous satires and criticisms have been poured on the unfortunate heads of our philatelic bards. The stuff and rubbish which sometimes appears as poetry would have found a more fitting place in the waste basket. But our brains get tired of dry statistical articles and we need the poetry. It is absolutely necessary that we should have it.—Raymond S. Baker.

An interesting set, is the various shades of the 24 cent, U. S. of 1861. I have seen 20 colors and shades of this stamp in one collection. To a specialist the shading of stamps is a pleasure. The 1 cent, 1861 issue is a good stamp to begin to shade on.—B. A. Cottlow.

No other issue excited the public as our Columbian Set. Everybody was Columbus mad. It is a story of disappointment. Black and white, young and old, all poised in the mad rush for them. All expected them to be of great rarity. Everybody trusted none paused to consider. The failure of the attempted 'corners' showed the great supply.—G. C. Corbaley.

The Mysterious Stamp.

WILLIAM C. KNIGHT.

(Concluded from last number.)

"Its red, look Sir Capitaine ha! just this minute your wife is recovering, it turns brown let's see the message, ho! your brother is not so seriously hurt." "Gentlemen, have you ever been thousands of miles away from home and suddenly get the intelligence that some of your loved ones are seriously ill, when I thought of those at home I confess I sobbed like a child, tough fibred man that I was. I admit I was at a loss to know what to think about it, and yet there was something about the fellow that led me to believe that he was a regular Eastern fakir.

"Sir Capitaine" he said "you look astonished. This stamp is known in the east as the Mysterious Stamp; it is a talisman presented to me by my father who was elder to the great Mahatma, like the chameleon it changes color, each color signifying important events. I have had this stamp in my possession for years and have never known it to speak falsely I have here, a code which explains the colors. I came to the conclusion he had heard of the facts in some manner and that he was an impostor. "Lying sneak," I said. "this is some devilish trick; get out of my sight." The words had not the least effect on the strange fellow, he looked me straight in the face and in that same low tone said, "Sir Capitaine you are the cause of your own destruction; may the curse of the great Mahatma rest upon your head and may ruin and death follow in your wake. A long adieu, Sir Capitaine."

"Well gentlemen, humanity is weak

and erring. I called him back I knew, he meant to dispose of it for a consideration too great to mention, it only adds to the absurdity of the thing His story was that the elder would pay all he had, to keep the stamp in his possession but he, the son, meant to pawn it only till Sir Captain returned to Calcutta again. he needed the money badly now but would double it when he saw Sir Capitaine again.

Well to make a long story short I took the stamp paid the amount he asked for, doubtful of the investment. I put the stamp in my pocket and walked away from the native. Well Gentlemen, let that end my story, have cigars on me?"

"No! No!" we all cried in chorus, "the end of the story how about the Mysterious Stamp, Cap?" "Mysterious stamp be hanged," said the Captain. "when I looked in my pocket next morning I found five stamps." "How did they get there?" we all asked impatiently. "Get there? why the stamps were soft paper and all lightly pasted together and revealed the colors mentioned in the code.

Beauties of stamp collecting, think of it, a hundred dollars for 5 stamps worth 10 cents a thousand. Come boys lets go to the bar and have something."

The end.

The meanest and lowest of all thieves is one who substitutes stamps. It makes no difference whether a stamp of equal value is placed on the spot, it remains robbery just the same. We have considerable trouble with this class of vermin.— C. W. Grevning.

U. S. Notes.

BY UNCLE SAM.

Mess Starnaman Bros. have requested me to be their U.S. correspondent. I shall always endeavor to furnish bright, crisp and original information that will interest both the dealer and collector alike.

I recently had the misfortune or rather the good fortune to obtain a number of unused U. S. 1857-63-70-83, issue, 1 to 10c values, at almost face. The party from whom I obtained them seemed quite pleased to get their face value in cash, remarking that they were useless to him and that he was glad to get rid of the sticky things.

A 30c 1869 with inverted medallion recently changed hands in San Francisco at the tip-top price of \$600.00.

Contributions are being received by W. F. Hendricks, Omaha, Neb. towards the expenses of placing an exhibit of stamps, at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, to be held there this year. An exhibition of this kind is a step in the right direction towards enlightening our non-philatelic friends of the beautiful and interesting hobby in which engaged. we are

The Penny comes to hand dated December '97. Vol. 13 No. 1. Say Cliff, we remember quite well, reading Vol. 1. No. 1. But little did we think (at that time) that it would be alive, and as bright and interesting after six years healthy growth.

The time he got a shave.—Webster's picture on the 15c 1870 envelope is furnished with a growth of side whiskers. On the 15c 1870 stamp his whiskers have disappeared.

The 90c U. S. is still on sale at the Boston post office. Don't pay a fancy price when you can obtain them at face.

Another Jubilee or rather a speculative issue is announced: this time from the U. S. The Post-Master General has authorized the issue of a special postage stamp to commemorate the Omaha Exhibition next summer. The denominations are 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25c and \$1.00. This is just five years since we had a speculative issue, boys, so don't kick. Line up and have another on—

The one cent U. S has appeared in the new color—green—which is in accordance with the rules of the United Postal Union.

Historical, Postalic Philatelic Matters of Prussia.

BY F. P.

Old and bloody is the history of Prussia and a successful one too. Until the 11th century the (present) kings of Prussia were simply counts of their little country Brandenburg (markgrafen von Brandenburg.) In 1505 the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German nations conferred upon them the title "Kurfuerst" (Prince Elector) and gave them the privilege to become

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Editorial.

Our Lateness. Owing to a rush of
 Holiday work our
 January number was

somewhat behind time and to make it
 still worse, one bundle containing the
 first four pages, was lost in transferring
 them from the printing department to
 the bindery. As it was impossible to
 recover it we had to reprint those
 pages. This caused us to be some-

what slow in appearing, but we were
 not late as we claim to issue our paper
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Our New Stamps. The new stamps of Can-
 ada have now nearly all
 appeared; all but the
 higher values. They are pronounced
 by nearly every Philatelist to be the
 neatest stamps ever issued by Canada.
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 them, is on account of the value
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interest of James A. Anderzen, Loomis Neb; Standard Price Catalogue and Reference List of Plate numbers, by J. M. Bartels & Co., 702 14th St. N. W. Washington, D. C. Price 25c.

Price lists from R. D. Hay, Winston, N. C.; A. F. Wicks, London, Ont. Henry H. Hall, Box 422, Hartford, Conn; Star Stamp Co., 6 Market Sq. Hamilton, Ont.



The Omaha Stamps Notwithstanding the fact that protests were filed with the U. S. Postmaster General he has decided that the Omaha Exposition stamps will be issued. This puts the United States on an equal footing with its nearest neighbor as a country which issues stamps of a speculative nature. The philatelic writers of Uncle Sam's domain will now cease writing against our Canadian Jubilee issue.



Jots Miss Amy L. Swift of Whitman, Mass, will act as review editor of the Perforator in future.

Since page 24 was in print, our Peru correspondent informs us that the new issue of cards are all surcharged on the old 5c black, except the 3 and 4c cards. Of the 1, 2 and 5c stamps, 1,000,000 were issued.

E. A. Marris writes, "Owing to the large number of orders received from my adv. in last month's ADVOCATE, I have decided to run the same adv. this month." This is a sample of the many testimonials we receive every month.

Mr. Edgar Nelton of New York, gave the ADVOCATE a friendly call and spent a week in Berlin. We found

him a very interesting man, well posted on stamps.

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one of the "Electors Union" who alone had the power to elect an emperor of Germany. The most prominent among the prince electors was Frederic II of Brandenburg, who conquered a large territory belonging to Poland and this newly annexed land was called Prussia and was made a duchy. January 18, 1701 Prince elector Frederic III crowned himself and wife king and queen. This first king united his country and acquired more by war. In 1870 the king of Prussia, William I, was declared Emperor of all Germany.

The mail service of Prussia was always in good order. In the 16th century the postal family of Thurn and Taxis forwarded the mail to and from Brandenburg. In 1648 regular stations were established and mail forwarded by mail-wagons and couriers. Official and also important commercial letters were numbered and inscribed in a book.

The postal prince of Thurn and Taxis complained to the Emperor who wrote to the Prince elector of Prussia ordering him to allow Thurn and Taxis officials to run the post there. The plucky ruler of Prussia answered to the Emperor that in his country he was "boss" and that he already had a good postal service. That settled the matter.

In the year 1657 Emperor Ferdinand III died. His successor was Leopold I. In 1659 all his territory was furnished with a regular postal service.

In 1850 Prussia issued the first series of postage stamps, having in the center the portrait of King Frederick William IV. As the supply of these

stamps was very short they have been reprinted and in consequence of the above fact, genuine stamps are very scarce. In 1867 Prussia as "war price" (1866 Prussia, Austria and allies war) issued for the annexed countries, "Republic city of Frankfurt (main) Electorate-Hesse-Cassel and the duchy of Nassau," a special set of postage stamps in the Southern German (at that time) monetary value "Kreuzer."

In the centre is the Prussian eagle, below, the word Kreuzer, on the top, Preussen, and on both sides, the value. The envelope stamps, especially the Octagons, are very scarce, and some of them not obtainable for money. In the year 1868 Prussia discontinued the circulation of stamps on account of her victorious political events the North German Confederation was established, and in 1871 the second German Empire was established of which Prussia was and now is the leader.

Chronicle from Peru.

By WILLIAMS & Co.

In addition to three new stamps, 1c green, 2c brown, and 5c pink there were issued on Dec. 31 nine new post cards as follows: 1c green, 1c red, 2c orange, 2c blue, 2 + 2c blue, 3c brown-red, 4c black, 4 + 4 black. The 1c green and 2c orange for provincial use have a New Year's greeting printed on the reverse and are dated Jan. 1st, 1898. They are valueless for foreign service. All the nine varieties are surcharged on the 5c black and have a view of the new post office in the right hand upper corner. This building was opened on Jan 1st. 1898.

Omaha Stamps and Medals.

Washington, D. C.—The authorities of the post office department have determined upon the subjects which shall be used upon the new series of postage stamps to be issued by the department in commemoration of the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition to be opened on the first of next June at Omaha. They are illustrative of the conditions, progress and accomplishments of the great West from its discovery to our own day. The series comprises nine denominations of stamps, as follows:

One cent—The discovery of the Mississippi river by Marquette.

Two-cent—An Indian chief.

Four-cent—A buffalo hunting scene.

Five-cent—The pathfinder, being a picture of Fremont raising the flag on the summit of the Rockies.

Three-cent—A train of emigrants crossing the plains.

Ten-cent—A mining scene.

Fifty cent—A cowboy and cattle.

Dollar—A harvesting scene or a great flouring mill.

Two Dollars—The Rock Island Bridge showing part of the city of Omaha.

The director of the mint, who is required by special act of congress to prepare the commemorative or souvenir medals for this enterprise, has to-day approved the subjects to be illustrated, and artists are now preparing the designs.

The reverse will be a group comprising a mounted Indian spearing a buffalo. Above will appear the words, "Trans-Mississippi," and below the date, "1848". The obverse of this medal will show the head in profile of a typical young woman of the Trans-Mississippi region. The design is to be prepared by Rockwood by means of composite photography, and the types are now being selected by the states and territories of the entire region. The medals, like the stamps, testify to the progress of civilization, from the beginning of things, fifty years ago, to the finest and most refined, the product of the half century. The medals are within the protection of all the laws against counterfeiting the coins of the Government.

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Secretary's Report.

No report received up to time of going to press.

President's Message.

To The Members of the

DOMINION PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Another year has slipped by us, and we are reminded that 1898 expects much of us.

The past year has been a prosperous one for our Association, and we should see to it that 1898 sees no diminution in the D. P. A. as an active philatelic force.

In the matter of advertising the Auction list in the Official Organ, Messrs Starnaman Bros. have agreed to give one column of space each month, free of charge, the space required over that quantity to be paid for at the rate of 5c per lot.

The matter of the 1898 convention seat I shall not touch on, beyond announcing that in due course a committee of arrangements will be appointed and everything done to ensure the greatest possible success.

Several matters relative to Association affairs are now under consideration and will be passed on in due course.

The officers are intended to serve the interests of our members, and any lack of attention or neglect should be reported, when an investigation will be had.

Let 1898 be our greatest year, let us get

more members, let us take a greater interest and let us all work together to ensure the consummation of those aims and objects for which the Dominion Philatelic Association was founded four years ago.

In the interests of the D. P. A.

Yours faithfully,

A. M. MUIRHEAD, Pres.

Librarian's Report.

Fellow Members:—

Since my last report I have received papers as follows:—S. A. Nichols 32, Capt. E. F. Wurtele 7, C. Bailey 10, F. G. Hendry 4. From Publishers Advocate, Boys' Own, N. Y. Phil., Phil. Messenger. You're doing well boys "do it some more".

F. I. WEAVER Librarian.

Auction Manager's Report.

Fellow Members:—

I am pleased to be able to report that the trouble which has existed between the publishers of the official organ and my department, has been settled, and that the Auction Sales of the Association will appear regularly in the future. I solicit stamps from any of the members to be offered for sale. The following are the rules which govern the department.

1. Only members can sell stamps, but anyone, whether a member or not, can bid at sales.

2. The seller will be charged 10% of amount realized on his or her stamps to cover expenses.

3. Sellers may place a reserve price on their stamps, if so desired.

4. List of prices realized will be sent free to members for the postage.

I trust that the members will make good use of the Department. All stamps to be offered for sale, must be in by the 15th of the month.

Yours for the D. P. A.

R. G. WIDDICOMBE,
Auction Manager.

D. P. A. AUCTION SALE.

All bids must be in by the 25th of February. A card will be sent notifying successful bidders, when they are expected to remit, and stamps will be forwarded them. Lot No. Reserve.

1. 200—3c. Canada Jubilee.
2. Canada, 3 pence perforated.
3. 200 Canada 1893, 8c. slate.
4. 10—8c Canada Jubilee, unused. \$1.40.

Important Notice.

Members will please understand that by renewing their subscriptions to this paper they do not renew their membership in the D. P. A. The dues are 25c per year, out of which the Official Organ is paid.

Several members have sent us 25c for subscriptions and taken premiums, requesting us to send membership cards. Those who have done so, under the impression that they were renewing their membership may have the 25c credited to the D. P. A. by returning the premium to us, as subscriptions which are paid by the society are not entitled to premium.

Dues should be sent to the Secretary at once.

DIED.

G. B. Calman, of new York, died very suddenly last week. Mr. Calman was the largest exclusively wholesale dealer in America.

The ADVOCATE, on behalf of Canadian collectors, extends its sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

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