

ADDS TO VALUE OF STAMPS.

Error in One Sheet of Buffalo Exposition Series Makes Them Much Sought After by Philatelists.

Two-cent stamps (Buffalo exposition series) worth considerably more than their face value may be the sequel to a blunder said to have been made by the bureau of printing and engraving at Washington.

It is said that one sheet, containing 100 stamps, was reversed before being run off, thus causing the Empire State express to be printed inverted within the red border.

The sheet was not noticed by the authorities at Washington, and the story goes that it was sent in the ordinary course of business to Brooklyn, where it was placed on sale.

Thus the fact came out, and an enterprising philatelist at the capital at once set about trying to secure as many of them as possible.

AMERICAN COAL FOR FRANCE.

A Big Scheme to Supply That Country with Fuel is Now Under Way.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail ascribes to McIlwaine, a member of the Hardware club, of New York, the statement that 60 American iron and coal dealers are interested in a scheme with a capital of \$50,000,000 or \$60,000,000 to supply all the districts of France, except in the north, with American coal.

Freightage is the chief obstacle. It now costs 14 shillings a ton from Baltimore to Marseilles, but it is hoped to reduce it by half by taking back to the United States iron ore from Spanish ports.

VAGRANT WITH A HISTORY.

John A. King, Artist, is Aided by Merchantville, New Jersey, Police.

With letters from the Vanderbilts, the Astors and other prominent New Yorkers in his possession, John A. King, an artist, was taken from the street by the police at Merchantville, N. J., the other day as a common vagrant, old and helpless.

Though was and nearly blind it was evident that the artist was a powerful man in his prime, for traces of his former self were still apparent.

CORNWALL TO VISIT AMERICA.

Local Party to Make Trip to New York and Washington in the Fall.

New York will, after all, have the satisfaction of welcoming the duke and duchess of Cornwall in the fall. The royal couple will spend a month in Canada and will embark, not from Halifax, but at New York.

If, as appears to be possible, the royal couple spend several days in New York city, making a trip to Washington to pay their respects to the president, the Newport season will be brought to a somewhat premature close, since most of the fashionable set will undoubtedly wish to be in New York when Great Britain's future king and queen are entertained there.

The bacilli of most contagious diseases are said to be poisoned of stails, says the Philadelphia Times. All the better for attaching a can of disinfectant to.

HOPE TO FIND POLE.

Explorer Baldwin Confident of Success of His Northern Expedition.

Thinks He Has the Best Ship Ever Fitted Out for the North Pole—Expects to Find Grass and Flowers at the Pole.

Evelyn B. Baldwin, the American explorer, who hopes to plant the Stars and Stripes at the north pole this summer, has just sailed from London for the United States. He will return to England in four weeks and set out on his expedition from Dundee about June 12.

"My ship America has been thoroughly overhauled and perfectly equipped. She fills me with pride. She is unquestionably the best vessel ever fitted out for the north pole.

"I am taking along with me by far the largest number of dogs ever transported to the polar region. I am also shipping with me a small herd of tough Siberian ponies—not mules, as has been reported, but ponies bred and reared amid rigid conditions of climate.

"My expedition is equipped for a three-years' cruise, but I expect to return not later than 27 months after I leave. I believe we shall discover land near the pole.

SCHWAB TALKS TO BOYS.

Head of the Great Steel Trust Points the Path to Success—Discredits College Education.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, talked for 20 minutes the other night to 300 poor boys of the East side, students in St. George's evening trades' school.

"From my long experience I am led to believe that many boys make the mistake of depending upon influence to obtain for them positions of profit. Go yourself and seek work in life and depend upon your own exertions and merit.

"Let me advise you all to make an early start in life. The boy with the manual training and the common school education who can start in life at 16 or 17 can leave the boy who goes to college till he is 20 or more so far behind in the race that he can never catch up.

OSTRICH SWALLOWS DIAMOND.

Manitou Saloonkeeper Loses His Four-Carat Gem Valued at \$650.

Jacob Becker, a Manitou (Col.) saloon keeper, waited on his customers the other day, minus a large four-carat stud worth \$650, which heretofore has blazed on his immaculate shirt front.

Wednesday he visited the ostrich farm near by. While he was inspecting the birds one was attracted by the brilliancy of his diamond. Opportunity soon came for the curious bird to inspect it more closely.

The ostrich owners are confident that the diamond will yet turn up. The ostrich owners are confident that the diamond will yet turn up.

The instructions recently issued by the commander in chief in regard to the annual training of the British yeomanry regiments show, says the Baltimore Sun, how deeply the Boer lesson has struck home.

The lot of prefect of police in St. Petersburg can hardly be happy. According to the record of the last 40 years, assassination has left the position open for a new prefect upon the average once in about six years.

NEGRO GIRL EVANGELIST.

Feels Called of God to Do Revival Work Among White People as She Has Among Colored.

Isabella Horton, the 15-year-old colored evangelist whom many colored people of Brooklyn believe to be inspired, and who has been creating much religious excitement at New York, feels that she has been called to do a similar work among the white people of Brooklyn.

The fact that the academy will accommodate 4,000 or 5,000 people seems not to embarrass the mother in the least, as she feels that "Bella," although but a child, is fully able to make herself heard in all parts of the big building.

It is said that this was the girl's first intimation that she was inspired to call the whites, as well as the blacks, to repentance.

EDUCATION OF INDIANS.

Congress May Pass Law at Its Next Session Providing for Compulsory Attendance on Schools.

Congress at its next session in all probability will pass a law providing for compulsory education of Indian children. The importance of such a law will be pointed out again by Indian Commissioner Jones, and he will recommend the adoption of a law such as is in effect in 29 states and two territories.

It is contended this is the only way in which the Indians can be civilized. Recommendations of this character have been made by predecessors of Secretary Hitchcock, but as yet congress has not seen fit to adopt a law which will compel the Indians to attend school whether they wish to or not.

Recently this question has been gone into deeply by the officials of the Indian office, and all those who have participated in the investigation agree that the ignorance and superstition of the average father and mother is the chief obstacle in the way of getting Indians to school.

BRINGS HIGH PRICE.

First Edition of Milton's "Paradise Lost" Sold at New York City for \$830.

A first edition of John Milton's "Paradise Lost," London, 1667, brought \$830 at the auction sale at New York the other day of the books and letters collected by William Harris Arnold.

A first edition of "Adonais," by Percy Bysshe Shelley, Pisa with the types of Didot, 1821, sold for \$510, and Tennyson's "The Falcon," London, 1879, for \$410.

An autograph letter, written in a Virginia jail, November 17, 1839, by John Brown, "of Ossawatimie," to T. B. Musgrove, sold for \$220. A long autograph journal-letter, January 13, 17, 1820, from John Keats to his sister-in-law, Georgiana, was sold for \$300.

CHICAGO POSTAL RECEIPTS.

At Present Rapid Rate of Increase They Will Soon Exceed Those of New York City.

Chicago's postal receipts are still increasing, and at the rate maintained for the last few months that city will soon outrank New York. The receipts at Chicago for April were \$708,790, as against \$372,789 for April, 1890, an increase of \$136,021, or 20 per cent.

Of the 50 largest post offices in the United States only one, Denver, Col., showed a greater percentage of gain than Chicago. At Denver the percentage of increase was 33 per cent.

The farmer's life is a happy one. There is no life so free and independent as that which the farmer enjoys, says the Rochester Herald, and he would soon realize the fact if he would devote as much energy to making it more attractive as he does scheming how to get rid of it so that he might go to the city.

USEFUL COCOA PALM.

One of the Most Valuable Products of Philippines.

Furnishes Food, Drink and Shelter for the Natives of the Island—Endless Amount of Uses to Which it is Put.

In the Philippines the cocoa palm and its products are of great commercial value. There are several varieties of cocoa palms growing in the archipelago, but the ordinary cocconut tree is the most important.

If allowed to stand for some time this liquid forms an agreeable milky juice, which is relished not only by the natives but the Europeans as well.

From the husk of the cocconut the Tagals make ropes and cords, and material for calking their boats. From the shell they carve spoons, cups, beads for rosaries, and many other articles.

The veins and smaller ribs of the leaves are used for making brooms. The mid ribs serve as fuel, and the ashes are utilized in making soap.

THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

To Be Put to Practical Use in New York Harbor in Reporting Approach of Ocean Liners.

It will soon be possible to learn of the approach of an ocean steamer 12 or 14 hours before she reaches the harbor of New York. Relatives and friends who wish to greet incoming passengers will have ample notice and will be able to make their arrangements in comfort.

This great improvement in the marine service will be instituted by the New York Herald as soon as the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy can be installed aboard the Nantucket shoal lightship and on the nearest point of land, Sankay Head, on the island of Nantucket.

The United States government has set its official seal of sanction on the project as one that will insure to the general good, and the representatives of the great steamship companies are enthusiastic in its praise.

COALING APPARATUS.

Battleship Illinois to Be Equipped by an Improved Device Invented by Spencer Miller.

Spencer Miller, inventor of a process for coaling warships under way at sea in storm or calm, has been ordered by the navy department to equip the new battleship Illinois with the apparatus. The collier supplying the warship will be taken in tow by it and coal-filled bags will be passed over cables stretched from the foremast of the collier to the military mainmast of the battleship.

The communications received at the Sankay Head station will be telephoned to the Nantucket station and sent from thence by telegraph, and will reach the Herald office almost as soon as the approaching steamer is sighted by the lightship.

The American economizes on a grand scale and in large ways, scoffs at petty saving and distributes his national patrimony with a lavish hand, thereby unconsciously relinquishing much of the advantage that Yankee thrift might otherwise conserve to him.

The Berlin city mission, headed by A. Stocker, issues each week 108,000 sermons for those who cannot attend church, 20,000 of which are distributed in the city.

Scared by Huge Water Pipes.

It is announced that the big guns (?) seen by Argentine citizens near Punta Arenas and causing such alarm regarding the neutrality of the Strait of Magellan, were merely pipes for the water supply of Punta Arenas.

Mr. Marin is manager for a firm at Progreso. According to figures compiled by him, the exports of "hemp" last year aggregated 499,626 bales, equivalent to some 98,000 tons.

Of this amount 237,700 bales were shipped to New York, 138,745 to Boston, 18,365 to New Orleans, 6,830 to Havana, 2,100 to Liverpool, 850 to London, 918 to Hamburg and 775 to Barcelona. Close on to 4,000 tons of binder twine were shipped to various ports of the United States in 1900.

Some 200 vessels were employed for transporting the hemp, comprising 102 Norwegian, 35 English, 30 American, 14 German and 2 Spanish ships. The value of these shipments aggregated over \$10,000,000.

One Discouraging Thing. The one discouraging thing about the case of the Chicago man who is living without a stomach, says the Chicago Record-Herald, is that he still has to eat.

HISTORIC ENGLISH VILLAGES.

Natives of Little Brington and Eton Expect to Reap Harvest from American Tourists.

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HUMAN CHAIN GIVES LIFE.

Policeman and Bystanders at Chicago Save a Drowning Man from River.

Forming a human chain the other night Officer Thomas Malone, of the new city police station, and three men, Mandel Mendelsohn, James Kelly and Martin Corbett, succeeded in rescuing James O'Donnell, of 3525 Paulina street, from the river at Chicago.

O'Donnell is a brother of the two girls who were accidentally drowned last August while boating in Washington park, and was crossing the Thirty-fifth street bridge when he fell into the river. His cries for help attracted the attention of Officer Malone, who attempted to pull him out, but failed, as he could not reach him.

Kelly then took hold of Mendelsohn's ankles and lowered both men, only to find that Officer Malone was still six inches short in his reach. Calling upon Corbett, who is a big man, the men lost no time in pressing him into service, making the fourth link in the human chain.

O'Donnell was taken to the county hospital in an unconscious condition by the police of the new city station, who had been summoned by Malone after he reached the ground. All four men were dizzy when rescued and complained of severe headaches.

Saves Thousands of Dollars.

A short time ago Naval Constructor L. C. Capps, head of the construction and repair department in the Brooklyn navy yard, began work which has just been completed and by which the government has been saved several thousand dollars.

The crew of the battleship Kearsarge, on January 31 last, was engaged in target practice one of the 13-inch projectiles exploded prematurely, destroying the rifling of a 70-ton gun. It became necessary in order to make the repairs to remove the gun from the turret, and under the old system it would have been necessary to raise the turret, which would take about four months and cost about \$40,000.

A plan was devised by Mr. Capps to withdraw the gun from the turret through the port hole, but the feasibility of his plan was doubted by other officers. Permission was given him, however, to make the trial, the work being accomplished by means of a hydraulic engine, after several of the turret plates had been removed.

Sisal Hemp Trade in Yucatan. Menalio Marin, of Progreso, Yucatan, who is on a visit to this country for the purpose of placing various contracts for machinery, gives some interesting figures regarding the sisal hemp trade in Yucatan.

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WONDERS OF HAWAII

Scientists to Study Bird and Insect Life of Islands.

Many Rare and Beautiful Species That Are Fast Becoming Extinct Before Advance of Civilization.

A scientist from the Smithsonian Institution is to accompany the expedition from the United States fish commission on its trip with the Albatross to Hawaii. W. H. Ashmead, curator of the department of etymology of the national museum, has been selected for the work.

So far little attention has been given by our government to any except the main island of the group, so it is the intention of the party in charge of the Albatross to visit Maui, Oahu, Kauai (the garden island), Molokai, Lanai, Niihau and Kahooolawe.

Insect life in the islands is both rare and beautiful, and the national museum already has thousands of specimens in the files, the study of which has contributed millions of dollars to the country in saving crops of fruit and grain through learning the habits of pests and introducing birds for their destruction.

The birds of the islands were once so rare and beautiful that a few feathers from some of them were accepted in lieu of other tax and were exacted by the chiefs for the purpose of making state robes.

Only one rare cloak of feathers, worn by the last king on state occasions, is said to be in existence, and it is looked upon with superstition and awe by the people of the island.

SULTAN'S PLEA HEHEDED.

Police of Stockholm Suppress a Book Entitled "The Life of Abdul Hamid."

It was hardly to be expected that Sweden would be anxiously concerned about the feelings of the sultan of Turkey, yet the police of Stockholm have for the past week been busy raiding bookellers and searching homes of suspected purchasers of the book entitled, "The Life of Abdul Hamid," a work published two weeks ago.

The representative of the porte at Stockholm naturally protested against the circulation of this book, but the astonishing thing is the deference shown by Einar Loehen, the Swedish minister of justice. He sent detectives with orders to confiscate all copies of the book and to demand the names of the purchasers and ordered the sellers to secure the return of the book within 48 hours.

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Start on Long Voyage in Canoe. Capt. Voss, of Victoria, and Norman Luxton, a newspaper reporter, left Vancouver, B. C., the other morning in a 38-foot canoe to cross the Pacific ocean. They expect to reach Sydney, Australia, about Christmas. The canoe is nearly 6 feet wide and decked in nearly the whole length. It has three masts. The two voyagers expect to do a good deal of hunting among the South sea islands to replenish their larder. They carry a sheet iron stove and complete cooking outfit, with coal as ballast. They will stop at Honolulu and New Guinea and other islands. They will stay at Sydney and Melbourne for several weeks and will then set sail for Delagoa bay, in South Africa, where they will also spend some time. Then they will go to England, exhibit their strange war canoe and the trophies they will naturally gain in two years of travel, and then will return home.

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