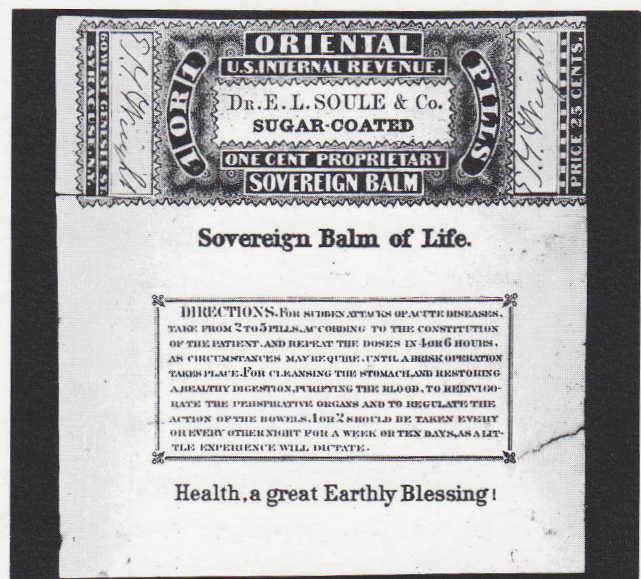


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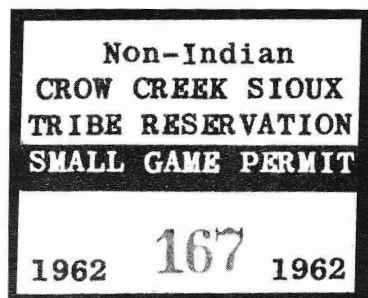
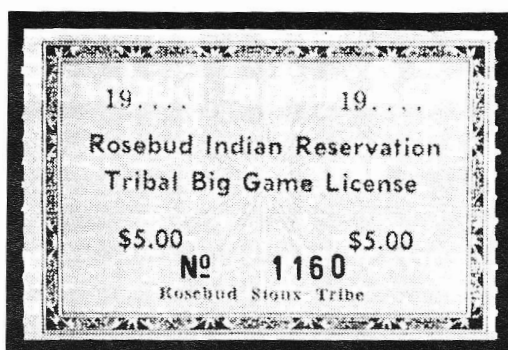
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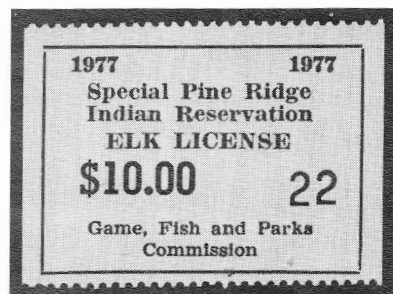
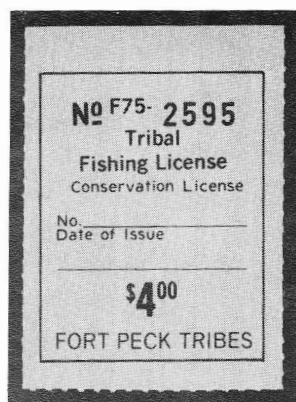
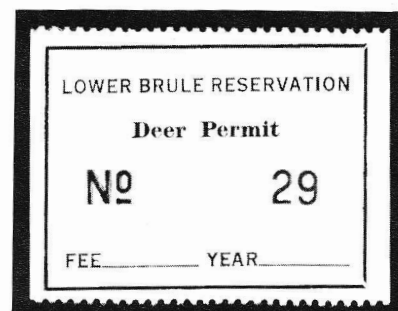
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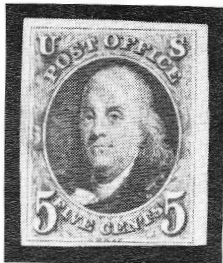
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President's Letter

Ronald E. Lesh, ARA President

Shortly you will be receiving a letter from me with the 1996 dues announcement. The ARA has had considerable difficulty with getting people to respond with a post card notice in the past. To encourage you to be prompt, the ARA board in June approved a scheme similar to what the APS does. If you renew by December 31, the fee remains at \$18. However, if you wait until 1996, it will cost you \$21 to renew. the cost to the ARA for follow-up and the continued sending of our journal (in some years we have continued people on the roles for six months!) has been considerable. Please renew your membership promptly.

As I write this letter, I am preparing to leave for an FIP Revenue Seminar being held in conjunction with STAMPEX in London, England. While I have nothing further to report now, I expect that a portion of my next President's Letter will contain some news on progress toward a separate FIP Commission for Revenues.

The results of Singapore 96 are in (and I hope that I don't miss anyone).

Large Gold

- David Springbett, *The Large Nyasaland Keyplate*, plus felicitations
- Robert Champion, *Treat Britain Revenue Stamps, 1694-1830*.

If I am not mistaken these are the first large

golds awarded since the establishment of the Revenue Class within Traditional Philately.

Gold

- Koichi Furuya, *Japanese Hand Engraved Revenue Stamps, 1873-74*, also a special prize.
- Ronald Lesh, *Wine: U.S. Customs Duties and Internal Revenue Taxes*.
- Abraham Luspo, Jr., *Philippine Revenues, 1868-1945*.
- Miodrag Mrdja, *The Revenue Stamps of Principality and Kingdom of Serbia, 1881-1919*.
- Yaovane Nirandara, *Revenue Stamps of Siam*.
- Richard C. A. Payne, *The Revenue Stamps Printed by Perkins, Bacon and Co. of London, 1828-1935*.
- Gary Ryan, *Law Stamps of the Supreme Court of Canada and of British Columbia*.
- Anil Suri, *Fiscals of Cochinstan "Indian State."*

Large Vermeil

- Cedric Roche, *Revenue Stamps of South West Africa, 1915-1968*.
- David Torre, *Classic State and Local Fish and Game Stamps*.
- Wikus Van Heerden, *The Revenue of the OFS/ORC*.

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Discovery of Bazin foreign entry on the Syracuse Soule wrapper printed on old paper (RS227a)

Figure 1.
Bazin foreign
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Soule wrapper
(RS227a). See
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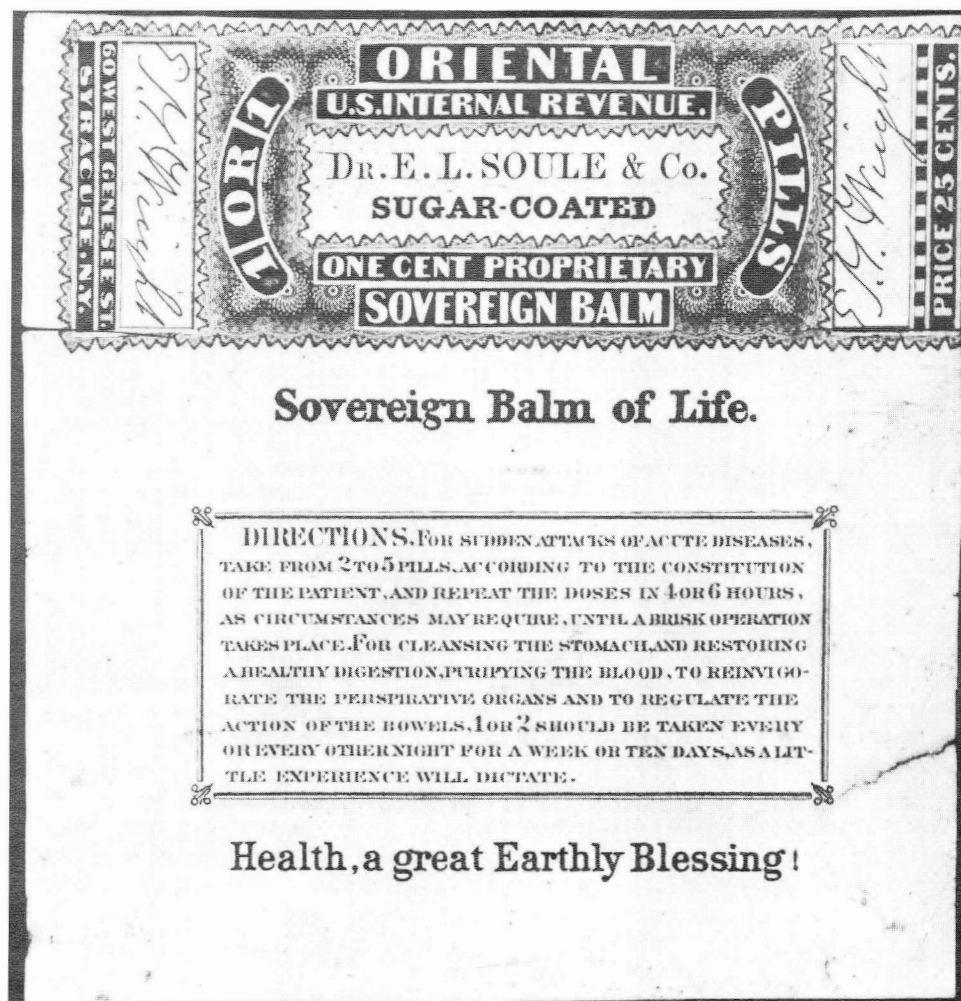
by Andrew P. Ferry, ARA

In 1982, Richard Riley published a most interesting article regarding the late George Turner's work on plating the private die wrappers used for Dr. E. L. Soule's Sovereign Balm of Life pills. (Riley, 1982) A key point was the description of Turner's memoranda regarding the discovery of a foreign entry in

position 1 on the plate. The foreign entry consists of remnants of the Xavier Bazin perfume essay, and is only the second known foreign entry on a private die medicine stamp.

Two subsequent articles have provided further detailed information about the Bazin foreign entry on the Soule wrappers. (Ferry, 1994; Riley, 1994) Based upon material offered for sale in the September 1991 auction of the Joyce Collection and upon information presented in Dr. Riley's 1982 publication, this anomaly was listed in the Scott catalog for the first time in the 1993 edition, wherein it is described as a "double transfer" on RS227b (the Syracuse wrapper). The listing was unchanged in the 1994 edition of the catalog, but in the 1995 version it was changed to the more appropriate designation, "foreign entry." Also in the 1995 edition of the Scott catalog, based upon its recent discovery (Ferry, 1994), the foreign entry on the New York City wrapper (RS226a) was listed for the first time.

The New York City Soule wrapper (RS226) was printed in blue on old paper; the Syracuse wrapper was printed in blue on old paper (RS227a) and on silk paper (RS227b). It was also printed in ultramarine on old paper



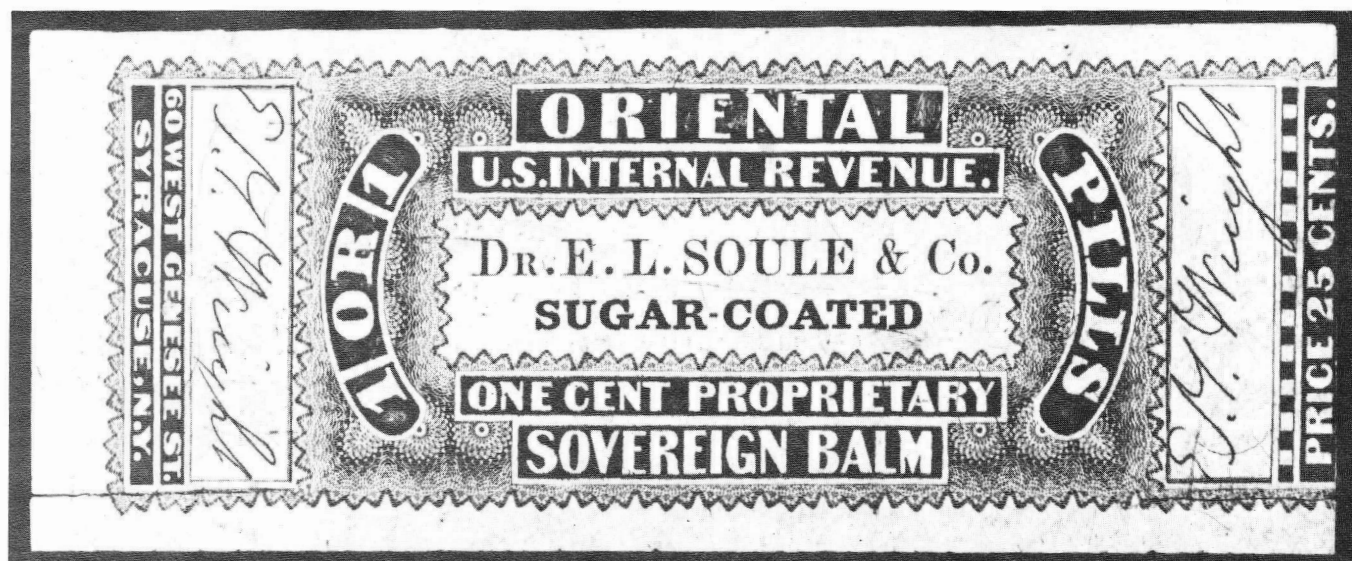


Figure 2. (Top) Bazin foreign entry on the Syracuse Soule wrapper (RS227a), higher magnification. Figure 3. (Bottom) Bazin foreign entry on a Syracuse Soule wrapper printed on silk paper (RS227b).

(RS227au). As of the beginning of 1995, therefore, the foreign entry had been described on two (RS226a and RS227b) of the four Soule stamps.

I recently discovered the foreign entry on a Syracuse wrapper printed on old paper (RS227a). It is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

As noted previously, the faint markings that constitute the foreign entry are extremely difficult to photograph. (Ferry, 1994, Riley, 1982, 1994) To facilitate a reader's ability to find them in the material he illustrated, Dr. Riley enhanced them prior to publication. (Riley, 1982)

The illustrations that I am using in this paper are published without enhancement. The features of the foreign entry on RS227a are the same as those described in detail previously with respect to RS226a and RS227b. (Ferry, 1994)

In the hope of providing a still clearer idea about the morphological features of the foreign entry, I am also illustrating (Figure 3) the best example I have seen as yet. This wrapper (RS227b) was sold as Lot No. 2507 in the September 1991 auction of the Joyce Collection. It is the one illustrated by Dr. Riley on page 34 of his 1982 article. The stamp

exhibits all of the features of the foreign entry, including the word, *PHILADELPHIA*, in the clear panel just beneath *SUGAR-COATED*, elements of the word, *REVENUE*, in the clear space above *Dr.*, and foliated ornaments in the clear panel just to the right of the *D* in *SUGAR-COATED*.

The Xavier Bazin essay foreign entry has now been described on three of the four Soule wrappers (RS226a, RS227a, and RS227b). It has not been reported on RS227au. The printing in ultramarine is the scarcest of the four Soule wrappers. Knowledgeable collectors will now be scanning each of these scarce wrappers for evidence of the foreign entry. The one feature of the foreign entry that I have found to be the most constant, and one that remains pronounced even when other components are indistinct, is the presence of an incomplete, slightly curved line of color projecting horizontally from the top left pole

of the *D* in *Dr.* It extends into the reticulated ground at the left. If a collector does not see this line when scanning any Soule wrapper for the possible presence of the Bazin foreign entry, he can move on, secure in the knowledge that the wrapper in question does not bear it.

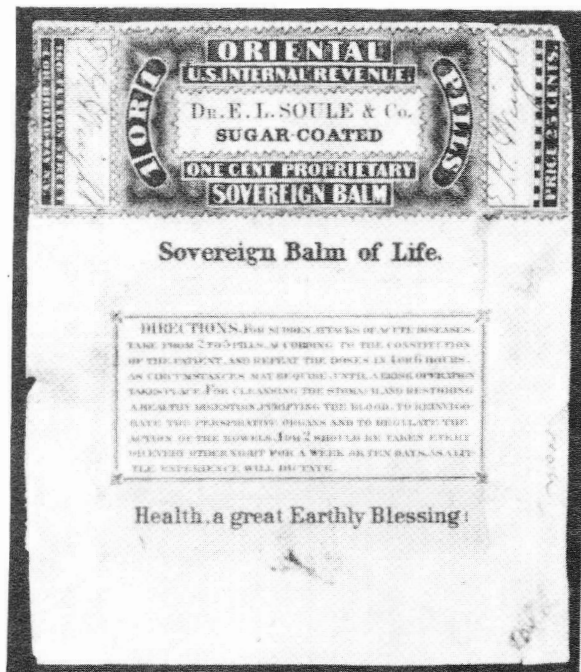
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Epilogue

A good example of just how confusing the Soule wrappers may be appears on page 571 of the current (June 1995) issue of *The American Philatelist*.

In the monthly feature entitled, "Sales Talk," a Soule wrapper that is currently circulating in an American Philatelic Society sales book is illustrated. The reader is ad-



This 1-cent ultramarine private die proprietary revenue of Dr. E.L. Soule & Co., Syracuse, New York, is circulating in an APS sales book. The wrapper, Scott RS227u, catalogues \$350 and is priced at \$125.

vised that, "This 1-cent ultramarine private die proprietary revenue of Dr. E. L. Soule & Co., Syracuse, New York, is circulating in an APS sales book. The wrapper, Scott RS227u, catalogues \$350 and is priced at \$125."

Among the errors and loose ends in that brief presentation are the following: 1. The illustrated wrapper is the New York wrapper, not the Syracuse wrapper. 2. The New York wrapper is not known to have been printed in ultramarine; only the Syracuse wrapper has been found printed in that shade. And, 3. The illustrated New York

wrapper almost certainly bears the scarce Bazin foreign entry! The slightly curved line of color projecting horizontally from the top left pole of the *D* in *Dr.* shows remarkably well in the photograph.

The purchaser of the lot will wind up with a faded blue Soule wrapper, rather than one that was printed in ultramarine. But he will own something that is considerably scarcer, the Bazin foreign entry on the New York Soule wrapper. His will be the second known copy, the one I reported in *The American Revenuer* last year having been the first.

Collector's and Exhibitor's Forum

U.S. Sales Circuit Notes

A review of the U.S. Sales Circuit categories has prompted me to discontinue a few categories which failed to garner much interest. Henceforth, the 98D and 98P categories (documentary only and proprietary only of the 1898 battleship issues, respectively) will become a part of the general 1898 category which comprises both of these issues.

Similarly, the SRF (state revenues: fish and game) listing will now be combined with the general SR (state revenues: all) category.

Members who had requested circuits with the discontinued categories will automatically be listed in the newly combined categories. any members no longer desirous of receiving these more generalized circuits may drop me a line, and I will remove their names from the lists.

Earlier, I had asked for input regarding the demand for a U.S. Possessions and Territories category. Due to the minimal response,

this specialization will not have its own category.

A few members continue to denote their purchases with pen and ink entries. I have sent them notices that I have to suspend them from the circuits until they provide me with an impression of the requisite rubber stamps. A heavy pen stroke can damage underlying material, and it is my responsibility to ensure that the fragile items., such as tissue paper wrappers and tin foil beer stamps suffer no damage while a part of the circuits.

Finally, please send me your remittances for purchases the same day you forward the circuit. This is a requirement, and the few participants who make a habit of delaying payment will be dropped. Until all remittances are received, I must hold returned circuits, and this has stretched into weeks while I await someone's check. thanks for your consideration.

Paul Weidhaas, U.S. Sales Circuit Manager

"All the World's a Stage..." introduces the April-June 1995 issue of *The Check Collector*. This article by Ed Lipson describes the spread of Wells Fargo & Company's stagecoach lines throughout the West. The article is illustrated various drafts and stamped documents from the area some of which bear imprinted or adhesive revenue stamps.

This issue offers little else in the way of revenue stamp material but nevertheless contains much of interest to check collectors

including "South Pueblo, Colorado," "Collecting Checks with a Logo Based on the Bank Name," "Checks and Related Material," "Pre-Orange County Paper Collectibles," "The Check is the Mail," and various society items.

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The Check Collector—April-June 1995

Yes, Virginia, now is the time to buy revenue stamped paper

Christie's auction of Joe Antizzo's collection

by Bill Castenholz, ARA

There are 1929 Chevy engine parts all over my garage right now. Friday, I burned out a rod bearing while on the 605 freeway. Even had to suffer the indignity of having the car towed home.

Actually, this was just one more thing in a very eventful week. Sunday evening I left LAX aboard Continental Airlines for Newark. Upon arrival I proceeded to NYC. From Grand Central Station I walked up to Christie's where Brian Bleckwenn welcomed me and I began viewing the fabulous

stamped paper collection that Joe Antizzo had assembled.

The section in the catalog devoted to Joe's collection was preceded by this introduction: "One of the finest specialized collections of revenue stamped paper ever formed. The collection is replete with many unique RN's, proofs, essays, specimens and extremely rare usages. Assembled with an eye for quality and very unusual usages, the collection ranks among the finest in this field." And, indeed it did!

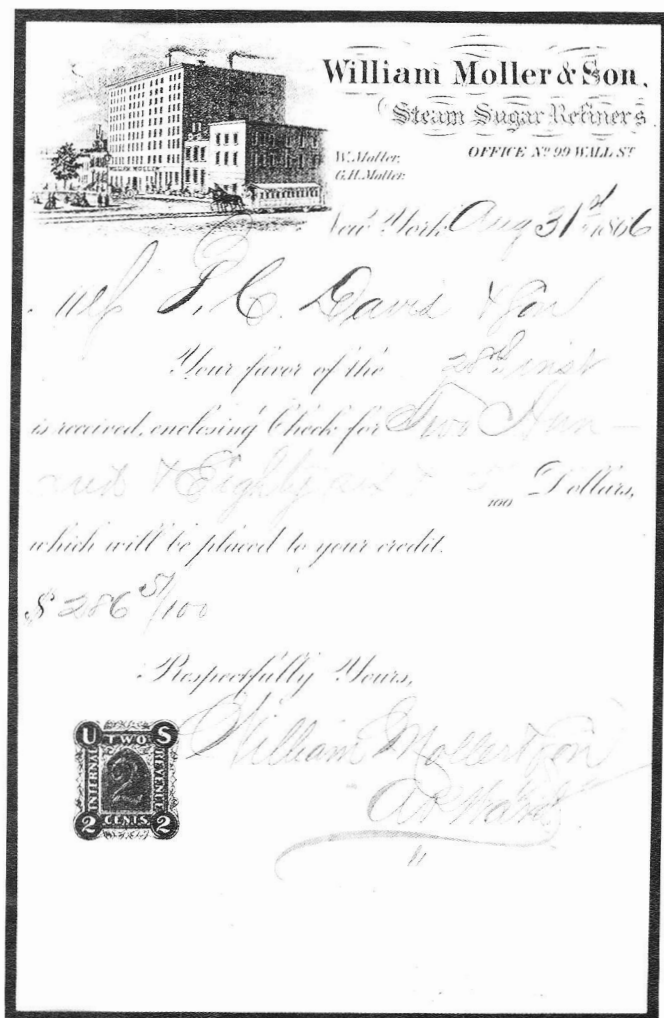
If I had written the introduction, I probably would have added a sentence or two: "Joe provided the strongest competition in the acquisition of revenue stamped paper with the results that many of the finest pieces went to him. The list of rarities would be lengthy. And the enjoyment I personally have had in collecting RNs has been greatly enhanced by my friendly rivalry with Joe."

Viewing at Christie's filled much of Monday and Tuesday. But on Wednesday, the day of the sale, no viewing was possible so Coleman Leifer and I went to visit R. M. Smythe & Co., the international certificate and autograph firm on Broadway in the Financial District. Then we went across the street and stopped at Joe Antizzo's office.

Joe was most gracious to interrupt his full schedule to see us. We talked of old times as well as about his other active collecting interests. As we viewed the Hudson River and lower Manhattan from the 31st floor, it was very peaceful. A nice calm before the auction.

As the time for the Sale approached, Coleman and I grabbed lunch around the corner from Christie's where we ran into Eric Jackson and Ron Leshner. Then we went to Christie's gallery where the Van Goghs and Matisse's are sold. Richard Friedberg, Mike Aldrich, Frank Mandel and Melissa Purser were there, as well as Irwin Weinberg and a couple of collectors. Clearly the buying strength was by agent representation, rather than from a large contingent of collectors on

One of three
RN-A8s in the
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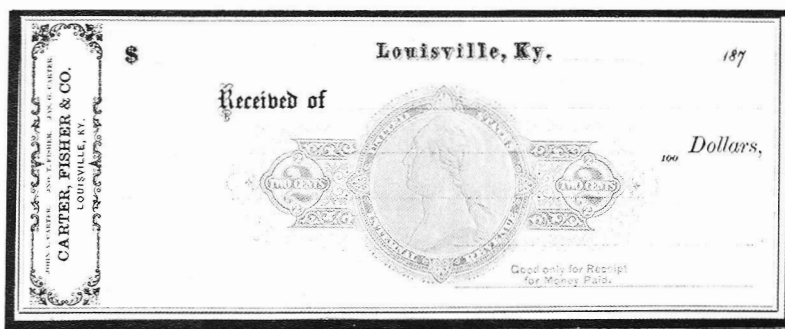
the floor. I think at the peak, the attendance was 12 to 15 people. The sale was called by Kathleen Guzman whose clear voice and skillful timing were most helpful.

The first major piece in the Antizzo collection was lot 420, the RN-A8 purple on a William Moller & Son receipt. It brought \$1,725! Later, following the Antizzo material, two other identical pieces, but not quite as nice, sold for \$1,150 and \$1,265. The RN-A9 brought \$747.50 but the tape-worms did not reach reserve. Surprisingly, the inverted tablet RN-B17a also did not reach reserve and was "brought in."

Perhaps the most outstanding realization of the sale was for the RN-B20c, a receipt with the stamp upright but the tablet inverted. Only one of these has thus far turned up. It brought \$3,910!

With the exception of the super-rare RN-C15 which did not sell, most of the scarce C dies with restrictive clauses went well, particularly the RN-C17 and RN-C19. A bidder paid \$2,875 for a RN-C21a, the variety with the stamp printed on the back. The RN-C22a, a brown C die inverted on the back of a very attractive M&M related draft went for \$862.50. The Scott value on that piece was severely underpriced at \$125.

A mixed lot of D types went for \$575 against an estimate of \$180 to \$220 because of a sleeper in the lot, a true brown D die. The buff color is common but this is the first RN-D in true brown that I have seen. It will show up in the catalog before too long. The RN-D7a, the RN-D7 type printed on the reverse brought \$2,185. It is a true rarity and now beginning to be appreciated. The RN-D8 brought a strong \$632.50.



A number of presidential autographs were included in the B, D, G and X types. Most did not meet reserves but perhaps they would do much better when offered to autograph collectors. It is a shame that these pieces may find their way out the the revenue stamped paper field.

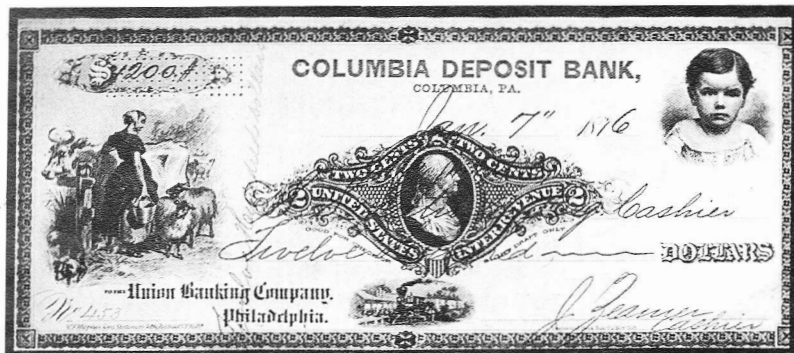
One of the better buys was an RN-H3c on a G. W. Blabon & Co. receipt. This two line restrictive clause item was snapped up for only \$402.50. The next lot, the super-rare RN-H3d with typeset legend at left, reading up, brought \$1,265. The RN-J4b (listed in Part 4 of the *Field Guide* as a RN-J10) brought a healthy \$805. The RN-J9, in what I believe to be its first ever auction appearance, brought \$1,955 against both a Scott and *Field Guide* valuation of \$2,000.

The scarcity of the L type in a good green was again reaffirmed when one sold for \$632.50. The RN-M2a, another of the Lawrence Manufacturing Co. pieces from the National Webster Bank, this time with the M type inverted on the back, brought \$1,610. Two are known, although this is the only one I have ever seen. As you probably know, Lawrence Manufacturing Co. is also the source for the inverted RN-C1s, RN-D1s and RN-N3s.

The O types are always appreciated and they were in this sale. A sample, significant for the fact that it shows the printer of the type to be Morey & Co., sold for \$1,725 and was followed by two issued but unused pieces which brought \$1,610 and \$1,840.

The truly beautiful Erie Railroad pass with Jay Gould's signature and

The RN-C15, printed legend at bottom right, did not sell.



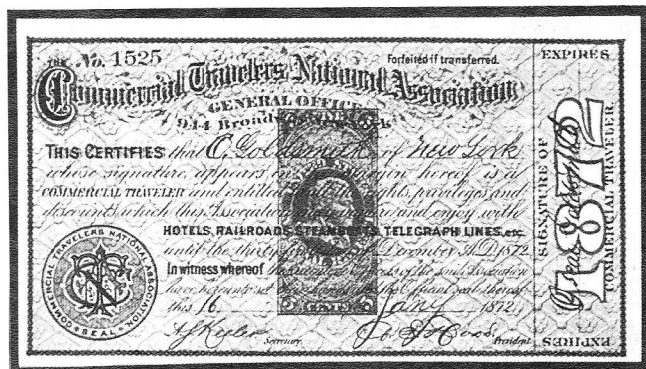
RN-J9: red with printed legend below stamp "Good for check or sight draft only" made its first ever auction appearance.



A printer's sample of an RN-O2 bearing the imprint of Morey & Co. brought \$1,750.

bearing an RN-P5 brought the astounding price of \$1,725. The piece was so stunning that it appeared in full color on the cover of the catalog. Another Erie RR pass but with John A. Dix's signature and a Type Q imprint sold for a strong \$747.50.

One of the stars of the sale was the RN-Q2, the brown Q on a very attractive certificate. It brought \$2,760. It had brought \$2,200 a few years ago, when it first entered the collector's market.



This RN-Q2 on a membership certificate for the Commercial Travelers National Association combined a rare RN with a gorgeous document.

The R types were surprisingly affordable in this sale, both the RN-R3 and RN-R6 pieces were good buys at modest prices. These imprints are rare and the future will show how hard they are to find.

One could elaborate at length on the S types. At the time of the Turner Sale (Kelleher, Boston, 1980) three RN-S2s were thought to exist along with the newly discovered RN-S1 on the New Jersey Midland Railway \$100 bond. At that sale the RN-S1 (then believed to be unique) sold for \$3,740. Over the years six more New Jersey Midland pieces and five Lake Ontario Shore Railroad bonds have turned up bearing RN-S1s. In that time not a single new RN-S2 has sur-

faced. So the tables are turned—the RN-S2 is again recognized as the ultimate RN. The RN-S1 in this sale, the former Turner piece, brought \$2,990 in one of the better buys of the day. However, it was the next lot, the RN-S2 on the Ohio Farmers Insurance Co. (the piece illustrated in the *Field Guide*) which, in my opinion, was the best buy of the entire sale. It brought \$4,600 but deserved to go much higher. As it is, I believe that this insurance policy and Turner's piece are the only RN-S2s to be offered publicly in our lifetime!

The very beautiful North American Steam Ship Co. stock certificate with interest bearing coupons attached brought \$1,092.50. It is imprinted with a deep red T type stamp.

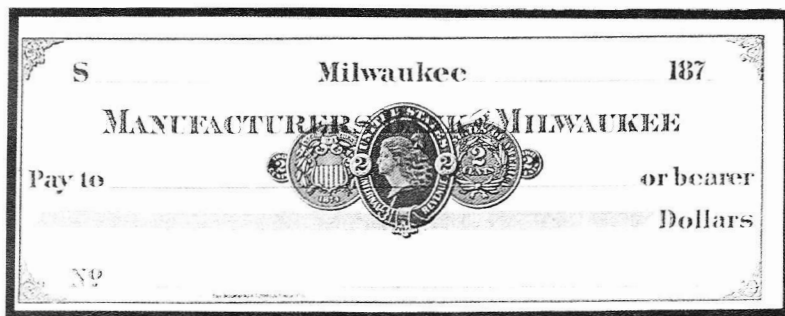
The stock and bond certificates, in general, did very well, topped by the Lake Superior Ship Canal, Railroad & Iron Co. bond bearing a pink Type W and a pink Type P. Both stamps are unique. The bidding on this piece was vigorous, finally ending at \$3,910!

But I am getting ahead of myself. The certificates and insurance policies, other than the stocks and bonds, were very conservatively bid. Many extremely rare T, U and V types were bought at very modest prices. An exception was the unique RN-U3 on a Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co. policy. Until this piece turned up, shortly after the Amon Carter collection was dispersed, only a couple of cut squares were believed to have survived. The RN-U3 brought \$2,415 which testifies to what a fabulous piece it is. Now for the first time the entire U type varieties can be seen on full documents.

An Atlanta Improvement Co. bond, the only source I know of for the brown 50 cent die (it also bears the rare P type on the reverse), brought \$632.50. This shows that the market is a bit deeper than we had been led to believe, as several of these bonds came from Amon Carter's (or was it Morton Dean Joyce's) collection.

As usual, the scarcer intact railroad tickets brought strong prices. A four-piece RN-X1 (pink) brought \$805, an RN-X5b (green) on an unused two-part ticket brought \$552, and the 2 cent RN-X7 on a four-part ticket brought \$977.50. The latter is believed to be unique on a complete four-part ticket.

A big surprise to me was the failure of the 2 cent olive-green X type (on a Missouri

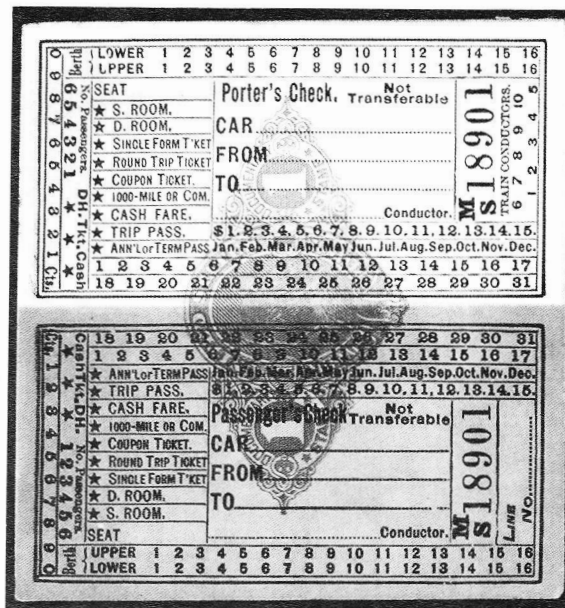


This unused RN-O2 realized \$1,840 against an estimated \$1,500 to \$1,800.

check) to reach reserve. I remember sitting in the R. A. Siegel sale where this check first appeared. I examined it and I am confident that it is a color worthy of separate listing. At the Siegel Sale I watched it bring \$1,100. Although rumors of olive-green Xs are common, to my knowledge, none are certifiable.

In the lots following the Antizzo material another revenue stamped paper group was offered. In addition to the two RN-A8s mentioned at the beginning of this article there was a nice group of pieces which brought fairly good prices. One lot I found interesting was a mix of X types, mostly fairly common but with an RN-X7a included. The RN-X7a is the variety with the stamp printed on the back of the check. Although the Einstein, Dekay and Kingsley *Census* listed about 10 of these, this is the first I recall seeing. The lot brought \$322, principally because of the RN-X7a.

To make a generalization, the top rarities brought record prices. The pieces bearing common RNs but with something nifty to make them attractive went for very respectable prices. For example, the RN-X7 from Hawaii. The *Field Guide* listed it at \$110. It brought (would you believe) \$517.50! But the middle ground, pieces with imprints having a rarity census of about 10 or more, brought somewhat disappointing realizations. A good time to buy!



An intact two-part Pullman ticket with an RN-X4a.

The sale ended and I headed to the Newark Airport for the red-eye back to Los Angeles. Eric was driving home and gave me a lift. It was nice to get a chance to hash over the sale on the way to the airport.

I love flying. And the trip home had its highlights. Somewhere over Arizona I was treated to a fabulous light show. In an otherwise clear sky there was a group of thunderheads and the lightning was spectacular. I said *I* was treated. Everyone else was asleep.



The obverse side of a National Bank Note engraved 1872 Erie Railway pass with the autograph signature of John A. Dix (Treasury Secretary under Lincoln). A 5¢ orange RN-Q1 covered with text is on the reverse side.

The American Revenue Association

Secretary's Report

Applications for Membership

In accordance with Article 4, Section 2(c) as amended December 31, 1979, of the ARA By-laws, the following have applied for membership in the ARA. If the Secretary receives no objections to their membership by the last day of the month following publication the applicants will be admitted to membership.

Leonard H Chusmir 5239, 3 Grove Isle Dr, Apt 1710, Miami, FL 33133, by Eric Jackson. Cuba, Spanish Antilles.

Ira W Cotton 5233, 9939 Broadmoor Rd, Omaha, NE 68114, by Secretary. Canada, US-Hunting Permit, US-State Fish & Game, Israel.

Ronald Edward 5237, 9498 Tupper St, Chilliwack, BC V2P 4G4, Canada, by Michael Jaffe. Canada-Wildlife Habitat, US-State Fish & Game.

Charles Ekstrom 5244, 86 Cricket Lane, Glastonbury, CT 06033, by Suzanne Haney. US-Hunting Permit.

Jim Farnsworth 5238, 15504-K Williams St, Tustin, CA 92680, by Eric Jackson. United States, US-Literature, US-M&M, US-1,2,3 Issues.

Gerald Heist 5236, 9457 Las Vegas Blvd S, #28, Las Vegas, NV 89123, by Michael Jaffe. Canada-Wildlife Habitat, US-Hunting Permit, US-State Fish & Game.

William A Klutts 5241, PO Drawer 289, Ripley, TN 38063, by Michael Jaffe. US-19th Century, US-Proofs & Essays.

Patrick Matney 5240, 17052 Green St, #7, Huntington Beach, CA 92649, by Richard Friedberg. United States, US-Cancels, US-Financial Documents, US-Local Posts, US-Proofs & Essays, US-Savings, US-Postal Notes, US-Stamps on Documents.

Paul A Menard, Jr 5242, 10456 Haleiwa Place, Bay St. Louis, MS 39525, by Michael Jaffe. Canada-Wildlife Habitat, US-Hunting Permit, US-State Fish & Game, France, Germany.

James D Dklandany 5243, 470 W 25th St, San Bernardino, CA 92405, by Richard Friedberg. US-Scott Listed, US-Potato Tax, US-Narcotic, US-Firearms.

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Listed, US-Cigarette, US-Cigar, US-Liquor Strips, US-Hydrometer Labels, US-Special Tax Stamps. Michael A Taller 5235, 406 Desert Willow Dr, League City, TX 77573, by Richard Friedberg. US-Scott Listed, US-Telegraphs.

Highest membership number assigned on this report is 5244.

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Numbers 5211-5222

Application for Reinstatement

Jan R Wooton 2406, Box 172, Talking Rock, GA 30175, by Secretary. Collector/dealer. Canada-Wildlife Habitat, US-Hunting Permit, US-State Fish and Game, Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Reinstated from 1995 Non-Payment of Dues List

4505 Walt Bassett

Directory Update

The following members have had changes posted to the Editor's ARA membership computer database since the publication of the last Secretary's Report. In some instances changes may involve collecting interests which will not show on this listing.

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UNITED STATES - Scott Catalogue Numbers			Philadelphia check, F			159 RE163 perf in, VF			20.00
1	Telegraph 1T3P3 pair, F	68.00	62	R168a F-VF	20.00	160	RE164 perf in, VF	20.00	
2	4T2 F	10.00	63	R177 VG-F	90.00	161	RE165 VF staple holes	20.00	
3	5T7* F-VF thin spot	200.00	64	R179 VF pinhole in right margin	30.00	162	RE180* F	10.00	
4	9T1 F-VF	20.00	65	R181 F crease	300.00	163	RE186* VF	16.00	
5	12T4* F	125.00	66	R191a F-VF corner crease	75.00	164	RE190* VF	3.75	
6	16T10P4 F	16.00	67	R222 F-VF	10.00	165	RE192* VF	12.50	
7	-1911 red (Galbraith), VF mint, corner crease	-----	68	R228* double impression, F-VF	7.00	166	RE196* VF	4.25	
8	Savings PS8* F-VF	16.00	69	R240* F	6.00	167	RE196a* F-VF	45.00	
9	PS12 plate # block of four, F-VF	15.00	70	R244* VF-XF	12.50	168	RE200* VF	3.50	
10	PS14* F-VF	9.00	71	R249* F-VF	200.00	169	RE203 F-VF	7.00	
11	S4 unused, F-VF	20.00	72	R249 perf in, VF	10.00	170	RF2e single, F-VF thin	-----	
12	WS9* F-VF	4.00	73	R257 F	30.00	171	RF5 Logan Printing House variety, F-VF usual crease	600.00	
13	WS10* VF	9.50	74	R258* VG-F	32.50	172	RF9c black surcharge, F thin	10.00	
14	Postage Currency #5, 5c Jefferson, imperf VF	17.50	75	R259 straight edge at top, F	40.00	173	RF10 F-VF	55.00	
15	Fractional Currency 50c Third Issue (Hessler #1597), F	25.00	76	R260* F-VF	2.75	174	RF18a red surcharge, VF thin	27.50	
16	R2P4 XF	60.00	77	R273* F-VF	4.50	175	RF20-PC5 "NASCO", F	25.00	
17	R21P4 XF	85.00	78	R274* F	5.00	176	RF21* F	15.00	
18	R22P4 XF	55.00	79	R291 VG-F	20.00	177	RF22* F	10.00	
19	R51P4 XF	90.00	80	R292* F	3.00	178	RF23-PC32 "A.W.G." F-VF	5.00	
20	R54P4 VF	28.00	81	R360 cut cancel, VF	50.00	179	RF23-PC63 red, pair, F-VF	2.25	
21	R118uTC composite plate trial color proof in carmine and black, F small thin	78.00	82	R372 VG-F	5.50	180	RF24* F	10.00	
22	R135P4 VF	15.00	83	R383 cut cancel, VF light staining	5.50	181	RF26-PC111 "B & B", F-VF thin	90.00	
23	RB6P4 VF	12.00	84	R435 cut cancel, staple holes, F	25.00	182	RF27-PC163 as above, strip of six, VF	22.50	
24	RB7P3 VF thin spot	22.00	85	R448* F	5.00	183	RF28* F	5.00	
25	RO67TC1 trial color die proof in red, india on card, F-VF small crease, staining on back	500.00	86	R458 embossed cancel, VF	3.50	184	RG18 VG	15.00	
26	RO67TC1 trial color die proof in dark green on india, F	300.00	87	R479 F-VF crease	10.00	185	RG125 VF straight edge at right	50.00	
27	R3c DR. SETH ARNOLD, Woonsocket, R.I., black printed cancel, F	-----	88	R497 F-VF	4.50	186	RG130 staple holes, VF	15.00	
28	R10c block of four, VG-F	35.00	89	R498* F	4.75	187	RJA11* F	25.00	
29	R19c horizontal strip of four, F-VF	15.00	90	R508 perf in, VF	2.50	188	RJA14* F-VF thin spot	11.50	
30	R81d VG-F	20.00	91	R510 F-VF	60.00	189	RJA15* F	45.00	
31	R83c F-VF couple short perfs	45.00	92	R558 perf in, F-VF	3.00	190	RJA42d F-VF crease	6.00	
32	R86c F	20.00	93	R583 perf in, VF	5.00	191	RJA50b* F	3.25	
33	Railroad Cancels Buffalo & State Line RR, B-14A, R6c clear partial strike, F-VF	-----	94	R584 VG-F	82.50	192	RJA54a VF thin	30.00	
34	Central RR of New Jersey, C-6G, R6c, sharp SON strike in blue, F	-----	95	R585 cut cancel, F-VF	35.00	193	RJA55b pair, F-VF light soiling	5.00	
35	C-12B, R10c bl of 4, sharp SON strike in blue, F	-----	96	R603* VF	75.00	194	RJA57b VF	25.00	
36	C-18G, R88c, clear SON strike, F short perf	-----	97	R604 F-VF two straight edges	50.00	195	RJA59c* F-VF	4.00	
37	Columbus & Indianapolis RR, C-26, R52b, clear strike, F small faults	-----	98	R606* F-VF	75.00	196	RJA64b VF small faults	45.00	
38	Columbus & Xenia RR, C-27, R6c, sharp partial strike, F perf faults	-----	99	R614 perf in, F	2.00	197	RJA67a faulty	15.00	
39	G-2C, R69c, sharp strike in blue, F	-----	100	R616 VF corner crease	30.00	198	RJA67b* VF creases	10.00	
40	I-1A, R61c, sharp SON strike in blue, F-VF thin	-----	101	R669 F-VF straight edge at bottom	55.00	199	RJA68a F-VF	325.00	
41	L-8A, R48c, sharp SON strike, F	-----	102	R682 perf in, F-VF	4.00	200	RJA70a F-VF	325.00	
42	L-8A-2, R48c, sharp SON strike, F pinhole	-----	103	R688 perf in, F-VF	3.50	201	RJA71c* VF	4.00	
43	L-8-3, R45c, clear SON strike, F pulled perf	-----	104	R691 perf in, VF	3.50	202	RJA74b VF separated by scissors	10.00	
44	Memphis & Ohio RR, M-6A, R100c, sharp SON strike in blue, F-VF	-----	105	R697 perf in, VF	4.50	203	RJA76* XF	85.00	
45	M-8F, R70c, clear SON strike, F	-----	106	R700 perf in, VF	4.00	204	RK3 embossed cancel, VF	5.00	
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