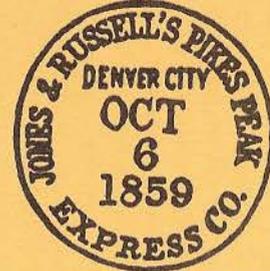


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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

A NEW EDITOR! Page 1 of the July, 1956 edition of WESTERN EXPRESS sent out a call for volunteers to be the new editor. As outgoing president of our Society, I was hopeful that there would be at least one or two candidates. Several months went by without a single volunteer. I did so want to take a back seat and enjoy the serenity of just being a passive member. On reporting the lack of volunteers at a meeting of about thirty of our members, including a majority of our directors, I was unanimously ganged up on by these cover bandits and told I was to be the next fair-haired boy to do the job. The persuasiveness of the likes of super salesman, such as Ed Jessup, caught me in a moment of weakness and I acquiesced. So you are now to be blessed, or perhaps damned, with an untried and inexperienced editor. At any rate, I will try my best to at least uphold the standards of my worthy predecessors, and to improve, if possible, the structure and contents of our publication in order to make it of greater value and interest to our readers.

"A new broom sweeps clean", so to start with I am enclosing a questionnaire, which I urgently ask every one of you to answer as soon as possible. I want to know what your specialties are and what you want to read about in our publication. I am not a mind-reader, and if you want intelligent and interesting articles and news then let me know by your answers and our staff of editors will do everything possible to please you. So get out your pen or pencil and answer NOW - don't file it in the "do it next week" portfolio.

After much consternation with the suddenness of this appointment, I have begun to reflect that it might give me much satisfaction to become an editor, particularly on a subject so dear to me personally, and perhaps after all, I will enjoy this assignment. Of course that depends entirely on two things. First, I must have your help and cooperation. Second, please be patient with this untried soul. By help and cooperation I mean good articles and news. Everyone of you has some knowledge that would be helpful to the other fellow. All you have to do is put it in writing, (typed and double spaced) and my associates or myself will edit it. This is simple, isn't it? Your patience with me needs no further explanation. You know what I mean.

Yours for a constantly better "WESTERN EXPRESS".

Mel C. Nathan

P.S. And while I am on the subject of help, I want to thank all of you for the wonderful cooperation you gave me while president. My successor is a grand guy and deserving of all the help you can give him too. That is another reason I was willing to carry on. So let us all pull together and make our society far greater than ever before. My Holiday Greetings to you all and my best wishes for a bright, peaceful and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

STEAMBOAT CONTRACT-MAIL ROUTES IN THE PACIFIC STATES
1851 TO 1861

By Tracy W. Simpson

This listing is from microfilms of the annual reports of the Postmaster General and is not guaranteed free of minor errors. Reference, say, to "1852 list" means the list of routes under contract on Oct. 1 (or Sept. 30) of that year, and similarly for other years. Routes were sometimes shown as in operation less than one year. Also slight changes of distance may occur in the successive lists. Such minor matters are mostly ignored.

THE COAST ROUTES

Panama to Astoria, Ore.: In 1851 list as Route 4, curiously headed "foreign" mails: Astoria (Ore.) by Umqua City, San Francisco, Monterey, and San Diego to Panama, 4200 miles, twice monthly, Pacific Mail Steamship Co.; contract with Secretary of Navy and Postmaster General per Acts of Congress Mar. 3, 1847 and Mar. 3, 1851. The listing is unchanged in 1852. The 1853 list is also the same, except that Port Orford is substituted for Umqua City. The whereabouts of the latter port is unknown to the writer. A postoffice was established at Umpqua City on Sept. 26, 1851, but the map in the Chase-Cabeen book on territorial markings shows it at least 60 miles inland on the Umpqua River,

The 1854 list shows: Astoria (Ore.) by Port Orford and San Francisco to Panama (supplying Monterey, San Diego, etc., by a separate coastwise steamer from San Francisco in due connection with the main line).

The 1859 list omits the route number (4) and reduces the description to: Between Panama, San Francisco, and Astoria, 24 trips. The report also describes the New Orleans-San Francisco Route via Tehautepec, but as this route used the steamships of Route 4 on the Pacific side, it is not a separate Pacific route.

The 1860 list is the same as 1859 except it reports only 6 trips in July, Aug. and Sept. 1859, after which the contract was consolidated with the new Cornelius Vanderbilt contract described: Between New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco Via Havana and Aspinwall; 2 trips monthly, Oct. 1, 1859 to June 30, 1860, 18 trips. On July 1, 1860, the contract was renewed for 3 trips monthly instead of two.

The PAN & SAN FRAN. S.S. route agent marking was undoubtedly used on this route for way mail until the route agents were discontinued in 1853 and their duties taken over by the pursers (see J. H. Kemble: The Panama Route, page 204.) The story of this marking has been authoritatively covered by Mr. Stanley B. Ashbrook in Vol. II of his book on the lct stamp, and in Issue 13 (the White Book) Stamp Specialist, and in Stamps magazine, March 24, 1945.

San Francisco-San Diego: First appears in the 1860 list as Route 12507, 450 miles, 2 trips monthly with 3rd trip part of the year to San Pedro. This route does not appear in the 1861 list.

STEAMBOAT CONTRACT-MAIL ROUTES IN THE PACIFIC STATES - 1851 TO 1861 (Cont'd)

THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ROUTES

San Francisco-Sacramento: First appears in the 1852 list as Route 5061, 114 miles, 7 trips weekly, and is the same in the 1853 list. In 1854 it is shown as Route 12500, 125 miles, 6 trips weekly, continuing thus in the 1855, 1856, and 1857 lists. The 1858 report shows it as Route 12503, continuing thus for 1859, 1860, and 1861.

San Francisco-Stockton: First appears in the 1852 list as Route 5062, 105 miles, 6 trips weekly, and is the same in 1853. The 1854 list shows it as Route 12501, 125 miles, 6 trips weekly, continuing thus in the 1855, 1856, and 1857 reports. The 1858 list shows it as Route 12504, but the 1859 list omits this route. It is shown again in the 1860 report as Route 12580 and also appears the same in 1861.

Sacramento-Marysville: First appears in the 1854 report as Route 12529, 54 miles, 6 trips weekly, and is the same in 1855 (7 months only), and for 1856 and 1857 for full time. The 1858 list shows it as Route 12540, distance 45 miles, and it also so appears for 1859 and 1860. It is not shown in 1861 list.

San Francisco-Petaluma: First appears in the 1858 report as Route 12506, 50 miles, 3 trips weekly, and continues thus to and including the 1861 list.

San Francisco-Napa City: First appears in the 1858 report as Route 12517, 30 miles, 3 trips weekly, and continues thus in 1859 and 1860. It is not shown in the 1861 list.

ROUTES IN THE NORTH

The changes of terminals in this section are best shown if the reports are abstracted for the successive years:

1852 and 1853 lists:

Route 5025 Astoria to Oregon City, 136 miles, twice monthly.

Route 5028 Oregon City to Marysville (now Corvallis), 140 miles, once weekly.

1854, 1855, and 1856 lists:

Route 12700 Astoria to Portland, 120 miles, twice weekly.

Route 12708 Portland to Oregon City, 13 miles, twice weekly.

1857 list - same as 1856, except add:

Route 12730a Olympia to Whatcom (now Bellingham), 180 miles, once weekly.

1858 and 1859 lists show:

Route 12701 Astoria to Oregon City, 144 miles, twice weekly.

Route 12730a Olympia to Camp Simeahinco (near Blaine), 210 miles, listed as 180 miles once weekly, and 30 miles every other week.

Route 12751 Portland to Wascofum (now The Dalles), 130 miles, 3 times weekly.

STEAMBOAT CONTRACT-MAIL ROUTES IN THE PACIFIC STATES - 1861 to 1951 (Cont'd)1860 list:

Same as 1859, except the terminal of Route 12701 is Portland instead of Oregon City, and distance reduced to 112 miles.

1861 list:

Route 12701, Astoria to Monticello (near Longview), 55 miles, twice weekly.
Route 12723, Monticello to Portland, 66 miles, 6 trips weekly.
Route 12751, Portland to The Dalles, 130 miles, 3 trips weekly.
Route 12772, Olympia to Victoria, B.C., 230 miles, twice weekly.

It is noted that Olympia was the take-off port for Puget Sound mail. It was doubtless supplied by Coach contract from some point on the Columbia River, perhaps Cathlamet or Monticello. The PMG reports do not list coach routes.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

By The Editor

Gentleman - Scholar - Friend

To those of you who know Tracy Simpson I need go no further. But for the benefit of those who have not had the privilege of knowing him, I must acquaint you with this modest gentleman and his accomplishments.

A eulogy on his loyalty, citizenship, business successes and family life would cover too many pages. So I will get down to "brass tacks" and tell you some things I know about him philatelically. He is, and has been since its inception, the editor and publisher of the "Three Cent '51-'57 Chronicle" of Unit No.11, American Philatelic Society. This technical journal is the bible for the collectors of the Three Cent '51 and '57 both on and off cover. Only an authority on the subject could disseminate the information contained therein in so interesting and scholarly a manner. He is tireless in researching for the facts and generous in recording them so that all who are interested can share his great knowledge.

He is a true collector, displaying his very fine material in beautifully prepared album pages. His plating of the Three Cent '51 is outstanding and referred to by other authorities. He graciously displays at shows when requested and comes up with the top honors.

Tracy always finds time to answer inquiries, and long after answering he still keeps the subject in mind and comes up with additional information at a later date. And so I repeat - Tracy Simpson, Gentleman, Scholar, Friend.

THE GHOST TOWNS OF THE FOOTHILLS

By Ernest A. Wiltsee

(Editor's Note: For some time there have been requests by many members who collect early California town covers to publish articles of interest about the towns. Col. Wiltsee wrote a most interesting series of articles for "Stamps" Magazine starting on March 24, 1934 and continuing for a number of issues thereafter. Through the courtesy of Mr. H. L. Lindquist, editor and publisher of "Stamps", we have been given permission to republish them. We hope you will enjoy them.)

Eighty-five years ago the most romantic gold rush took place, pouring its adventures from all over the world into that then most remote region, the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas, in California, extending for two hundred miles along the west slope of the mountains, and about forty miles wide. The gold belt started on the eastern edge of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, gradually rising toward the summit, the limit of the area being about 6,000 feet in elevation. The discovery took place on January 24, 1848, but it was well into 1849 before the greater rush commenced.

They came by three routes, all replete with intense hardship:

First, around Cape Horn by sailing vessel.

Second, by steamer or sailing vessel to the Isthmus of Panama, crossing the Isthmus amid the deadliest of perils from exposure and disease, and thence to the west coast, the first steamer arriving February, 1849.

Third, across the plains in covered wagons, running the gauntlet of cholera, hostile Indians and starvation, as their clumsy wagons undermanned and underprovisioned, jolted over unfit roads.

Arriving at San Francisco their goal was far away; they had to cross the then uninhabited valley to Sacramento, Stockton or Marysville, and from these base towns outfit and depart into the foothills to the east, the scene of their labors and privations, and where their hopes of fortune and competence were either to be realized or extinguished, and where so many found their unmarked graves from the perils of disease, starvation and crime. They numbered over 100,000 miners at one time.

The foothills, previous to these scenes of endeavor, had been a wilderness without habitation or roads. A beautiful scene of dashing rivers, wooded glades, of oak, madrona and pinon pine in the lower reaches, slowly rising into grander scenes as the dense forests of pine and fir covered the entire terrain; with deeply chasmed rivers whose steep descents had formed the canyons of the Merced, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, Mokelumne, Calaveras, Bear, Yuba, and Feather Rivers, with their many forks and tributaries, and from whose golden gravels and sands fortunes were to be obtained by laborious toil. The great valleys, now so productive, were then just a grazing place for herds of cattle, elk and antelope.

In such a setting for economic development, necessarily numerous mining camps, or gathering places of miners, arose from the wilderness, centered around

THE GHOST TOWNS OF THE FOOTHILLS (Cont'd)

the needed stores, saloons, dance halls, express offices, and all the necessary concomitants of mining life. These camps were often named "cities," doubtless to glorify their rising splendor, although some of them were only "villes." They sprang from nowhere, with overnight growth, like mushrooms in the meadows. Their size and lasting qualities, depended upon the permanence and richness of the gold deposits, by which alone they were called into being. Even in 1850, some of them became County Seats, and several are prosperous today. Among them are Sonora, Jackson, Auburn and Nevada City; while Quincy and Mariposa still hold their own and Downieville and Shasta are only the shadows of their former greatness, for the County Seats had other resources with which to carry on.

As is well known, the culmination of gold production was in 1850, 51, and 52; after that it gradually decreased, until now it is only about \$10,000,000.00 annually, its production being vastly surpassed by many of the products of the wonderful state. The mining camps in the early fifties, and even into the sixties, were the great powers in the State, both commercially and politically. Vigorous newspapers were published which long dominated the politics of California. Their politicians ruled the State; for San Francisco was the only great town, and the population of San Francisco County was exceeded by that of one mining County alone, El Dorado in 1850.

Their names were legion, and as varied as the fanciful whims of the miners. From the dignified ones of Sonora, Mariposa, Nevada City, Downieville, etc., the descent was easy into Hornitos, Double Springs, Angels Camp, Dry Town, Mokelumne Hill, etc., and thence to Rough and Ready, You Bet, Red Dog, String Town, Poverty Bar, Rich Gulch, Poker Flat, and even into Fiddletown, Rattlesnake, Horsetown, Yankee Jim's, Lousy Level, and Hell's Delight. But with the declining output of gold there came in the valleys an ever increasing production of fruits and products that grew nowhere else in our great country, as transportation improved. Oranges, lemons, grapes, olives, English walnuts, prunes, almonds, -- all the now vast crops of California, penetrated the known globe. And later on came petroleum in huge production. The richness and population of the valleys were ever on the increase; while the population of the foothills was ever on the decline, as their gold veins and gravel became depleted.

And so we have arrived at a time when many magnificent so-called "cities," whose inhabitants numbered thousands, are now deserted by man, for the foothill soil is vastly surpassed in fertility by the rich and ever increasing valleys.

Amid the beautiful trees and glades, where once perched golden "cities," now silence often reigns. Their wooden habitations, abandoned of necessity of man, have yielded to decay and destruction by the fires of the forest. Frequently only the old brick stores remain, partially in ruins, with their iron shuttered doors and windows. Many have returned to the meadows from which they arose. The youth have passed down to the active prosperous valleys; in many places only the old remain. They cling to their beautiful native foothills, as long as existence is possible, loathe to leave the lovely vales and hills that their fathers knew, and where they were born.

THE GHOST TOWNS OF THE FOOTHILLS (Cont'd)

To me the most romantic region in the world are these beautiful foothills, once teeming with mighty "cities," now so universally deserted, so picturesque in their decay. Once its active population controlled the State; now its few are lost in the teeming multitudes which crowd the productive valleys, upon which they have always looked down.

And so to save them from oblivion, we will describe a few, not in all their former glory, but as the "Ghost Towns" which they are today.

HORNITOS

On the ancient road from Merced Falls to Mariposa is the old mining camp of Hornitos, now almost completely "ghost." Originating in 1850, it was the earliest camp in that vicinity, for Quartzburg, four miles to the West, bears that distinction. Quartzburg was founded in "50" by Georgia miners, on some promising quartz veins. A number of Mexicans intruded upon the Southerners, who finally expelled them, sending them four miles down the road, where they started a camp called "Hornitos," because of their numerous little adobe bake ovens.

Quartzburg and its Southern aristocracy were doomed to failure. Its mines soon played out; it is now represented by the ruins of one brick store. The Mexican settlement grew and prospered; for rich placers and gold veins were discovered around it. It became populous, and in 1858 the "Mariposa Democrat," a full-sized well-printed weekly newspaper, was moved over from Mariposa. It was one of the ten localities in the "Southern Mines," that supported a newspaper.

The town grew and its brick, iron-shuttered stores increased. Some were even of two stories. It had three streets and a substantial hotel perched on the little hill.

But after several decades the mines became exhausted, and now Hornitos is indeed "ghost." None walk in the shaded streets; the brick stores are untenanted, only one remains open showing a semblance of life. The hotel is empty and deserted. Soon all will be crumbling ruins, for nothing to attract mining life remains.

A bronze tablet proclaims the fact that the Gherardellis (of chocolate fame) originated here.

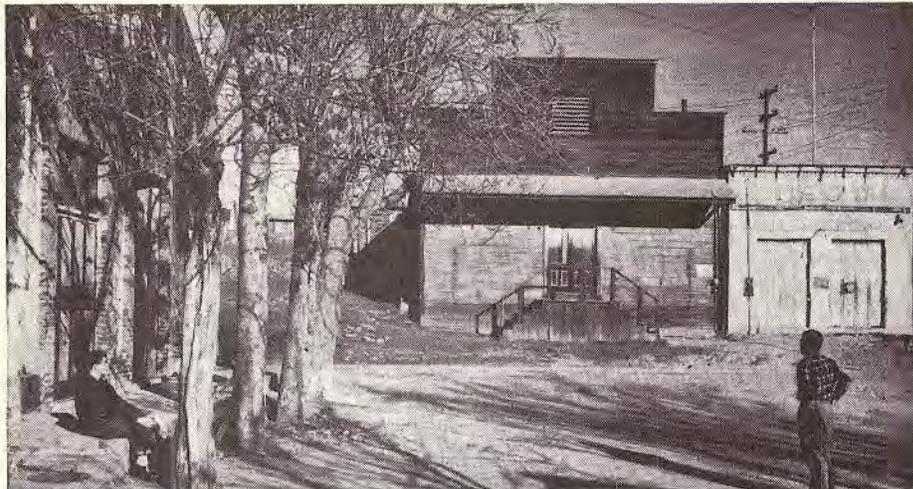
Its orthography, being Spanish, puzzled the early denizens. The writer knows of four different spellings of the name in early postmarks; namely Hornitas, Hornetas, Hornitus, and Hornitos.

Sleep on Hornitos! Your busy thriving early days are now only a dream, as you slumber amid your shade trees, in the mellow autumn sunshine.

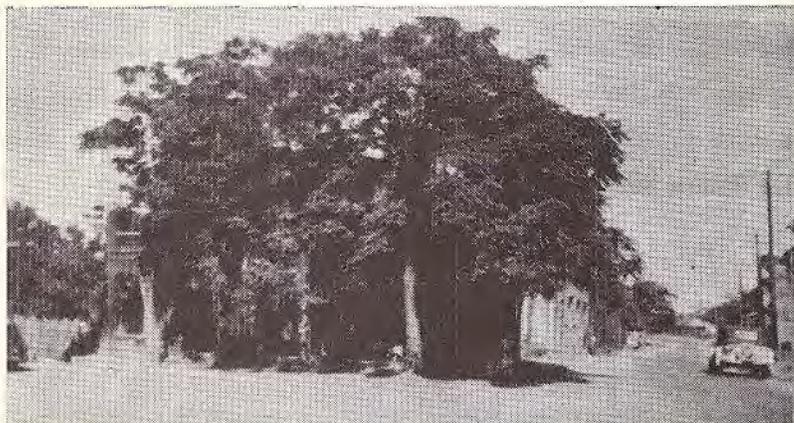
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HORNITOS
(Mariposa County)

Postoffice established June 18th, 1856 as HornitAs, name changed to HornitOs August 20th, 1877.



FANDANGO HALL in Hornitos, shown in center of picture, where miners coming in from diggings made merry after the fashion of the Gold Rush Days. At left is the old Merck Saloon, and at right is the building of the Native Sons of the Golden West. Legend has it that Fandango Hall had an underground passage which Joaquin Murieta, the bandit, was reputed to have found useful.



The structure on the northeast corner of the Plaza in Hornitos, here almost entirely hidden by foliage, is the old Pacific Saloon. It was built of adobe in 1851. In 1862 it was so beautified with brick corner abutments and other ornamental flourishes that the miners did not feel at home in the bar and referred to the structure as "The Bank."

NOTES ON
EXPRESS COMPANY FRANKS AND HANDSTAMPS

By Henry H. Clifford

I thought we had just about finished the job of illustrating all known printed franks and corner cards, over and above those appearing in the Thorp-Bartels Catalog. But Bob HUGHES' auction of November 29th in San Francisco contained quite a few surprises. Bob sent me one lot for inspection, which consisted of 96 franks and corner cards, all cut-outs -- a tragic sight, but still useful for reference purposes. Included among them were the following:

The California Letter Express Co. -- green frank, with slightly different "Paid".

Case's Express -- black frank -- heretofore unlisted and unknown.

Dewey's Express -- black frank -- unlisted and unknown -- perhaps the same company as Dewey's South Yuba Express?

Earley's San Francisco Letter Express -- black frank, DL, larger, and with address 507 vs 330 Montgomery Street.

Freeman & Co. Atlantic States Express -- blue corner card, showing address 124 Montgomery St., San Francisco.

Gregory & English's Moore's Flat & Eureka Express -- black frank - new type with fancier border, particularly at the corners.

D. W. Harrier's Express -- black frank, 25 x 47 mm -- perhaps a new type, or perhaps Thorp's Type 1, which was not illustrated.

Kennedy & Co's Half Moon Bay Express, connecting with Wells Fargo -- blue frank, unlisted. Note "connection" and lack of "Pescadero".

Watkins' Express -- black frank -- heretofore unlisted and unknown, unless it is the "Watkins' Express & Passenger Line" listed by Wiltsee.

So there are nine more to be added to the list. They have been photographed and will be illustrated in "Western Express" in due course. If any WCS member has similar material which has not been illustrated, please send it to me for photographing and return. With printed franks and corner cards more or less out of the way, we can then turn our attention to express handstamps, which we started illustrating several years ago.

TERRITORIAL NEWS

By Joseph M. Clary

The big news of the fall season was the Samuel C. Paige auction of the Herbert T. Darlington collection of U. S. Territorial covers which was held in Boston, Mass., on December 7th. Dr. Carroll Chase has called this "the finest general collection of this kind that has ever been offered at auction. It is surely one of the two best such collections ever assembled". A major portion of the material comes under the classification of Western Covers. It is too early at this writing to report on the prices realized but suffice it to say that many of them will be quite startling. If other "Western" collectors has as little luck in obtaining lots from this sale, as myself, then we are due for quite an upward revision in our estimates of values. Many of the items were unique and quite rare and are seldom offered for disposal, either at auction or by private treaty. The "Prices Realized" list from this sale should be valuable as a guide for future reference as should be the catalog itself.

It is with mixed emotions of pleasure and regret that I notice a considerable rise in popularity in the collecting of Territorial Markings. This awakening interest has been particularly evident among our membership in California and the Southwest. I am pleased with these developments as it means that more people will study and enjoy this phase of "Western" collecting and that new markings and information will inevitably come to light. My regrets are that I did not start this collection years ago as my competitors in the field now have me badly outnumbered and any additions to my collection will have to run the gauntlet of this new group of enthusiasts.

While on a recent vacation trip thru the Southwest I had the very great pleasure of spending an evening with several of our members in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We began the evening with a couple of hours at the home of Myrl Ball to have a hurried look at his magnificent holding of New Mexico and Arizona Covers. We then adjourned to the Old Town of Albuquerque for a sumptuous Spanish dinner at the La Placita restaurant. Present were Mr. & Mrs. Myrl Ball, Doctor and Mrs. Sheldon Dike, Mr. Duane Rosselot, Mr. Phil Manly and Mrs. Clary and myself. After the dinner we repaired to the home of Dr. Dike where we spent some time viewing his magnificent collection of New Mexico and Arizona. From there we journeyed to the home of Duane Rosselot where another treat was in store. Those of you who have seen Mr. Rosselot's exhibits at various shows know the work that he does and the high type of material that graces his pages. This session broke up in the early hours of the morning and it was quite an effort for us to be on our way West at 6 AM the same day. However I would not have missed the opportunity and would gladly miss the sleep again.

Western Covers, including Territorials, were very well represented in the annual SESCAL Exhibition at Los Angeles in November. I noted the following: A very fine collection of Minnesota Territorials from member John L. Norbeck, a very fine showing of Iowa Stampless from member M. G. Heitman, a frame of Olympia, W.T. covers from member Don W. Donaldson and the usual fine showing of Nevada and Utah Territorial markings included in the exhibits of other "Western" entries.

Member Harry L. Fine of Billings, Montana had an article on "Montana Military Forts" in the November 24th issue of Stamps Magazine. There is some very fine (no pun) information for Territorial collectors contained in this bit of research.

AUCTION ACTION

By James E. Berry

This reporting of the auction results covers mostly the summer and early fall sales with the result that nothing too spectacular will be found in the following listings. However there are a few gems scattered here and there and my eternal hope is that there is something listed that will be of interest to every reader. I know that there is no one collector who is interested in all of the results, but in order to be of service to the membership as a whole we have to report just about every western cover sold. In a very short time "patterns" will develop and certain types of towns will be eliminated until we notice a general change in price reports for that certain category. For instance, you will note from this and previous results that "Via Nicaragua" covers in fine condition seem to have settled down to within a few dollars either way of \$90.00. The same applies to certain Wells, Fargo towns. So, in order to conserve as much space as possible in WE such items will be eliminated for the time being. And speaking of conserving, starting with the next listing we will try to use a bit more abbreviating. If you don't want these changes please feel free to contact either Mr. Nathan or myself. After all this is your paper and is put out for your benefit as well as our own.

NOTICE TO ALL STAMP DEALERS: If you would like to have your name and your sales listed here regularly all you have to do is send your auction catalogues and results to me at 1921 Franklin Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada and I'll do the rest.

A. OCEAN AND OVERLAND MAIL.

1. VIA NICARAGUA AHEAD OF THE MAILS in red box hndstmp on F cvr pr #11. "NY SHIP" cancel. Siegal 8/9/56 \$90.00.
2. VIA NICARAGUA AHEAD OF THE MAILS in blue octagon hndstmp on VF cvr pr #11 tied by "NY SHIP, APR 26". Harmer 10/15/56 \$50.00.
3. VIA NICARAGUA AHEAD OF THE MAILS in blue octagon hndstmp with STMR. SIERRA NEVADA ADVANCE OF THE MAILS in blue oval hndstmp on VF env. U13 canc by NY SHIP, May 9, to Valatie, NY. Harmer 10/15/56 \$210.00.
4. STMR. SIERRA NEVADA VIA NICARAGUA ADVANCE OF THE MAILS in blue oval hndstmp on F cvr pr #11 tied NY pmk also mss "Via Nicaragua." Slight stains. Siegal 8/9/56 \$80.00.

B. EXPRESS COMPANIES OTHER THAN WELLS, FARGO & CO.

1. J. BAMBER & CO'S CONTRA COSTA EXPRESS on F env U10 with blk return hndstmp. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$16.00.
2. EVERTS, WILSON & CO., DAILY EXPRESS on F env U15 with blue LA PORTE, CAL. cancel. Siegal 8/9/56 \$37.50.
3. FREEMAN & CO'S EXPRESS, PAID in red frank on VF env U10 with blue oval canc LOS ANGELES. Paige 4/13/56 \$14.50.
4. GREENHOOD & NEWBAUER frank on F env U59 with light WEAVERVILLE, CAL. cancel Siegal 8/9/56 \$12.50.
5. PACIFIC UNION EXPRESS, red frank on F env U59 with blue KERNVILLE co canc. Siegal 8/9/56 \$23.00.
6. PACIFIC EXPRESS CO., blk Horseman frank on VF env U10 with blue oval canc STOCKTON. Paige 4/13/56 \$23.00.

C. EXPRESS COMPANIES - WELLS, FARGO & CO. ONLY

1. BOISE MINES-PAID 50 CENTS, blk frnk on VG U35 tied BANNOCK CITY, I.T. canc. Siegal 8/9/56 \$31.00.
2. Blk frank on VF U12 with blue co canc VICTORIA, V.I. EXPRESS also Victoria, V.I. Post Office with coat of arms hndstmp in blk. Cvr creased. Harmer 9/24/56 \$40.00.
3. Blk frank on F U35 with blue oval co canc LA GRANGE. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$17.50.
4. Blk frank on VF U59 with blue oval co canc VALLEJO ROUTE. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$17.00.
5. Blk frank on F U58 with black oval co canc TOMALES, Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$18.50.
6. Blk frank on VF U58 with a good blue oval co canc CLOVERDALE. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
7. Blk frank on VF U160 with purple oval co canc BARTLETT SPRINGS, CAL, 1883. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
8. Blk frank on VG U58 with blue oval co canc BEAR VALLEY. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
9. No frank, VF U 10 with blk oval co canc BENECIA, Paige 4/13/56 \$12.00.
10. Blk frank on VF U311 with purple oval co canc BOULDER CREEK, CAL. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
11. Blk frank on VF U10 with blk oval co Canc CHINESE CAMP. Paige 4/13/56 \$18.50.
12. Blk frank on VF U9 with oval canc CHINESE CAMP. Siegal 8/9/56 \$13.50.
13. Blk frank on VF U278 with purple oval co canc LOS GATOS, CAL. Paige 4/13/56. \$12.00.
14. Blk frank on VF U163 with blue oval co canc MARTINEZ, CAL. Paige 4/13/56. \$12.00.
15. No frank, stmplss folded letter, no rate with a blue oval co canc MARYSVILLE. Paige 4/13/56 \$15.50.
16. Blk frank on VF U59 with blue oval co canc MOQUELUMNE HILL. Paige 4/13/56 \$16.00.
17. Blk frank on slightly ragged U10 with red oval co canc NEVADA. Paige 4/13/56 \$16.50.
18. Blk frank on VF U59 with blue oval co canc RIO VISTA. Paige 4/13/56 \$10.25.
19. Blk frank on VF U58 with blue oval co canc SAN MATEO. Paige 4/13/56 \$10.50.
20. Blk frank on VF 3¢ green env with blue oval co canc TRUCKEE. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
21. Blk frank on VF U35 with blue oval co canc UNIONVILLE, N.T. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$31.00.
22. Blk frank on F U34 with blue oval co canc STARR CITY, N.T. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$28.00.
23. Blk frank on VF U59 with blue oval co canc GOLD HILL, N.T. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$15.00.
24. Blk frank on F U35 with blue dbl circle co canc SILVER CITY, UTAH. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$15.50.
25. Blk frank on F U34 with blue oval co canc CORVALLIS, O. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$19.00.
26. Blue frank Ty H3 on VF U349 with purple oval co canc SALEM, Or. Paige 4/13/56 \$18.00.
27. Blk frank on VF U270 with purple oval co canc TOMSTONE, A.T. 1888 Paige 4/13/56 \$15.00.

D. POST OFFICE COVERS.....TERRITORIAL

1. VIRGINIA CITY, UTAH, lrg circle on F cvr with trimmed #35. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$17.00.
2. EMERALDA, N.T. on F cvr #65. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$9.00.
3. WASHOE CITY, NEV.T. on VF cvr #65. Paige 4/13/56 \$17.50.
4. CAMP THOMAS, A.T. (Ariz.) on F cvr #184. Siegal 8/9/56 \$21.00.
5. ZENOS, MARION CO, ARIZONA on F cvr #210 tied with negative M.Siegal 8/9/56 \$12.00.
6. ARIZONA CIT., ARIZ. in blue on VF cvr #114. Harmer, Rooke 11/56 \$24.00.
7. MINERAL PARK, ARIZ. (1885) on VF cvr #210. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
8. PHOENIX, ARIZONA 1881 octagon pmk in purple with saddle & harness mfg. co. card. Paige 4/13/56 \$14.00.
9. DOUGLAS, ALASKA, 1894 in purple dbl circle on slightly ragged 2¢ env. Paige 4/13/56 \$19.00.
10. JUNEAU, ALASKA 1899 blk pmk on VF cvr #279b with Occidental Hotel co. card. Paige 4/13/56 \$11.00.
11. SKAGWAY, ALASKA 1899 blk pmk on VF cvr #279b with Sol Ripinsky, P.M. co. card. Paige 4/13/56 \$11.00.
12. NOME, ALASKA, 1905 blk pmk on VF 2¢ red env. Paige 4/13/56 \$8.50.
13. IDAHO COL. (1870) on G cvr (wrinkled oc#94. Paige 4/13/56 \$16.50.
14. MOUNTAIN CITY, COL. on VF cvr #114 with Central City Register co card. Paige 4/13/56 \$16.00.
15. FORT LARAMIE, DAKA. '67 on VF cvr #65. Paige 4/13/56 \$25.50.
16. FORT ABERCROMBIE, D.T. on F cvr #65 forwarded with "Cincinnati" and "Due 3 cts." Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
17. FORT SULLY, D.T. in mss on VF cvr #65. Paige 4/13/56 \$17.50.
18. FORT SULLY, DAK. on VF 3¢ green env. Paige 4/13/56 \$14.25.
19. CORONA, SOUTH DAKOTA, OCT. 9, 1889 in magenta on VF cvr #213. Paige 4/13/56 \$10.50.
20. FORT GIBSON 1847 (CHEROKEE NATION) and PAID 10 in mss on folded letter. Paige 4/13/56 \$19.50.
21. BOISE CITY, IDAHO on VF cvr #65 not tied. Paige 4/13/56 \$10.25.
22. SANDERS, IND. TER. 1888 on VF 2¢ green env. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.50.
23. QUINDARA, K.T. on VF cvr #26 with "Forwarded" and "Acworth, N.H." pmk. Siegal 8/9/56 \$28.00.
24. BENNETT STATION, K.T. (1859) in mss on VF cvr #26. Paige 4/56 \$46.00.
25. GRASSHOPPER FALLS, K.T., lt strike on F cvr #26. Paige 4/56 \$31.00.
26. LAWRENCE, K.T. (1858) average strike on F U10. Paige 4/56 \$13.50.
27. LEAVENWORTH CITY, K.T. 1858 on VF cvr #26. Paige 4/13/56 \$11.50.
28. LEAVENWORTH CITY, K.T. (serif letters) on VF cvr #26 Paige 4/56 \$13.50.
29. PALERMO, KAN. on VF cvr #26. Paige 4/13/56 \$25.00.
30. Topeka, K.T. on F U10. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.75.
31. WYANDOT, K.T. on VF U10. Paige 4/13/56 \$17.00.
32. HASTINGS, M.T. (Minn.) on VF cvr #26. Herst 6/56 \$14.50.
33. PLAIN VIEW, MIN. on F cvr #26. Siegal 8/9/56 \$10.50.
34. BOZEMAN, MONT. on VF cvr #114. Paige 4/13/56 \$14.00.
35. DEER LODGE, DEC. 1 (Mont.) in mss on F cvr #68. Paige 4/13/56 \$12.00.
36. FORT MACINNIS, MONT. 1884 on F 2¢ red env. Paige 4/13/56 \$17.50.
37. HELENA, MONTANO (1884) on VF 2¢ brn env. Paige 4/13/56 \$10.50.
38. VIRGINIA CITY, IDO. '65 not tied on stained cvr #65 also mss "Collect \$100" express co. charge. Paige 4/13/56 \$15.75.
39. FORT WINGATE, NEW MEX, 1888 with star on VF cvr with pair each of #s 205 & 213. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$16.00.

D. POST OFFICE COVERS... TERRITORIAL (continued)

40. JEMES, N.M., NOV. 9, 1889 in two purple st. lines on VF cvr #213. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$15.00.
41. ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. OCT. 29 (1857) on F U10 with various transit markings to Frankfurt, Germany. Small crease. Harmer 10/15/56 \$65.00.
42. NEEDY, OGN. in mss on F cvr #63, #65 (4) & #68 (pr) Harmer, Rooke 9/25/56 \$20.00.
43. EUGENE CITY, O.T. avg strike on good #35. Paige 4/13/56. \$13.00.
44. TEEKALET, W.T. NOV. 29, 1859 on small torn cvr #33. Harmer 10/56 \$32.00.
45. ROY, PIERCE CO., W.T. and star on cut 2¢ green env. Paige 4/56 \$10.50.
46. FORT MADISON, WIS. T. 1839 in blk on stmplss cvr with mss 25. Paige 4/13/56 \$15.50.
47. FORT LEAVENWORTH, MO. 1850 in blk circle on VF stmplss. Siegal 8/9/56 \$40.00.
48. INDEPENDENCE/NOV. 17, 1843 (Texas) in mss also blue "New Orleans, La." and "Ship" with mss "27" on folded letter. Paige 4/13/56 \$23.50.

E. POST OFFICE COVERS... CALIFORNIA TOWNS

1. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. F cancel on VF folded letter to NY, with "40" in mss. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$21.00.
2. SONORA, CAL. and PAID 3 on F cvr. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$10.00.
3. SACRAMENTO CITY, CALA. in blk circle with mss 40 to Ill. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$14.00.
4. BANGOR, CAL. in small red circle on VF cvr. #65 pen canc. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$17.00.
5. RED DOG, CAL. on VF cvr #65, mss Apr. 14 ties. Laurence & S. 5/56 \$21.00.
6. TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA, MAY L, 1863 in blue dble circle on F cvr #65. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$16.00.
7. ESMERALDA, CAL., 1863 in mss on VF cvr #65. Laurence & S. 5/56 \$20.00.
8. BIG DRY CREEK, CAL. on VF cvr. #158c. Laurence & Stryker 5/56 \$15.00.
9. WEST POINT, CAL. on F cvr U15 with #25 & pr #33. Also "New York Packet" to Regno, Lombardy-Venetia. Apfelbaum 9/22/56 \$60.00.
10. VALLEJO, CAL. on F cvr #33 with "Forwarded 3" and U.S. Naval Lyceum", also mss "U.S. Steamer Wabash." Siegal 8/9/56 \$29.00.
11. BONDVILLE, CAL. on VF cvr #7 & #11 (strip of 3). Harmer 10/15/56 \$34.00.
12. MOONS RANCH, CAL. MARCH 15, 1855 in mss on VF stmplss buff pictorial env showing UL corner Eureka design from State Seal of Cal. with imprint "Noisy Carrier's, No. 77 Long Wharf, San Francisco" below. Also mss "Paid 6." Harmer 10/15/56 \$180.00.
12. COON CREEK, CALA. in mss on VF #32. Paige 4/13/56 \$20.00.
13. ONION VALLEY, CAL. on VF env U58. Wells, Fargo frank inked out. Paige 4/13/56 \$27.50.
14. YANKEE JIM'S, CAL. in blk circle on VF env U18a. Paige 4/13/56 \$17.00.
15. YREKA, CAL., 1858 in circle also Bison hndstm in blk on VF env U15. Paige 4/13/56. \$27.50.
16. VALLEY SPRINGS, CAL., A. SINKS, P.M. on VF env U 210. Paige 4/13/56 \$15.50.

Editors Note: Since going to press the only news that we have on the Samuel C. Paige auction of the Herbert T. Darlington collection of U.S. Territorial Covers is that prices were fantastic. We will give you the highlights in the next issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the meeting of November 11, 1956, Edgar B. Jessup, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that 145 members sent in their cards accepting the slate proposed by the Committee to serve as officers and directors for 1957 and 1958. A change in the composition of the directorate was suggested by Mr. Nathan, that owing to arduous duties of editor of Western Express, he should be relieved of the Vice-Presidency. This was unanimously approved by all present and Edgar B. Jessup was appointed in his place. The Board of Directors and officers thus constituted are as follows:

Director and President	Henry H. Clifford
Director and Vice-President	Edgar B. Jessup
Director and Vice-President	H. Parker Johnson
Director and Secretary	Dr. Sheldon Goodman
Director and Treasurer	Henry Chaloner
Director, Southern Area	Stanley B. Ashbrook
Director, Eastern Area	Dr. A. Jay Hertz
Director, Central Area	Charles F. Meroni
Director and Editor Western Express	M. C. Nathan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I resigned as Editor last summer, I thought I could relax and spend more time working on express material. But the "powers that be" thought otherwise, and negotiated me into becoming your President. I deeply appreciate the honor, and will do my best to serve Western Cover Society in this new capacity.

As regards committee and appointments thereto, I would prefer to make no changes in their membership at this time. Before doing so, I would like to know more about each committee and what it has accomplished during the past year; and I have written various letters in connection therewith. As soon as I understand the situation better, I will appoint the various committees; and they will be published in "Western Express" in due course. In the meantime, the committees appointed by Mel Nathan (WE, Oct. 1955, page 2) will continue to function.

Henry H. Clifford

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(If you have any questions write to the editor - he will try to get the answers and publish them for the benefit of all the members)

Question 1. Where can I get authentic information on California postoffices, their establishment and discontinuance?

Answer: In 1955, our member, Walter N. Frickstad, compiled "A Century of California Post Offices - 1848 to 1954. Truly a masterpiece of years of research, anyone interested in California towns cannot afford to be without. The edition is limited to 500 copies, with only ninety remaining. They may be obtained by writing to Philatelic Research Society, 3822 Harrison Street, Oakland 11, California. Price \$12.50.

Question 2. Why are legal size covers less desirable than letter size covers?

Answer: As far as can be ascertained, the main reason is that the large covers do not fit in the little books that some collectors (or should we say accumulators) use to keep the covers in. Those who mount their covers and write them up have no compunction about buying the larger ones. As a matter of fact most large covers carry double and triple rates, used to mail depositions, articles of incorporation, etc. Very often these high rates are only found on the large covers and their scarcity should make them equally as valuable and perhaps more so than letter size with single rates. So why not pull down the 'iron curtain' and give these rarities just recognition. A cover collection well written up will be far more valuable to ones heirs than a heap of covers in little books without proper identification, the research on which passes on with the demise of the owner.

Question 3. How can I go about contacting other members to trade, buy or sell covers; also, how can I get information on my own covers?

Answer: This requires several answers. First, you must be sure to fill out the questionnaire so that a new register will show the specialty of each member. Second, for very few cents you can insert an advertisement in "General Store." These ads bring results. Third, to buy or sell you can use the auction facilities of our dealer members who regularly conduct auction sales. And fourthly, you can write to the editor, and through our staff and reference to committees obtain authentic information if and when available.

Question 4. Where can covers be expertized as to their genuineness?

Answer: By sending the cover to the chairman of our expertizing committee, Dr. W. Scott Pollard, 1540 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, California. He and his committee have uncovered several spurious covers of late. Be sure to enclose return postage and registration fees.

Question 5. How can I help make WESTERN EXPRESS a better publication?

Answer: Write articles on subjects that would be of interest to other members. Research data should be passed on to posterity, so what better way to do this than recording it in your own paper. You can all consider yourselves associate editors, the important thing is to put your knowledge of a specialty in writing so everyone can benefit and also enhance the value of W.E.

NOTE: These can be considered typical questions. Now you ask them and 'W.E.' will do our best to answer and publish the results giving references when possible.

PERSONALS

Early in the eighteen fifties there was established at Downieville, California, THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS. Composed of lawyers, bankers, merchants and miners, branches were established in every mining district of California. When the gewgaw, a big horn, rang out, for miles around miners came, stores and banks and places of business were quickly closed, and all of their managers repaired to the "Clampus Hall." The sounding of the gewgaw meant that a 'sucker' had been caught and there was fun and beer ahead. The order was revived again about 1915. Head of the order today is our illustrious EDGAR B. JESSUP. Other Western Cover Society members are DR. W. SCOTT POLLAND, COL. WADDELL F. SMITH, HENRY H. CLIFFORD, WILLIAM C. AICHELE, MILTON D. EISNER, DR. SHELDON GOODMAN, ROBERT A. HANSON, SVEN SKAAR and MEL C. NATHAN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN DAVID BAKER. We heard he won the Grand Award for his showing of Wells Fargo covers at the Central States Federation of Stamp Clubs held at Cincinnati on September 28th and 30th, 1956.

A Western Cover Society meeting was held at Colonel Waddell Smith's PONY EXPRESS RETREAT in San Rafael, California, on November 11th, 1956. There were seventeen members present, many of whom brought their charming and patient wives along. Cocktails and dinner were the order of the day with very little business transacted. It is always a pleasure and privilege to be the guests of Colonel Smith.

SESCAL, the annual meeting and show of the Federated Stamp Clubs of Southern California, was held at the Elks Club, Los Angeles, from November 16th to 18th, 1956. Each year this show becomes more varied and impressive. Exhibitors have entered from far and near. Undoubtedly, this show will take on national importance in the not too distant future. Members of the Western Cover Society who received awards were as follows:

Whole Show

Second Grand Award - M. C. Nathan, Langton's Express Covers
First Award for U.S. Revenues - William C. Aichele, Revenues

Express Section

W.C.S. Gold Medal - Henry H. Clifford, Selected Express Pages
" Silver Medal - M. C. Nathan, Langton's Express Covers
" Bronze Medal - Henry Chaloner, Selected Express Pages
" Bronze Medal - Dr. Sheldon Goodman, Wells Fargo Covers

Towns .

W.C.S. Gold Medal - Robert A. Hanson, California and Nevada

Territorials

W.C.S. Gold Medal - John L. Norbeck, Minnesota Territorial Covers
" Silver Medal - Milton Heitman, Iowa Territorials
" Bronze Medal - Don W. Donaldson, Olympia Terr. Markings

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1956

Balance in bank, December 22, 1955		\$ 914.72
Receipts during year		<u>909.96</u>
		\$1824.68
Disbursements:		
Publication expense	\$667.14	
Stationery and Postage	41.91	
Sescal medal awards	43.87	
Miscellaneous	<u>30.00</u>	<u>782.92</u>
Balance in bank, December 12, 1956		\$1041.76

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Chaloner, Treasurer

(Approved as submitted - M. C. Nathan, Jr. Chairman, Auditing Committee)

NEW MEMBERS

- #291 William O. Sweet, 175 Park St., Attleboro, Massachusetts.
- #292 Elliott R. Pearson, 861 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn 38, New York.
- #293 J. L. Hargett, P.O. Box 170, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- # 31 Dr. W. Scott Polland, 1540 Fifth Ave., San Rafael, California.
- #114 W. M. Lester, 2534 Hillegas Ave., Berkeley, California.
- #218 B. C. Pearce, 5809 Ross, Oakland, 18, California.
- #232 David New, 1675 Pierce St., Denver, Colorado.

NEW BOOKS

"FILINGS FROM AN OLD SAW" - Reminiscences of San Francisco and California's Conquest - By "Filings" (Joseph T. Downey). Publisher is John Howell, 434 Post Street, San Francisco, California. Price \$10.00. A beautiful book, humorous, factual, all in all most enjoyable reading.

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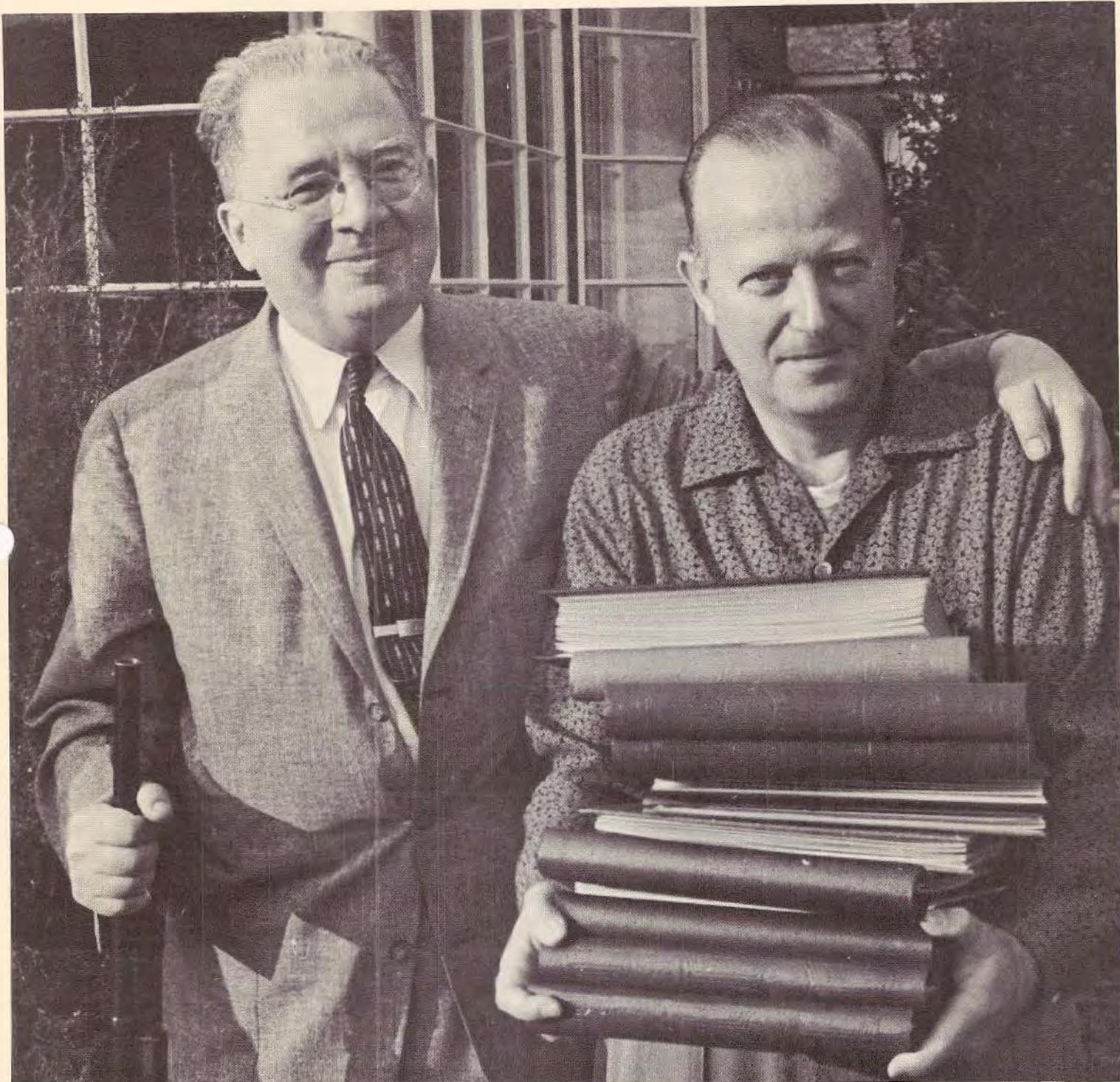
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EXTRA

CAUGHT IN THE ACT



Emulating the pioneer stage robbers of old, this prominent New York dentist (left), armed with shot-gun, went out to the home of Stan Herbruck (right) in Pasadena, Calif., and forcibly persuaded him to sell his specialized prize collection of Wells Fargo covers sans commissions for dealers, sans trades, sans cash. What a man!

(Photo by W. E. Staff Photographer - George Ponnay)