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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Meetings of the western members of the Western Cover Society are always interesting and instructive; but on a few occasions there is one that is outstanding and never to be forgotten. Such a meeting took place on June 15th and 16th. Eighteen members, some with wives or other members of their families, making a party of thirty-two in all, met at the Plaza of the old San Juan Bautista Mission, San Juan, California, at 3 P.M. on Saturday, June 15th. After being guided through the many old structures around the Plaza, we assembled in the Mission Church. There Monsignor Sullivan took over and gave us a most enlightening talk. Among other things, he explained how the mails were carried between Missions in the early days. Starting at Carmel Mission, couriers rode on horse-back from one Mission to another until they reached San Diego Mission, a distance of 480 miles. The time elapsed was 87 hours. He also told us that the Mission was founded in 1797 and is the largest of all the 21 Mission churches in the state, and by many considered the most beautiful. It took the Indians, supervised by the Fathers, over nine years to build. It was begun in 1803 and was finished in 1812. We also saw many relics of Mission days. The entire Mission is unique and original, a reminder of the peace and charm of old California. We then partook of refreshments and a most delightful chicken barbecue. After dinner speeches, amusing yarns and horse-trading of covers constituted the evening's entertainment, after which we departed for nearby Hollister, where we put up for the night. We met again on Sunday morning for a fine breakfast. At noon we assembled at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Aichele of Hollister. There again refreshments preceded a very appetizing luncheon. By late afternoon we departed from the home of our most gracious hosts and returned to our respective places of abode. Many thanks again to the Aicheles for their wonderful hospitality.

Our member, Dr. Sheldon H. Dike, 1611 Bayita Lane NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has recently compiled a list of "The Territorial Post Offices of Colorado." He is supplying us with copies for our membership, a very generous gesture indeed. If they arrive in time we will include them with this issue of W. E. Additional copies may be had for one dollar each by writing direct to Dr. Dike. He is presently working hard on the postal histories of New Mexico and Arizona. He proposes to let W. E. put them out serially and thereafter assemble them in their entirety for publication in book form. This will certainly be a big feather in the cap of W. E. and many thanks are due Mr. Dike for his cooperation. I hope this will be an inspiration to more of our members to use W. E. as a medium to record their research works.

For many years collectors of Western material have been clamoring for better classification at the national shows. This has now been made possible by the Society of Philatelic Americans at their convention at Long Beach from August 15 - 18, 1957. Western Cover Society is supplying very attractive medals in four classifications. With the April issue of W. E., there was included an application blank for entry to the show. We have been advised by Mrs. Emily Moorefield, general chairman, that only five entries of 14 frames have come in so far. This seems hardly fair to the people who have made it possible to get a broader classification. This show is being held in the West and would be a fine time to exploit the avocation of Western Cover Society collectors. There is still time to send in your entry.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POSTAL RATE TO TEN CENTSAPRIL 1, 1855

By John David Baker

This article supplements an article which appeared in "STAMPS", April 2, 1955 entitled, "What Did The Postal Act of March 3, 1855 Do For Philately?". One of the unknowns to the author at that time was the question of the time the San Francisco postmaster, C. L. Weller, became aware of the change of postal rate.

Mr. Dale Morgan of the Bancroft Library of the University of California and Mr. Allen Ottely of the California State Library have assisted me in uncovering the possible answer to this question. What prompted the question in the first place?

The Pacific Mail Steamers at this time were departing from San Francisco on the 1st and 15th of each month. Whenever these dates fell on Sunday, the sailing was delayed until the following Monday. April 1st and April 15th fell on Sunday. The Pacific Mail steamer due to sail April 1st actually sailed on Saturday, March 31st. The postal rate changed from 6¢ prepaid and 10¢ unpaid to straight 10¢ for over three thousand miles April 1st, 1855. Did this fact prompt the San Francisco Postmaster to encourage an advance sailing of the mail steamer on this occasion? The April 15th steamer left on Monday April 16th.

What do the newspapers tell us? Mr. Morgan reports, "the Sacramento Union of March 29, 1855, reporting news by the arrival of the Golden Age at San Francisco the day before, included among its Washington items, 'All letters must be prepaid by stamps after the 1st of January 1856', so we may assume that news of the action by Congress on March 3, 1855, first reached California on March 28th, 1855."

Could this news have arrived as an official notice to Mr. C. L. Weller? Probably not. The New York mail steamer sailings were the 11th and the 26th. In 1855, March 3rd was a Saturday and March 11th a Sunday. If the steamer sailed March 12th, the mail would not have arrived before 25 or 28 days in San Francisco. This would be from April 6th to April 10th.

The San Francisco Daily Alta California for April 16, 1855 page 2 column 5, has the following notice by the postmaster dated April 12, 1855:

IMPORTANT!
FROM AND AFTER THIS DAY NO
Letter will be forwarded through the mails
unless postage is paid in advance.
Under 3,000 miles, 3 cents.
Over 3,000 miles, 10 cents.
Postage on Foreign Mail Matter as
heretofore.

C. L. WELLER, P.M.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POSTAL RATE TO TEN CENTS APRIL 1, 1855 - (Cont.)

Mr. Morgan searched his file of the Sacramento Union between March 29 and April 20, 1855 and could not find any similar notice. Mr. Ottley made a similar search for April 10-12, 15-18, 1855 and found no item. However, Mr. Ottley found the following item on page 2, column 3 of the San Francisco Daily Alta, April 11, 1855:

THE NEW POSTAGE LAW. -- We have placed the new Postage Law on our first page. Under this law, all single Letters mailed for any distance not exceeding three thousand miles are to pay three cents, and for any distance beyond three thousand miles, ten cents. Half an ounce in weight will constitute a single letter, and double, treble and quadruple letters to be charged in the same proportion. All letters must be prepaid except those to or from a foreign country, or such as are addressed to officers of the Government on official business. The law is to take effect from and after the next fiscal quarter. The franking privilege is to remain as heretofore. Selling postage stamps for a larger sum than their marked value is to be punished as a misdemeanor.

The phrase, "The law is to take effect from and after the next fiscal quarter" might seem to mean July 1, 1855, but the Notice of C. F. Weller is very definite "From and after this day".

We should not be surprised to find the following editorial appearing on April 17th, the day after the official notice appeared in the Alta California:

Mails and Expresses

There is serious complaint made about the new Post Office arrangement, by which a postage of ten cents is required to be paid on each letter, whether carried by mail or by express. To us this appears to be one of the most outrageous impositions ever attempted by the Federal Government on California. By what right does the Postmaster require all express letters to be put in Government envelopes! Expresses may take letters from any foreign port to any port in the United States, and what right the government has to interfere to prevent them from taking letters from here to Panama, or from Aspinwall to New York, is more than we can perceive. It is clearly an imposition, and we ought not to submit to it. It is bad enough for us to be compelled to pay the highest postage, without being subjected to an illegal tax on matter with which the government has not, and ought not to have, anything to do. The mail service, anyway, is of doubtful use to California, and when super-added to that is a positive disability on individual enterprise which is not legal, and is made discriminative against California alone, it is time for a protest to be entered. If people are better served by expresses than by the government, it is surely unjust that they should be taxed for availing themselves of the best facilities. The injustice is too glaring to be submitted to without complaint and

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POSTAL RATE TO TEN CENTS APRIL 1, 1855 - (Cont.)

we trust that an earnest expression of the public sentiment in the matter may result in its speedy discontinuance.

In the article entitled, "For California" by Clyde E. Smith in the March 26, 1955 issue of Weekly Philatelic Gossip is a complete reprint of the official notice of the provisions of the Act of March 3rd as published by James Campbell, the Postmaster General. It is dated March 12, 1855.

In the original article is pictured a cover bearing a pair of 3¢ 1851 and a manuscript "Due 4" postmarked Sacramento City April 13. Recently I purchased a cover also bearing a pair of 3¢ 1851 but with no marking and postmarked April 16 from San Francisco. (photo below). This cover originated in Honolulu March 27th and the existing rate was prepaid. It left on the Lady Jane on March 30th and arrived San Francisco on April 12th. Two other ships; the Frances Palmer and What Cheer could have brought mail similarly postmarked which would have left San Francisco on April 16th mail steamer. Here is a situation where mail requiring the same service was differently rated for a short period of time.

All credits have been given in the article. The 1855 calendar appears in Chapter 13 of "The 3¢ 1851-'57 Chronicle" Tracy Simpson, Berkeley, California, Editor.



THE GHOST TOWNS OF THE FOOTHILLS (Continued)

By Ernest A. Wiltsee

FIDDLETOWN

Nestling in the low rolling foot hills, six miles east of Plymouth in Amador County, lies the once teeming mining camp of Fiddletown. Legend says that it was started by a number of southern miners in 1849 and 1850, who were devotees of Terpsichore; that the early day cabins resounded with the strains of "Money Musk" and "Turkey in the Straw." That in consequence it received the name of "Fiddletown."

However that may be, it was in a centre of rich gravel and drift mines on the ancient river channels; it soon became a town of two thousand people. It boasted several hotels, was served by all the larger stage and express companies and by two or three local ones, of whose franks no examples are now known. Notably Coover & Co.'s Express, H.S. Byams & Co.'s Express and Lobdell & Co.'s Express.

It was the centre of a number of lesser camps, among which were "Mugginsville," "Fleatown," "Slabtown" and "Hungry Hill."

Many of Bret Harte's wonderful stories of California life were identified with Fiddletown. The most notable of which is "An Episode of Fiddletown," to the writer's mind one of his best. He coined the "FIDDLETOWN AVALANCHE," which hurled its columns of sarcasm at the neighboring "DUTCH FLAT INTELLIGENCER." As a matter of fact, Fiddletown never had a newspaper; its nearest journal was the "VOLCANO WEEKLY LEDGER" issued at Volcano, twelve miles away.

But the usual, alas! inevitable, story was enacted. After many years its placers and drift mines became exhausted. The town went down. And forest fires, such a scourge in the long dry California summers, wiped out most of its deserted wooden structures, and many of its brick, iron-shuttered ones.

But time has, on the whole, dealt kindly with Fiddletown. It is now a quaint agricultural village, not deserted, with one store, a Post Office, many deserted brick stores and even a two story stone building, of course unoccupied, to remind the visitor of its former greatness.

Some of the best known California families originated in Fiddletown, as in the neighboring Volcano.

No ghost town in the foot hills is more delightful to visit than Fiddletown. Mellowed by time, with a number of charming cottage residences, it slumbers peacefully in the beautiful foot hills, at once a spot of infinite charm, with on every side reminders of its important past.

In 1880, after thirty years of "Fiddletown," a certain Col. Purington, who had much ego from owning a rich mine in the camp, registered at the Occidental Hotel in San Francisco. Someone looked over his shoulder and said: "Fiddletown! Where are the Fiddlesticks?"

FIDDLETOWN (Continued)

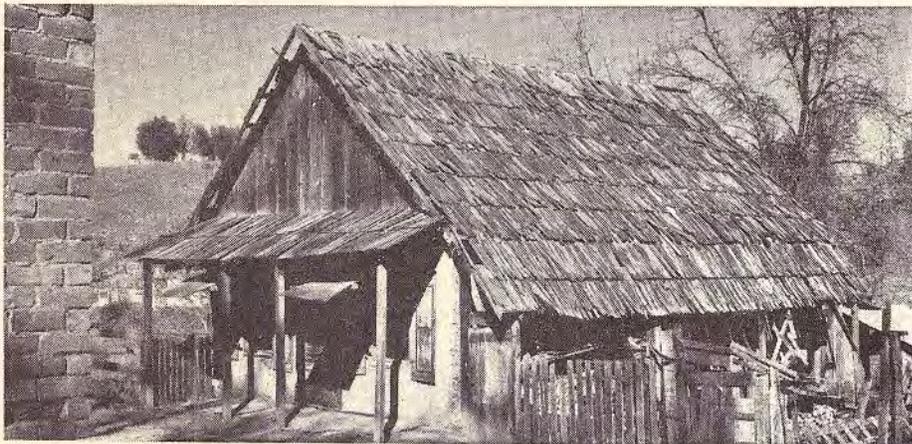
The enraged Colonel spent his money with the legislature to get the name changed to "Oleta." Through the efforts of the inhabitants and the California Historical Society, its ancient name was restored on July 1, 1932.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Again our thanks to Mr. H. L. Lindquist, editor and publisher of "Stamps" for allowing us to republish Mr. Wiltsee's interesting articles.

From "A Century of California Post Offices" by Walter N. Frickstad, we find that the Fiddletown post office was established December 31, 1853. The name was changed to Oleta on May 24, 1878 and back to Fiddletown on July 1, 1932.

Quaint landmarks of gold mining days together with blossoming orchards and beautiful wild flowers make a trip through the California foot hills a never forgettable one in the spring. The tree covered high Sierras form an inspiring back-ground to this still romantic country. Be sure to bring the fishing rod along, the streams abound with trout. There is still gold in "them thar hills."



FIDDLETOWN, in Amador County, was settled by Missourians in 1849 and is reputed to have received its name because the inhabitants were always "fiddlin." It was the scene of Bret Harte's story, "An Episode of Fiddletown." At one time Fiddletown had one of the largest Chinatowns in the country, with Chinese houses and tents lining both sides of the street for over a mile. Shown here is Dr. Yee's office, built of adobe and wood in 1851. Miners were said to have visited Dr. Yee not alone for his herbal remedies but also for his efficacious smile.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST FIFTEEN POST OFFICES IN MONTANA TERRITORY

By Harry L. Fine

<u>POST OFFICE</u>	<u>ESTABLISHED</u>	<u>ORIGINAL COUNTY</u>	<u>FIRST POSTMASTER</u>
Bannock City	11/21/1863	Beaverhead	Nathaniel P. Lanford
Hell Gate	1/13/1864	Missoula	William Tipton
Virginia City	1/29/1864	Beaverhead	George B. Parker
Nevada City	3/6/1865	Madison	Horace H. Harding
Helena	8/29/1865	Edgerton	John Potter
Boulder Valley	1/23/1866	Jefferson	William G. Barkley
Missoula	5/16/1866	Missoula	Charles Shaft
Deer Lodge City	5/21/1866	Deer Lodge	George W. Irwin
Gold Creek	5/21/1866	Deer Lodge	Nicholas Connelly
Jefferson Bridge	5/21/1866	Madison	Charles H. Flannagan
Jefferson City	5/21/1866	Jefferson	William Rutan
Prickly Pear	5/21/1866	Jefferson	Abraham Ackerman
Sheridan	5/22/1866	Madison	Philip E. Evans
Montana City	6/18/1866	Beaverhead	H. D. Meed
Fort Benton	1/18/1867	Choteau	Isaac Baker

This information was obtained from National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Bannock City, Hell Gate and Virginia City were in Idaho Territory when the post offices were established, as Montana Territory was not created until May 26, 1864.

The office at Hell Gate was discontinued Sept. 9, 1869. The post offices at Nevada City, Boulder Valley, Gold Creek, Jefferson Bridge, Prickly Pear and Montana City are now closed. Closing dates of these offices do not appear in my records as I only compile data up to the time Montana became a State on November 8, 1889.

Editor's Note: Mr. Fine, an enthusiastic researcher, invites correspondence on the Dakotas, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming districts. His address is: 2324 Spruce St., Billings, Montana.

Editor's Note: The Congressional report on George Chorpenning was so well received by our members, that we now present an interesting Senate Report concerning Snowshoe Thompson. "The mails must go through"; so here is another example of the difficulties of receiving some, if only meager, compensation for brave and dangerous feats in carrying mail under great hardships. This report was made available through the courtesy of Robert A. Hanson.

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2nd Session)

SENATE.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 14, 1872. - Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kelly made the following

REPORT:

(To accompany bill S. 806)

The Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the resolution of the State of Nevada asking for an appropriation of six thousand dollars to compensate J. A. Thompson for carrying the United States mail from Placerville, California, to Carson Valley, in Utah Territory, report as follows:

On the 16th of July, 1853, the post-office of Carson Valley was established as special; that is, to be supplied with the mail under the provisions of the 4th section of the act of March 3, 1825, the carrier to receive as his compensation, "all the postage arising on letters, newspapers, &c., conveyed." There was no post-road to Carson Valley until one was established by the act of Congress approved August 18th, 1856, from Placerville, in California, to Genoa, in Utah; and no provision for carrying the mails thereon until 1st September, 1857, when J. B. Crandell commenced to carry them under a contract with the Post-Office Department.

During the winters of 1856 and 1857, while the people residing east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains were cut off from all communications with California, the claimant, J. A. Thompson, undertook to and did carry the mails from Placerville to Carson Valley, a distance of ninety miles. Twice a month with regularity he performed the perilous journey over the Sierra Nevada Mountains, traveling on snowshoes, with a mail averaging forty pounds on his back. For a distance of sixty miles there was no habitation on the way, and all traces of the road were obliterated by snows from fifteen to twenty feet deep; and all travel obstructed for five or six months in the year. No person save Thompson could be found who was willing, under these circumstances, to transport the mails across the mountains; and he was induced to do it only by the urgent solicitations of the people of Carson Valley, and the hope that in the future he might be paid for his services.

On the 1st of January, 1857, the postmaster at Carson Valley wrote to the Post-Office Department that the lowest sum for which that office could be supplied with the mail, monthly or semi-monthly, from Placerville, was \$1,000, and that J. A. Thompson was willing to carry it for that amount; and recommended him as a proper man to perform the service. It appeared, however, from the evidence before the committee, that Thompson received but little, if anything, from this source, as the letters were deposited in the post-office, and most persons to whom they were addressed demanded and received them without payment of \$1 per letter, which the postmaster tried to secure for the carrier as a compensation for his services.

By reference to a letter of the Postmaster General to the chairman of the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, dated February 17, 1872, and which is hereto attached, it appears that Thompson carried the mails two quarters in the year 1856, and two in the year 1857, although the latter quarter, in the year 1857, was during the time the contract was awarded to J. B. Crandell. He (Crandell) was fully paid by the United States Government for that quarter, although it seems he failed to pay Thompson, who performed the service for him.

It further appears, by the postmaster's returns in the Auditor's Office, that he paid Thompson, postages collected at the office, the sum of \$80.22; and so far as the evidence goes, this seems to be the full amount of money he has received for his services.

The committee therefore recommended that J. A. Thompson be paid for three-fourths of a year service in carrying the mails, at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, making the sum of \$750, from which is to be deducted \$80.22 already paid, leaving the sum of \$669.78 still due.



Snowshoe Thompson
Carrying the mails over the Sierras.

High up in the Sierras near Markleeville, Alpine County, California, the Society of E. Clampus Vitus, James W. Marshall Post No. 49 officiating, reverently dedicated on June 23rd, 1956 a suitable bronze plaque inscribed as follows:

"This marks the home of John Albert Thompson (Snowshoe Thompson) great pioneer of the Sierras and hero of the mountains, who for twenty winters carried the mail over the deep snow of the mountains on his long skis; giving help to those in need along the way.

Born in Norway in 1827
Died here May 15th, 1876."

A number of Western Cover Society members attended this auspicious occasion.

AUCTION ACTION

By James E. Berry

A. OCEAN AND OVERLAND MAIL.

In the past few months quite a few "Via Nicaragua" and "Noisy Carrier's" were sold at auction and rather than list them all I thought it would save a little time and space just to summarize the prices. On the "Via Nicaragua" covers I found the average price to be around \$50.00, with a low of \$37.00 reported, on up to \$71.00. The "Noisy Carrier's" seemed to run around \$70.00 with at least one cover going for \$52.00 and one gem going for a high of \$87.00.

In addition, Sam Paige had the following cover in his March sale: "SIX HORSE STAGE" OVERLAND VIA LOS ANGELES, "Pub. by Hutchings, San Fran." in black on VF cvr #33 and tied by S.F. 1858 pmk to N.Y. \$280.00.

B. EXPRESS COVERS OTHER THAN WELLS FARGO & CO.

1. ADAMS & CO. NEVADA red hndstmp on VF stmplss. J. R. Hughes 4/58 \$20.00.
2. ADAMS & CO.'s EXPRESS, MORMON ISLAND in blk struck twice on wrinkled cvr with vert pair #11 tied Boston grid. Red Boston 6 cts. pmk. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$47.50.
3. J. BAMBER & CO./BACON & HARDY/ PAID/ OAKLAND OFFICE/ CONTRA COSTA in red oval hndstmp with blk rect Bamber request hndstmp on VF U35. Kelleher 3/57 \$26.00.
4. BARNARD'S EXPRESS CO., Bogg's tyl canceled with "BX" in part of oval hndstmp. Stamp is 3¢ small queen (Canada) on front of cvr. Harmer, Rooke 4/57 \$125.00.
5. EUREKA EXPRESS CO. (TB553) on VF U159 with blue NEVADA CITY W.F. & CO. hndstmp. Kelleher 3/57 \$27.50.
6. EVERTS & CO. EXPRESS (Forwarded by) in three lines blue hndstmp on F stmplss with red RICHMOND, IND. canc and dbl strike of 10 and 5 over one 10. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$51.00.
7. FARLEY'S EXPRESS, CAMPTONVILLE, fancy blk hndstmp on F. stmplss. Blk circ CAMPTONVILLE, CAL., DEC. 17 pmk with blk PAID 3 hndstmp. Letter enclosed headed State Range Nov. 30, '57. Pollitz 5/57 \$475.00.
8. FREEMAN & CO., CALIFORNIA, ATLANTIC STATES AND EUROPEAN EXPRESS PAID, blk frank on creased 1853 3¢ env with 4 singles #24 and single #26 all tied with S.F. cancel. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$60.00.
9. FREEMAN & CO.'S CALIFORNIA EXPRESS, 84 WASHINGTON ST., BOSTON cor card on VF #26 with red BOSTON 1860 pmk to N.Y. Paige 3/57 \$25.00.
10. WM. T. GIBBS/PAID/EXPRESS in blk oval hndstmp on F U9 with oval GEORGETOWN EXPRESS W.F. & CO. hndstmp. Also another indistinct cancel. Pen crossed pasteup. No printed frank. Kelleher 3/57 \$51.00.
11. GREENHOOD & NEWBAUER/NORTHERN EXPRESS on F U10 with co cancel WEAVERVILLE, CAL. Kelleher 3/57 \$20.50.

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12. GREGORY'S EXPRESS OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, three line hndstmp with PAID in oval hndstmp on F blue letter sheet. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$26.00.
 13. GREGORY'S/EXPRESS IN SL and oval NOT/PAID in red on VF folded letter. Paige 3/57 \$51.00.
 14. HOLLADAY OVERLAND MAIL AND EXPRESS COMPANY/PAID on VF U59 used to Virginia City, Mont. Ter., clearly canceled HOLLADAY O.M.E. CO./HELENA, MONT. (TB 165) Kelleher 3/57 \$185.00.
 15. HORN'S YREKA, FORT JONES AND SCOTT RIVER TRI-WEEKLY EXPRESS in violet with blk W. F. & Co. frank ty 2 on VF U164 with W.F. & Co. canc. FORT JONES. (TB 553) Kelleher 3/57 \$75.00.
 16. LAMPING & CO'S EXPRESS PAID. vert at left on VF U58 with Lamping's DOWNIEVILLE and W.F. & Co. MARYSVILLE canc in blue (TB 164). Kelleher 3/47 \$37.00.
 17. LANGTON'S EXPRESS, DOWNIEVILLE in lrg dbl oval struck twice with boxed PAID in greenish blk on VF complete newspaper "The Mountain Echo, Sept. 4, 1852". Paige 3/57 \$88.00.
 18. LANGTON'S PIONEER EXPRESS ty 4 on VF U10 with blue co oval MARYSVILLE, (TB 15). Kelleher 3/57 \$21.00.
 19. LANGTON'S PIONEER EXPRESS ty 5 with blue W.F. & Co. oval and red Langton's oval DOWNIEVILLE (TB 21) on VF U 10. Kelleher 3/57 \$47.00.
 20. LANGTON'S PIONEER EXPRESS ty 6 on VF U35 with blue W. F. & Co. MARYSVILLE oval and pen canc on stmp. (TB 93) Kelleher 3/57 \$20.50.
 21. LANGTON'S PIONEER EXPRESS (TB 164) with blk oval Langton's DOWNIEVILLE hndstmp and blue W.F. & Co. MARYSVILLE hndstmp on VF U58. Kelleher 3/57 \$28.50.
 22. PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. S.F., in blue dbl circ handstmp with PAID in blue oval handstmp on VF PENNY POST CO. franked env (Penny Postage Paid, 7) in box with #11. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$87.50.
 23. PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. WATSONVILLE hndstmp in blk oval on plain cvr to S.F. with PAID in mss. VF. Kelleher 3/57 \$26.00.
 24. PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. STOCKTON hndstmp in blue oval and PACIFIC EXPRESS, STOCKTON, PAID in another oval hndstmp on VF 3¢ Nesbitt ty 5. Kelleher 3/57 \$36.00.
 25. PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. PAID and HORSEMAN ty 10 on VF U9 with small blue co Oval SACRAMENTO. Kelleher 3/57 \$30.00.
 26. PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. PAID and HORSEMAN ty 10 on VF U10 with blk co hndstmp MURPHYS. Portion of address pen crossed. Kelleher 3/57 \$37.00.
 27. SOUTHERN & TEXAS EXPRESS CO. in green on VF U278 (TB 1099). N.O. to Chicago. Kelleher 3/57 \$35.00.

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28. SPOKANE AND SALMON RIVER STAGE LINE ty 1 with SPOKANE pmk on VF U312 (TB 1257) Kelleher 3/57 \$44.00.
 29. THOMES & SKADAN'S EXPRESS ty 1 on VF U82 (TB 259) indistinct canc. Kelleher 3/57 \$31.00.
 30. WHITNEY & CO'S /PAID/EXPRESS in blk at top center on 3¢ green env. with blue dbl circ W. F. & Co's BOSTON hndstmp. Paige 3/57 \$30.50.
- C. WELLS, FARGO & CO. COVERS ONLY.
1. VICTORIA, blue oval hndstmp on VF U35 (TB 93) with co frank ty 2 sideways at left and official VICTORIA, V.I. blue hndstmp. Kelleher 3/47 \$116.00.
 2. VICTORIA, V.I. in blue co oval, blk frank ty E on 3¢ 1853 env. Paige 3/57 \$28.50.
 3. BOISE MINES-PAID 50 CTS in SL under red co frank on VF U34 with blue dbl circ co canc BOSTON as addressed. Paige 3/57 \$23.50.
 4. Blk frank on VF U59 with Chile stamps #17 (single & pair) and #18 (single) tied showing red CHILE, black Panama-Transit, Large "34", and S.F. pmks (TB165). Kelleher 3/57 \$290.00.
 5. Blk frank used with 3¢ 1851 stamp from S.F. to Stockton. Stamp tied with small blue framed "Collect". Dbl circ S.F. co hndstmp on F 3¢ red on buff env with small tear at top. Kelleher 3/57 \$32.50.
 6. SAN FRANCISCO EXPRESS in blue shield hndstmp struck twice lightly on F U2 with cut-into pair #11. No frank. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$56.00.
 7. Red frank ty 5 to Dalles with blue co oval BANNOCK CITY, I.T. on F U 35 (TB 92) Kelleher 3/57 \$57.00.
 8. OPHIR, EXPRESS in oval hndstmp, no frank, with FREE in small oval handstmp both in blue on VF #11 which is canc by pen. Red SAN JOSE pmk. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$36.00.
 9. STARR CITY, N.T. in blue co oval with blk frank on F 3¢ pink env. Gray 4/57 \$21.00.
 10. SPLIT ROCK, CAL. in mss with blk frank ty E on VF 3¢ 1853 env. Paige 3/57. \$26.50.
 11. SILVER SPRINGS in blue co oval blk frank ty E on VF U 59. Paige 3/57 \$31.00.
 12. OROVILLE in blue co oval blk frank on VF U 27 (TB 72) Kelleher 3/57 \$21.00.
 13. VIRGINIA CITY, N.T., blk frank ty 5 on VF U35. Harmer 4/57 \$26.00.
 14. STEAMBOAT, EXPRESS in fancy blue co handstmp, no frank or stamps on F cvr. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$31.00.

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1. DYEA, ALASKA 1898 circ pmk on F #267 with ASTORIA, OREG. pmk. Paige 3/57 \$25.50.
2. YUMA, A.T. (Ariz.) in blue on F U58. Harmer 4/57 \$24.00.
3. PRESCOTT, A.T. MAY 30 in two SL on VF 3¢ 1864 env. Ex Meroni. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$67.50.
4. YUMA, A. T. SEP 21 in small blue circ on VF 3¢ 1864 env. Ex Meroni. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$32.50.
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6. COUNCIL GROVE, K. T. in circ on F 3¢ 1857 stamp. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$45.00.
7. MAZEPPA, M. T. (Minn.) in lrg circ on F 3¢ 1857 stamp with Indian feather in blk hndstmp. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$43.00.
8. FORT DEFIANCE, N. M. DEC. 28th in mss tying single #11/ Letter dated 1857. Formerly Fort Union, name changed 1/1/58. Harmer, Rooke, 3/57 \$250.00.
9. SANTA FE, N. M. in blk dbl circ at left (odd type, 32 mm) on VF #11 front only. Stmp. canc with PAID handstmp. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$75.00.
10. COLUMBIA CITY, O. T. (ORE.) on G #65. Harmer 4/57 \$18.00.
11. PORTLAND, O. T. in blk circ on VF cvr #11 (flap gone) with PAID hndstmp Ex Chase. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$75.00.
12. YONCALLO, O. T., MAY 23, 1853 in mss on F cvr #11. Harmer, Rooke 3/57 \$28.00.
13. VANCOUVER, W. T. on F Cvr. #35 tied by lrg. bar grid. Harmer 4/57 \$26.00.
14. SALT LAKE CITY, U. T. on VF patriotic showing Geo. Washington, flags, guns, etc. J. R. Hughes 4/57 \$65.00.00

E. NON-TERRITORIAL POST OFFICE COVERS

1. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., APR. 18, 1864 pmk with #72 (90¢ blue) and paid #63 tied with cog wheels also STEAMER SONORA in mss and 92¢ and 46¢ both in red mss on folded cvr. Harmer, Rooke 4/57 \$350.00
2. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., AUG. 1, 1862 pmk with #67 and #68 and Brit. Col. #2 on F. cvr to Italy. Many transit mrkngs. Ex Harris. Harmer 4/57 \$440.00.
3. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. SEP. 11, 1865 pmk with #68 and Brit. Col. #2 (vert strip of three) on F cvr to Tenn. Has G. P. O. BRITISH COLUMBIA, SEP. 2, 1865 on back and lrg PAID on front. Harmer 4/57 \$320.00.

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4. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., SEP. 30, (1867) pmk with #68a and #76 with Vanc. Isl. #5 and #6 (horiz pr) to Prince Edward Island, G.P.O. BR. COLUMBIA, SEP, 25, 1867 pmk on back. Harmer 4/57 \$530.00.
 5. CONTRA COSTA, CAL. PAID 6 in mss on VF cvr. J.R. Hughes 4/57 \$20.00.
 6. JACKTON, CAL. 10, in red canc on F cvr. J. R. Hughes 4/57 \$20.00.
 7. MONTEREY, CAL. 25 in canc on VF cvr legal size. J.R. Hughes 4/57 \$26.00.
 8. STRAWBERRY VALLEY, CAL. in lrg red canc on F cvr to east with no rate. J. R. Hughes 4/57 \$28.50.
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 12. MARYSVILLE, CAL. PAID BY STAMPS in blue circ with grid of 24 squares on VF cvr #14 to Maine. Paige 3/57 \$37.50.
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