

1869 TIMES

THE U.S. 1869 PICTORIAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

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Dear Associates,

Although a newsletter had not originally been planned for the U.S. 1869 Pictorial Research Associates, the opportunity has presented itself in the most gracious form of Mr. J.C.M. Cryer. Jim, as most of us know, has been a long supporter of organized philately and holds a great interest in the 1869 issue. Once again, as so many times in the past, he has stepped forward for the benefit of the group and at his personal expense offered to duplicate and mail this communicative link. Our deepest thanks, Jim.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATION INTENTIONS ++ MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The form of the first publication of the U.S. 1869 Pictorial Research Associates has been under consideration for some time. It is an item which has not been taken lightly by a number of people concerned with this decision. Many have participated; in fact, most of the membership have given input. Those who have contributed most significantly to the final product to be outlined below include: John Birkinbine, II, Margaret Wunsch, Michael Laurence and Ben Chapman.

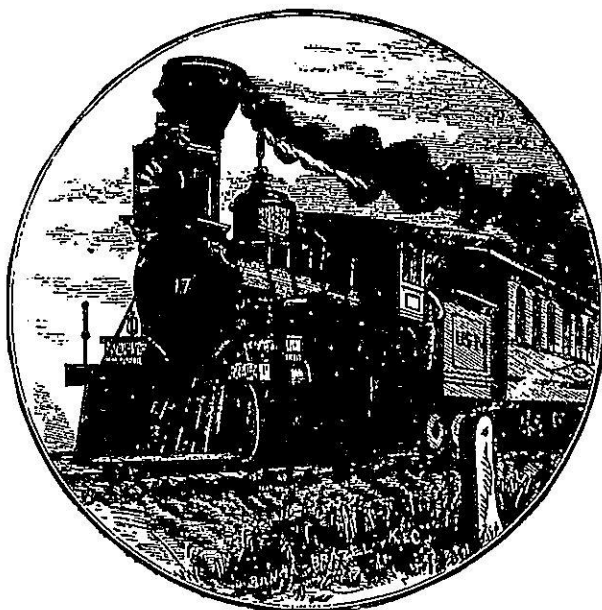
The U.S. 1869 PRA publication to be distributed at INTERPHIL '76 is considered to be a first in philatelic publishing. The articles prepared by the membership will be printed individually on high quality 9" by 6" loose leaf "stipple paper." The paper will be 3-hole punched and printed on both sides, so that each article will stand by itself. The group of articles thus assembled will be sent to the membership so that they may be stored or housed as desired.

It is expected that most will purchase appropriate 3-ring binders for the articles. Future publications of the PRA are expected to be made in the same manner so that the "book" will grow through the years. Thus, in time, each member will probably wish to devise their own filing system for the articles. Page dividers are commercially available which will allow individual classification according to each member's desires.

Emphasis will be placed by your Editor in selecting a high quality process for photographic reproduction and long lasting paper. No doubt our initial attempt will consist of typewritten and photographically reduced "copy" to resemble the more expensive typesetting. Hopefully, as the success of our project grows, increased membership and publication sales will allow the utilization of more expensive techniques. Advertisements will be solicited in order to help defray publishing costs.

This format should provide maximum benefits to the membership for several years to come. It will be a quality publication. Quantities to be printed will be minimal. Distribution, however, will be to specialists who truly appreciate the research effort. It is expected that the early articles will become highly desirable philatelic literature.

Extra copies of the "first edition" are available to the membership at the price of \$1.00 each. Several have already asked for extras. This sounds like a good idea, since it will allow filing of articles in more than one place. Those desiring same are urged to write to your Editor before the end of the year. The press run will probably be decided soon. **

3c Locomotive Lines

Rex H. (Jim) Stever called the other day to report the discovery of a 3c Locomotive with large plate crack on cover. These are extremely uncommon -- can count them on your fingers. Congratulations, Jim, will we read about it soon?

Two of our members are sporting recently completed exhibits of the 3c Locomotive exclusively. They are Mrs. Margaret Wunsch and your Editor Ben Chapman. Margaret is showing her #114's at the all woman Chicago show November 7-9 and Ben will be at MEMPHX the following weekend.

Richard Wolfers, 127 Kearny St., San Francisco Calif, 94108 is having an auction of a select group of the 3c 1869 specialized on December 11-13. A wide variety is offered. Better get your bids in before your Editor does!

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SEND IN YOUR ARTICLE NOW

The notification sent to all members on August 4, 1975 has brought many responses. It has brought in far fewer actual articles for publication. To recap, Associates may either write an article for the publication or pay \$10 to receive the first edition. If you write, the article must be accepted by your Editor on or before December 31, 1975. This will be a firm and absolute deadline. If you intend to submit, a strong suggestion to begin is hereby conveyed.

Those who wish to pay the \$10 fee may do so now or anytime up to January 31, 1976. This is a firm deadline also. Your \$2 initiation fee will be forfeited on this date if neither an article nor \$10 has been received. In case of forfeiture, the member will be removed from the active roll and in order to receive the publication be required to pay an additional \$17. This \$17 fee is the same fee which will be collected from non-members who desire only a copy of the publication. This \$17 is composed of: \$2 initiation, \$10 basic publication fee, and \$5 late charge. To members, this \$5 late charge is avoided if \$10 is paid before Jan. 31, 1976.

Articles which have been promised include: "Usage of the 2c 1869 Bisect" (with a detailed listing of all known covers), "The 1869 Postage Stamp Issue and Related Designs on United States Paper Currency", "The Ninety Cent 1869 Stamp on Cover", "Earliest Known Use of the 3c 1869 Stamp", along with many others promised by prominent 1869 students: numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 49, etc.

There were several Associates who did not answer the August 4 communication. Your Editor would like to ask the following members to please declare their intentions for the 1976 Publication: 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, 25, 30, 34, 35, 38, 40, 45, 48, and 50. There were ten Associates who have declared they will pay the \$10 instead of writing. They should go ahead and send a check payable to the U.S. 1869 Pictorial Research Associates to Mrs. Margaret Wunsch, 1219 W. Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois 60506. She is acting as our initial Secretary-Treasurer.

Articles should be sent to your Editor, Benjamin E. Chapman, 5099 Steuben Dr., Memphis, Tenn. 38134 as soon as they are completed. Please also send large black-and-white glossy photographs for your illustrations: Any author who does not have access to photographic facilities will be asked to bear the full postage, registration and photographic costs incurred by your Editor to arrange same. He will do this if desired and only pass along direct costs. **

The U.S. 1869 Pictorial Associates, 1975.

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OLSEN GRABS DOUBLE HONOR

Daniel Olsen of Vilanant (Gerona), Spain became member number 50 on Sep 16, 1975 and also became our first member residing outside the United States. Along with his initiation fee Dan sent quite an unusual 1869 cover to the Group. This cover will be auctioned to those in attendance at the first annual meeting at INTERPHIL next year. The proceeds will go into the PRA Treasury, thus aiding the research and dissemination of 1869 knowledge.

Your editor has not seen this item, but John Birkinbine writes that it is sure to attract spirited bidding. A tip of the hat to Dan for allowing one of our group to be able to acquire and cherish this unusual cover. It seems the spirit of giving has already begun to manifest itself within the PRA. Possibly an enlarged "donation auction" of 1869 material would be appropriate for our INTERPHIL meeting. Our youthful treasury could stand transfusions. Think about it and bring an item to be sold for the good of the publication fund.

ANNUAL MEETING AT INTERPHIL IN PLANNING STAGES

John Birkinbine, who is planning the annual INTERPHIL PRA meeting (the first such!) writes..... "Good news! The 1869 Pictorial Research Associates has received confirmation on a meeting room at INTERPHIL. This room is reserved for our exclusive use on Sunday, May 30, from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M." As everyone knows INTERPHIL to be held in Philadelphia, Pa. from May 29 through June 6, 1976. This will definitely be the philatelic event of the year. Make your plans now to attend.....and attend the 1869 PRA first annual meeting.

We have a good bit of business to attend to at the meeting. A Constitution and By-Laws will be proposed. The first election of officers will be held. And, the membership willing, a donation auction will be the final item. Oh, lest I forget.....the first publication will be distributed.

BOUQUETS AND BRICKBATS DEPARTMENT - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Your PRA Founder members (the initial 7) have been carrying the ball mostly to now. What do you think of the results? We would truly like to hear any and all comments concerning the items presented in this newsletter. Do we seem to be progressing towards the goals you think we should? Are we doing too much? Or too little? Let us hear your thoughts.

There are two other items where a response seems indicated. There has been some talk about obtaining a supply of high quality 3-ring binders with dividers that are uniform. Possibly we could obtain binders with gold leaf stamping or other features. If you are interested, let your Editor hear your desires. We'll see what we can dig up. The second question involves the articles themselves. Simply stated, should the PRA allow reprinting of selected articles by other philatelic organizations and journals? We have already been approached in this regard. Again, next time you are writing any of the founders, stick in your 2c worth.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

As may be seen on page 3, the PRA currently has 51 members. The success of our venture will be dependent on the service which may be supplied to the membership. Unfortunately, the service will be a direct function of the state of the Treasury. As has been mentioned before, we will be operating on quite a limited budget in this, our first year. Our first publication is expected to cost between \$700 and \$900.

Obviously, if we are to break even quite a bit more money will have to be taken in. It is a fact of life that the \$10 "dues" which have been established will not pay for a copy of the publication if the membership remains near the 50 level. On the other hand, if we had about 100 members -- and about 70 paid the \$10 dues, we would be sitting pretty. Each one get one, and send applications to John Birkinbine, 7730 N. Christie, Tucson, Ariz. 85718. **