### Columbian Stamps and Envelopes.

A first consignment of the Columbian series of postage stamps and envelopes have come into the hands of Postmaster Nash, of this city. They are issued in denominations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30 and 50 cents, and $1, $2, $3, $4 and $5. These stamps differ in size and form from those now in use, the engraved space being seven-eighths of an inch by one and eleven-thirty-seconds inches, each stamp bearing a design commemorative of the discovery of America by Columbus. Following are the representations:

One cent—"Columbus in sight of land," after a painting by William H. Powell, enclosed in a circle. On the left is an Indian woman with her child and on the right an Indian man with head dress of feathers, each in a sitting posture. The color of the one cent stamp is Antwerp blue.

Two-cent—"Landing of Columbus," after the painting of Vanderlyn. The color is purple maroon.

Three-cent—"Flagship of Columbus," the Santa Maria in mid-ocean, from a Spanish engraving. Color, medium shade of green.

Four-cent—"Fleet of Columbus," the "Santa Maria," "Nina" and "Pinta" in midocean. Color, ultra-marine blue.

Five-cent—"Columbus soliciting aid of Isabella," from Brozek's painting. Color, chocolate brown.

Six-cent—"Columbus welcomed at Barcelona," by Randolph Rogers. On each side of the scene is a niche, in one of which is a statue of Ferdinand and in the other a statue of Bobadilla. Color, royal purple.

Ten-cent—"Columbus Presenting Natives," after Luigi Gregori's painting. Color, Vandyke brown.

Fifteen-cent—"Columbus Announcing His Discovery," after R. Balaca's painting. Color, dark green.

Thirty-cent—"Columbus at Rabida," after Maso's painting. Color, sienna brown.

Fifty-cent—"Recall of Columbus," after the painting of A. G. Heaton. Color, carbon blue.

One dollar—"Isabella Pledging Her Jewels," after Dagrain's painting. Color, rose salmon.

Two dollar—"Columbus in Chains," after Leutze's painting. Of toned mineral, red color.

Three dollar—"Columbus Describing Third Voyage," from Jover's painting. Of light yellow green color.

Four dollar—Portraits in circles of Isabella and Columbus. Color, carmine.

Five dollar—Profile of the head of Columbus, after a cast provided by the treasury department for the souvenir 50 cent silver piece authorized by Congress.

The denominations received by the postmaster only include the those from 1 to 50 cents. They will be on sale Monday, January 2, for the first time.

### Legal Jottings.

The case of David F. Cook vs. Margaret Vandybarker was concluded in the Third District court yesterday afternoon. The suit was for the possession of certain water rights in Tooele county, which plaintiff alleged the defendant had deprived him of. Judge Zane held that each litigant was entitled to one-half of the water.

B. F. Hodson has filed a suit in Commissioner Moyer's court against the Utah Normal College and Conservatory of Music. He seeks to recover $483.55 for an alleged breach of contract.

Albert E. Bailer vs. Peter Cowling, is the title of a case now being heard in the land office. It involves homestead entry No. 9448, made January 15th, 1892, for the southwest ¼ of the southwest ¼ of section 12, township 2, north of range 1 west. The contestant alleges that Cowling abandoned the land.

The Gold Blast Feather company has commenced an attachment suit in the Third District court against the Earls Furniture & Carpet company to collect a bill of $1,321 said to be due for merchandise.

### Man's Natural Medicine.

The following which was written for and published in the DESERET NEWS twenty-five years ago, has been clipped by an old subscriber, and handed in with the request for its re-publication. The request is cheerfully complied with:

HERBS THE NATURAL MEDICINE OF MAN.

Last Conference President B. Young urged the necessity of the study of various sciences, among which he mentioned botany.

The history of medical botany demonstrates that the natural medicine of man is to be found in herbs, and the Lord, in a revelation on this subject, to Joseph Smith says: All wholesome herbs God hath ordained for the constitution, nature and use of man, every herb in the season thereof to be used with prudence and thanksgiving. Another quotation says: Those that have not faith to be healed, but believe, shall be nourished with all tenderness, with herbs and mild food, and that not by the hand of an enemy. The following quotation from the Book of Mormon is scarcely less explicit: And there were some who died with fevers, which at some seasons of the year were very frequent in the land; but not so much so with fever, because of the excellent qualities of the many plants and roots which God had prepared to remove the cause of diseases to which men were subject by nature of the climate.

In the beginning man lived on vegetable diet, consisting of fruits and herbs, then the age of man was much greater than at present. The Psalmist David also remarks that herbs are for the service of man; and John the Revelator, in speaking of the future, remarks that the leaves of certain trees will be for the healing of the nations. From these portions of revelation, given in different ages, it is plain that we ought to study the uses and properties of herbs, in order to be able to administer such of them as shall be adapted to the cure of those diseases to which our climate is incident. Herbert says: "Herbs gladly cure our flesh, because they find their acquaintance there."

In consequence of neglect to the study of this department of nature, some among us have suffered themselves to become the victims of medical nostrums, and have thereby found a premature grave. All botanists agree that God provides those herbs, roots and plants that are best suited to diseases in every country where those diseases exist. Having lived in Springville 11 years, and having been a close observer in these matters, I am prepared to say that there is a far greater variety of herbs growing here now than there was when I first came here.

The common wild sage is an excellent medicine for a variety of diseases, for pains in the head and bowels. Put the leaves in hot water, and apply them warm until a cure is effected. A strong decoction of it taken in the morning, is the best remedy for worms that I have yet discovered. It is excellent for canker, and is also good for sore lips, which are so common here, the leaves of it put on, are a certain cure. The yarrow growing here is an excellent cure for colds and fevers. Raspberry leaves are good for female complaints, also for diarrhoea. I might mention the useful properties of many other herbs, but merely allude to these to incite a desire for this kind of study. I have used no other medicine than herbs for thirty years.

Dr. Coffin says: All herbs should be gathered when in flower, leaves when full grown, barks in the spring when they will peel easily, and the root when the plants have done growing. They should be dried out of the sun, and not exposed to the night air; and, when dry, kept in a dry place, free from the air.

The system here laid down is cheap, it costs nothing but the time spent in gathering the herbs and taking care of them.

Yours, &c.,
THOS. CHILD.

### THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Communication from an Indian Interpreter.—Two Petitions for Pardon.

Governor A. L. Thomas is in receipt of a letter from C. L. Christensen, of Monticello, San Juan county, in which the writer, who has been an Indian interpreter for fifteen years, says that as Colorado is prevailing upon its members in Congress to have the Ute Indians removed further west into San Juan county, Utah, he has taken it upon himself to inform the governor and enter a mild protest against encroachment. He observes that the Blue mountain country is covered with rich mineral ores, and that several claims have been located. Assays of the ore produced there show as high as 131 ounces of silver and $57 in gold. They are already shipping ore to Durango and the miners are highly elated. Mr. Christensen thinks that Utah's delegate should be instructed to ask the government to provide for a roving band of Ride Indians, numbering something fewer than three hundred, who steal ponies and other loose articles from the settlers and miners there. The redskins, he says, are a lazy, gambling, improvident set, who violate the game and all other laws, and against whose depredations the people have been struggling for twelve years.

Sheriff W. R. Gillespie, of Tooele county, writes supporting strongly the request of those asking executive clemency in the case of Donaldson who is undergoing a term of imprisonment for taking part in the burglarizing of Brane's saloon at Tooele, and assaulting the proprietor. The sheriff thinks the prisoner committed the offense while under the influence of drink, and that if he were given his liberty he would make a useful and law-abiding citizen. Mr. Gillespie was the man who arrested Donaldson, and says he has known him since childhood.

There is a petition, signed by a large number of citizens of Hyrum, Cache county, praying for the pardon of A. J. Anderson, who was fined by a justice of the peace for allowing his dog to run at large without a license, against a town ordinance. His fine was $2.50 and costs, amounting in all to $22. Anderson appealed to the District court, which sustained the justice of peace and augmented the fine with costs to $112. Mr. Anderson came to Salt Lake without paying the fine. In default he was last November sentenced to 112 days in Cache county jail. A short time ago Anderson returned to Hyrum and was put in jail, where he had served twenty-six days up to the day of making this request for pardon. To remain there the full time of the sentence will, he says, place him in destitute circumstances. He is described by the signers of the petition as an upright, honorable man.

Since the receipt of the foregoing a second petition has come to hand from William Goodwin, probate judge of Cache county; Ingwald C. Thoresen, mayor of Hyrum City; J. C. Thoresen, attorney for Cache county; and C. D. W. Fullmer, clerk of Cache county, each of whom speaks of the convict as a poor man having "a large family dependent upon his labor, and public alms for their support." He is, they further say, "an able-bodied, inoffensive, honorable, innocent man; but ignorant and deceived by his attorney, which fact he has since acknowledged to your petitioners, and also promised us to do all in his power to support his family."

### Conscription.

When the gain of what is termed a whole nation under arms is estimated, the exaggeration of the pompous phrase hides the nakedness of the fact that large numbers of young men are lost to their country by the means to which they resort to escape military service. In Italy and Germany these may be counted by legions; in France men are less numerous, because in France men are more wedded to the native soil, and take to service more gayly and more naturally, but in Italy and Germany thousands flock to emigrant ships, thus choosing lifelong self expatriation, and every year, as the military and fiscal burdens grow heavier, will lads go away by preference to lands where, however hard be the work, the dreaded voice of the drill sergeant cannot reach them, and they can "call their soul their own."

Patriotism is a fine quality no doubt, but it does not accord with the chill and supercilious apathy which characterizes the general teaching and temper of this age, and a young man may be pardoned if he deem that his country is less a mother worthy of love than a cruel and unworthy stepmother when she demands three of the fairest years of his life to be spent in a barrack yard, and wrings his ears till the blood drops from them or beats him about the head with the butt of a musket because he does not hold his chin high enough or shift his feet quick enough.—Ouida in Fortnightly Review.

### [illegible] New Stand.

After the Spanish occupation of the Grand Canary a certain enormous stone was for a long time pointed out as one of the instruments of the Guanche athletic contests. The natives had been able to lift it, set it on their shoulders and even throw it over their heads. Their degenerate posterity and the Spaniards could not raise it from the ground.

It was reckoned nothing out of the common for a man to take an infuriated ox by the horn with one hand and slay it with the other. A certain native born priest of Grand Canary in the seventeenth century showed that he inherited some of his ancestors' vigor, for one day, hearing that an savage bull had broken loose and was in the street, he ran out and grasping it by the leg threw it down, and so held it until its owner was able to secure it.

This doughty son of the church before his death chanced to have one of his legs amputated for a cancer. It was then found that his thigh bone was solid, with no trace of marrow. It must be confessed, however, that the relics of the Canarians now found in their burying places do not bear out the inference that this was a national characteristic, though their dimensions are certainly a testimony of the strength and size of their late proprietors.—National Review.


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