

## SMALL DIE PROOFS

### “Second” Roosevelt Album Proofs 1911/1912

In late 1902, the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing prepared 85 so called “Roosevelt” albums for presentation to various government officials and dignitaries. These albums contained proof examples of stamps issued by the United States since 1847. As reported in the *Philatelic Gazette* of November 1915, an additional album appeared about 13 years later (prepared some time between 1911 and 1912), which included subsequent issues, among them blue and green small die proof versions of the “Running Messenger”,

#### Notes on Die Proofs of the United States and Colonies.

Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., has just shown us a book of the die proofs of the United States, Philippines and Cuba, of unusual interest, containing many which are without doubt new to proof collectors. Besides the well known issues from 1847 to 1902 including Departments, Newspapers and Dues distributed by the Government in 1902, it also contained the following of especial interest, which we believe, are probably unique. [Some subsequent text omitted.]

#### Philippines.

The first colors from 2c to 10 pesos including the blue Special Delivery.  
Most of the later shades through 10 pesos including the green Special Delivery.

Presumably the production of the “Second” Roosevelt Albums (of which two are believed to have existed) are the source of both the blue and green small die proofs displayed below.

green - wide margins



only recorded copy



2 recorded copies

green - narrow margins



3 recorded copies

### 1915 Panama Pacific Exhibition Proof

A World's Fair was held in San Francisco in 1915 celebrating the completion of the Panama Canal. A total of 413 different proof stamps were prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for this exhibition, including current issues of the Philippines, inclusive of the “Running Messenger”.



5 recorded copies