

PICTURES FROM AUGUST STAMP FAIR

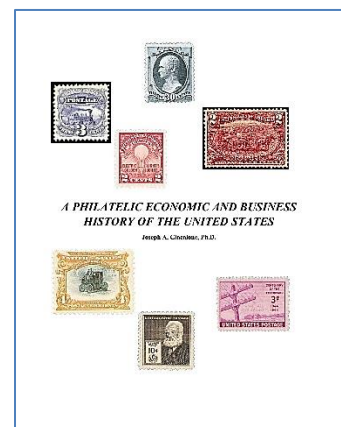
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THE AGUINALDO STAMPS

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HAVING SUFFERED DEFEAT IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, SPAIN CEDED THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1898.



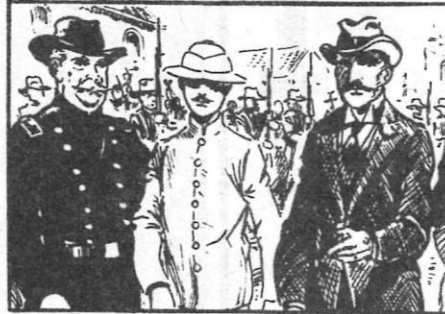
HOWEVER, THE ISLANDS WERE IN A STATE OF UNREST AND POLITICAL TURMOIL GIVING THE U.S. FORCES QUITE A PROBLEM IN RESTORING ORDER AND RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATION.



TO ASSIST THEM IN THIS PURPOSE, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CHOSE FROM AMONGST THE MANY PATRIOTS WHO HAD BITTERLY OPPOSED THE SPANISH, EMILIO AGUINALDO, WHO WAS LIVING IN EXILE IN HONG KONG.



THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION BROUGHT AGUINALDO BACK TO THE PHILIPPINES HOPING THAT HE WOULD HELP THEM RESTORE ORDER....



HOWEVER, AGUINALDO CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED BY THE AMERICANS AND DECLARED THAT THEY WERE WORSE OPPRESSORS THAN THE SPANIARDS.



THE FILIPINO PATRIOT FLED FROM MANILA TO THE BULACAN PROVINCE, WHERE HE ESTABLISHED A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AIMED AT DRIVING THE AMERICANS FROM THE ISLANDS....



THESE STAMPS WERE SOLD FREELY BY POST OFFICES IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ZONE AND WERE USED ON MAIL FROM 1898 TO 1901, WHEN EMILIO AGUINALDO WAS CAPTURED BY THE U.S. ARMY AND HIS MOVEMENT SUPPRESSED.

AS POSTAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES WERE IN A CHAOTIC CONDITION, AGUINALDO ORGANISED A SYSTEM OF POSTS AND ISSUED A NUMBER OF POSTAGE STAMPS, WHICH WERE VALID THROUGHOUT THE AREA HE CONTROLLED.



ALL STAMPS ORDERED BY AGUINALDO WERE DISTINCTIVE "REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT ISSUES WITH THE "K.K.K." EMBLEM INCORPORATED IN THE DESIGN.



U.S. TROOPS LOOTED THE POST OFFICES SET UP BY AGUINALDO, SEIZING LARGE STOCKS OF HIS REVOLUTIONARY STAMPS WHICH WERE SOLD TO PHILATELISTS....

WHILE THE STAMPS HAVE, AS A RESULT, NEVER BEEN SCARCE, SPECIMENS ON COVERS OF THE 1898-1901 PERIOD ARE NOW QUITE RARE AND COMMAND HIGH PRICES ON THE PHILATELIC MARKET.

EMILIO AGUINALDO BECAME A HEMP PLANTER AFTER HIS RELEASE BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF HIS COUNTRY. HE DIED IN 1964 AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 94....