OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. <u>Hawaiian</u> <u>Steamer</u> <u>Zealandia</u>

San Francisco to Honolulu

6¢ Treaty Rate, effective July 1870 to January 1882









March 30, 1891. Letter posted at Boston with 6¢ Treaty rate made up of Bank Note 3¢ plus 3¢ stamped envelope cancelled by the Boston negative A. Transit backstamp at Boston. Pacific mail went on to New York for make-up by rail to San Francisco.



April 6. Arrival backstamp at San Francisco.

Daily Alta California: Sailed April 7, 1891. Haw. steamer Zealandia, Van Oterendorp, Honolulu.

April 18. Docket notes arrival at Honolulu.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.
a.K.a. Spreckles Line

S.S. Australia

Honolulu to Boston via San Francisco









March 29, 1893. Station 1 canceller at Honolulu obliterates 5¢ King Kamehameha V Issue of 1882 paying the U.P.U. rate. Hawaii became a U.P.U. member in January 1882.

March 30. Steamer Australia departed from Honolulu for San Francisco.

The Examiner, San Francisco, April 6, 1893. Arrived San Francisco Wednesday April 5, stmr. Australia, Houdlette, 6 das 19 hrs from Honolulu, passengers and make to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

San Francisco arrival backstamp.

April 10. Arrival backstamp at Boston. Usual 5 day transcontinental transit time.

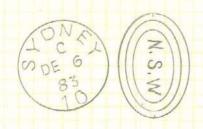
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#### TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

NEW SOUTH WALES TO U.S. VIA SAN FRANCISCO

S.S. Zealandia OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

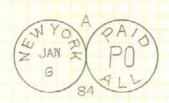






December 6, 1883. Paid letter at Sydney, New South Wales paid by the 6d. Issue of 1882, endorsed: Via "Frisco". A rate of 6 pence was paid, held equivalent to the U.S. rate of 10¢ of June 1870 to the Australian States. The Australian States did not become members of the U.P.U. until August 1891. Handstamp noted "PAID ALL."

The steamer Zealandia departed from Sydney this date.



San Francisco Examiner. Arrived San Francisco December 31, 1883, Br. stmr. Zelandia (sic.), Webber, 24 days from Sydney via Honolulu 7 days to Williams, Diamond & Co.

January 6, 1884. New York arrival backstamp.

#### 1886

#### TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY S.S. George W. Elder

a.K.a. Spreckles Line

New York to Honolulu via San Francisco







Feb. 13, 1886. Postal card much overpaid at 6¢ by Bank Note Issues (plus 1¢ postal card). Hawaii joined the U.P.U. on Jan. 1, 1882, when the letter rate was 5¢. This card is addressed to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands.

Feb. 19. Transit postmark at San Francisco. Daily Examiner, San Francisco, Feb. 18:

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY carrying United States, Hawaiian and Colonial Mails WILL LEAVE THE COMPANY'S WHARF, corner Struart and Harrison Sts.

FOR HONOLULU

Geo. W. Elder......February 27th.

March 7. Honolulu arrival backstamp.

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OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. U.S. to New Zealand

### S.S. Alameda

12¢ Treaty Rate via S. Francisco Effective Dec. 1870 to Oct. 1891.









March 20, 1887. Letter paid at Sanford, Florida at the 12¢ Treaty rate via San Francisco by a 10¢ American Bank Note (reengraved), Issue of April 1882 and a 2¢ red brown, Issue of Oct. 1883. Mail went by rail to New York for connection to the transcontinental rail to the West Coast. Backstamp at New York March 22. POST OFFICE NOTICE (N.Y. Times)

Mails for Australia, New-Zealand, Sandwich, Fiji and Samoan Islands per steamship Alameda (from San Francisco) close here April 1 at 4 P.M. (or on arrival at New-York of steamship Germanic with British mails for Australia). (N.B.: Arrived April 2.)



March 29. Arrival backstamp at San Francisco. Advertisement per Daily Alta California: OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Carrying United States, Hawaiian and Colonial Mail Will leave the Company's Wharf, corner Stuart & Folsom Sts. For: HONOLULU, AUCKLAND and SYDNEY, Without Change. The Magnificant 3,000 ton Iron Steamer ALAMEDA, Friday

> April 8 at 2 P.M. or Immediately on Arrival of the English Mails.

April 9, Alameda sailed day late because of Germanic delay at N.Y.

April 30. Arrival Auckland, N.Z. Letter forwarded to Christchurch, 2d. inland postage charged.







VICTORIA TO U.S. VIA SAN FRANCISCO

S.S. Zealandia

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.
a/k/a Spreckles Line





October 4, 1887. This letter was posted at Melbourne, Victoria and directed: Via San Francisco. A rate of six pence was paid, held equivalent to the U.S. rate of 10¢ of June 1870 to the Australian States. The Australian States did not become members of the U.P.U. until August 1891. Stamp is the 6d. ultramarine, Issue of 1886-87.

October 5. S.S. Zealandia sailed from Sydney with the U.S. mails.

October 28. San Francisco Examiner: Arrived Haw Steamer Zealandia, Van Oterendorp, 23 ds fm Sydney, via Honolulu to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.



November 3. Transit at Chicago, Foreign Department. A textbook strike in purple.



November 4. Vermillion, Ohio arrival backstamp.

#### 1889

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

VICTORIA TO U.S. VIA SAN FRANCISCO

S.S. Alameda OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

a/k/a Spreckles Line





September 3, 1889. A letter posted at Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and directed: Via San Francisco. It is paid at the rate of six pence, equivalent to the U.S. rate of 10¢ of June 1870 to the Australian States. The latter did not become members of the U.P.U. until August 1891. Stamp is the 6d. ultramarine, Issue of 1886-87.

September 4. S.S. Alameda sailed from Sydney with the U.S. mails via San Francisco.



San Francisco Examiner, Sunday Sept. 29. Arr. Sept. 28. Stmr. Alameda, Morse, 24 ds.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. from Sydney, via Honolulu, 6 ds. 20 hrs.; pass. and mdse. to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

Arrival backstamp at San Francisco Sept. 28.

October 4. Arrival backstamp at Williamsport, Penn., usual 5-6 day transcontinental transit by rail.

# TRANSPACIFIC MAIL VICTORIA TO U.S. VIA SAN FRANCISCO

S.S. Alameda

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a/k/a Spreckles Line





February 18, 1890. Letter posted at Mel-bourne, Victoria, one of the Australian States. It was directed: Via San Francisco. A rate of six pence was paid, equivalent to the U.S. rate of 10¢ of June 1870. The Australian States did not become members of the U.P.U. until August 1891. Stamp is the 6d. ultramarine, Issue of 1886-87.

February 19. Steamer  $\underline{\text{Alameda}}$  sailed from Sydney with the U.S. mails.



March 15. San Francisco Examiner, March 16. Arrived S.F. March 15, stmr. Alameda, Morse, 24 ds. 15 hrs. 15 min. fm Sydney, via Honolulu 6 ds. and 30 mins, pass. and mdse to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.



March 21. Arrival backstamp at Williamsport, Penn. Usual 5-6 day transcontinental transit time.

VICTORIA TO U.S. VIA SAN FRANCISCO

S.S. Zealandia

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a/k/a Spreckles Line





April 11, 1890. Letter posted at Melbourne, Victoria, one of the Australian States, directed: Via San Francisco. A rate of six pence was paid, equivalent to the U.S. rate of 10¢ of June 1870, to the Australian States. The Australian States did not become members of the U.P.U. until August 1891. Stamp is the 6d. ultramarine Issue of 1886-87.

April 16. S.S. Zealandia departed from Sydney.

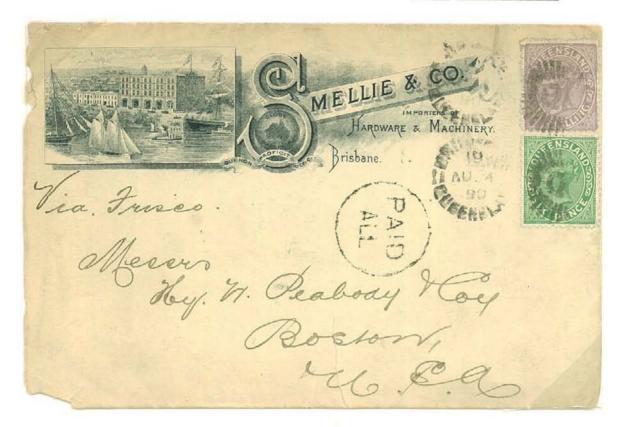
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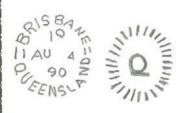
San Francisco <u>Examiner</u>, Sunday, May 11, 1890. Arrived May 10, Haw. stmr. Zealandia, Van Orterendorp, 24 ds. fm Sydney, via Honolulu 7 ds., passengers and mdse to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

Arrival backstamp at San Francisco.

May 16. Arrival backsstamp at Williamsport, Penn. Usual 5 day transcontinental passage by rail. TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. S.S

S.S. Alameda







August 4, 1890. A triple rated letter paid at Brisbane, Queens-land at the 6d. (12¢) direct sea mail rate per ½-oz., effective from January 1, 1876 to October 1, 1891, when Queensland entered the U.P.U. Here the rate is paid by the 6d. and one shilling Issues

of 1882-83 to total 1sh.6d. Letter is endorsed: Via 'Frisco, and marked PAID/ALL.

August 6. S.S. Alameda of the Oceanic Steamship Co. departed from Sydney.



San Francisco Examiner. Arrived August 30, Stmr. Alameda, Morse, 24 ds. 9 hours 5 min. fm Sydney, via Honolulu 6 ds. and 14 hrs; passengers and mdse. to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

Mail was forwarded east by rail.

September 5. Boston Foreign Department arrival backstamp. Usual 5-6 day transit time from the west to the east coast.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Alameda

6d. Treaty Rate from New South Wales to U.S. via S. Francisco Effective Feb. 1874 to August 1891.





April 18, 1891. The 6d. (12¢ U.S.)
Treaty rate paid at Melbourne, Victoria
via Sydney, New South Wales by a rather
spectacular strip of 6 of the 1d. Issue
of 1890. The envelope illustrates the
"Quick Meal Gasoline Stove." One wonders
about the safety of this device (Quick
and "last" meal?)

April 20. S.S. Alameda left Sydney this date.



May 14. Daily Alta California: Arrived San Francisco May 14, 1891, Stmr Alameda, Morse, 24 days 14 hours 40 minutes from Sydney via Honolulu 6 days 1 hour 23 minutes, pass. and mdse to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

San Francisco transit backstamp.



May 19. Arrival backstamp at Sterling, Kansas.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a.k.a. Spreckles Line.

<u>S.S. Australia</u>, Honolulu to San Francisco

North German Lloyd, <u>S.S. Saale</u>, N.Y. to Bremerhaven







January 30, 1892. U.P.U. rate paid by the 5¢ King Kamehameha Issue of 1882, cancelled by the circular date stamp of Spreckelsville on Maui Island. (Mayer et al, "Postal Markings of Hawaii", Type 259.04 with target killer 111.) This

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was a village just east of Kahului harbor and cancellations are recorded from 1883-1900.

January 31. Transit at Honolulu. The S.S. Australia sailed from this port February 2 for San Francisco.



Backstamp Feb. 9. San Francisco Examiner, Feb. 10. Arrived stmr. Australia, Houdiette, 7 days from Honolulu to J.D. Spreckles & Bros. Mail went trans-continental by rail to New York, a trip of about five days.

Feb. 16. S.S. Saale sailed from N.Y. at 8 AM. Feb. 26. Arrival backstamp at Bremerhaven, port city of Bremen. N.Y. Times: BY CABLE LONDON Feb. 26 - North

German Lloyd SS Saale, Capt. Ringk, from New-York Feb. 16 via Southampton, arrived at Bremerhaven at 2 PM to-day.



OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a.K.a. Spreckles Line
S.S. Australia, Honolulu to San Francisco

General Transatlantic Line, S.S. LaGascogne, New York to Havre



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June 22, 1892. U.P.U. rate to member countries paid at Honolulu Station 2 by 1¢ Princess Likelike Issue of 1883 and a pair of the 2¢ Queen Liliuokalani Issue of 1891.

June 22. Steamer Australia departed from Honolulu for San Francisco.

June 28. San Francisco Examiner. Arrived Tuesday June 28 Stmr. Australia, Houdiette, 6ds. 18hrs from Honolulu, passengers and mose to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

#### Advertisement in Examiner:

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

The splendid 3,000 ton steamers of this line, carrying United States, Hawaiian and Colonial mails sail from

Folsom-street wharf as under:

FOR HONOLULU ONLY

SS AUSTRALIA.....Tuesday July 5, 1892 at 2 PM FOR HONOLULU, APIA, AUCKLAND AND SYDNEY DIRECT SS ALMEDA......Friday July 22, 1892 at 2 PM.

July 2. Sailed from New York for Havre, La Gascogne
July 10. London. General Transatlantic Line SS La
Gascogne, Capt. Santelli from New-York July 2 arrived
at Havre to-day.

July 11. Paris arrival backstamp.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Alameda





SAGINAWAS

Feb. 20, 1893. Letter paid at Sydney, New South Wales at the 2½d. U.P.U. rate by a pair of the one penny Centenary Issue of 1888, perf. 12 and a ha' penny slate, perf. 11 x 11½, Issue of 1892. The S.S. Alameda departed from Sydney Feb. 21.

London <u>Times</u>, TUES., Feb. 28. The Oceanic Company's s. ALAMEDA left Wellington, N.Z. at midnight on Saturday (Feb. 25) with the Australian and New Zealand mails viâ San Francisco.

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March 17. Arrival backstamp at San Francisco. The <u>Examiner</u>, San Francisco, Fri., Mar. 17. Arrived Thurs. March 16, Stmr. Alameda, Morse, 24 ds., 10hs. 23 mins. fm Sydney, via Honolulu, 6ds., 9 hs., 28 mins. to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

March 21. Backstamp of Carrier No. 6 at East Saginaw, Michigan.

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a.k.a. Spreckles Line

S.S. Australia, Honolulu to San Francisco





May 28, 1893. U.P.U. rate paid by the Hawaiian 5¢ Issue of 1882. Envelope of the Oahu Railway & Land Company. The letter also bears the Company Ticket Office backstamp. The writer is worried about the U.S. annexing the Hawaiian Islands. He notes that the "Australia"

leaves to-day, so he endorsed the letter: "Australia."

May 25. S.S. Australia of the Oceanic Steamship Co. departed from Honolulu.



San Francisco Examiner. Arrived May 31, Stmr. Australia, Houdiette, 6 ds  $4\frac{1}{4}$  hours fm. Honolulu, passengers and merchandise to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

May 31. San Francisco transit backstamp.

Dear Grace:

I know I owe you a letter, for on the last mail but one I received two welcome letters from your royal highness. The Australia leaves to-day and so will send you a few lines by it, although there is scarcely any thing to write about. Last night about 200 members of the annexation club went up to bid goodbye to J.S. Stevens the ex-U.S. Minister who leaves with his family on the Steamer to-day, we formed at the Club rooms and headed by the band marched up to his house, with fireworks going off all the way. When we got to the house we all went in and shook hands with the old gentleman, he afterwards came out on the balcony and made us a farewell speech. All the respectable people here have lots of aloha for him and we are sorry to lose him. Hope the new minister, Blount, will do as much for us. Why don't you folks in the U.S. get a sudden move on you an annex us instead of holding back and making us all worry and wonder where we are at. If you dont want us tell us so and then we can get help elsewhere, but if the U.S. refuse to take these Islands the day will come when they will regret it and dont you forget it. Suppose Dus is a full fledged married man by this time. Hope he got a nice girl - he deserved one. Charlie I guess will be married soon, and the I'll be the bachelor of the family. Well I dont mind, am in no hurry to be tied up. I'm young yet and can stay single for a good many years to come. How are you coming on in this respect? Will I find you a Mrs. when I return home? You dont write me anything about your fellows. You spoke about a man who lives near you wanting to come out here to work and live. At the present time, for a man wanting to find work, this is a very good place to stay away from - if we get annexation thing will be different and there will probably be a big rush here and new enterprises opened up, but I could not advise anyone to come here except to see the beauties of the Island, at present we are having a good deal of tourist travel now and that is just what we like and want, for they leave a considerable money in the place.

Wish I was going on to see the Worlds fair and all the folks at home, but dont see how I can do it this year. My aloha to all the folks - with aloha nui to yourself.

Yours

Fred

#### 1895

# TRANSPACIFIC MAIL OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a.K.a. Spreckles Line

S.S. Australia, San Francisco to Honolulu





October 15, 1895. Letter paid at San Francisco at the U.P.U. rate of 5¢ to member countries by a pair of the 2¢ Issue of 1895. carmine Type III, and 1¢ blue. Letter is addressed to Kohala on the big island of Hawaii.

San Francisco Examiner: Cleared and sailed Oct. 15, Stmr. Australia, Houdiette, J.D. Spreckles & Bros. Co.





October 21. The Australia arrived at Honolulu where the Station 2 duplex mark was struck as a receiving backstamp. Letter was sent onward by local steamer servicing the outer islands.

October 25. Receiving backstamp at Kohala.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Alameda

a.k.a. Spreckles Line

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu





June 27, 1895. Hawaiian postal card (UX9), 2 cents international rate, posted at Honolulu, Station No. 1 duplex cancels the card. S.S. Alameda of the Oceanic Steamship Co. touched at Honolulu June 28 en route to San Francisco from Sydney. This card went aboard her at Honolulu.



The Examiner, San Francisco, Thursday, July 4. Arrived S.F. July 3, 1895.
Steamer Alameda, Morse, 23 da 19 hrs 35 mins from Sydney, via Honolulu 6 ds 48 mins, passengers and mdse to J.D. Spreckles & Bros.

Postal card informs John that the writer Rudolph is about to catch a small steamer for San Francisco to-day (June 27th) at nine.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Australia





October 24, 1895. A printed reply card from an early Hawaiian Island stamp dealer, A.F. Cooke, to another dealer in Chelsea, Mass. Stamp dealing was a side line for Mr. Cooke, as his purple stamp on the face of the card says, "ALL KINDS OF FERTILIZERS." Posted at Honolulu, the terminus for the Oceanic Steamship Co.'s regular Honolulu to San Francisco run. Australia was in this service from 1886-1901. Station No. 1 duplex cancels the card.



November 2. The Examiner, San Francisco, Steamer due to arrive at S.F.: Australia from Honolulu, Nov. 2. San Francisco transit stamp corroborates arrival date of the Australia on Nov. 2.



November 8. Chelsea Station, Mass., arrival date stamp.

HONOLULU, H. I is received. I am con-DEAR SIR :- Yours of .stantiv receiving letters concerning Hawaiian Stamps. While I am NOT a "regular dealer" I am interested in a few varieties of Island Stamps, and offer them as per "ads." I can not assume to fill any orders for SINGLE STAMPS unless accompanied with the cash at catalogue prices. (Do

not send any one and two cent U. S. Stamps.)

Established firms or dealers may expect replies to definite orders or offers. FOREIGN POSTAGE IS 5 CENTS AND NOT 2 CENTS. The particular stamps you want, I will send on the receipt of the following prices, if received before

not care to establish put ger. Will fill orders for a time orders of 20-40% of Yours truly, A. F. COOKE.

#### OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

## S.S. Australia

Built 1875 by J. Elder & Co., Glasgow. 2755 tons, 376' x 37', single screw, 14 knots. Four masts and one funnel. Chartered by Pacific Mail Steamship Co. from Elder, and used in the San Francisco-Sydney service 1876-1885. Purchased from John Elder by Oceanic Steamship Co. in 1886. In their San Francisco-Honolulu service, 1886-1901; San Francisco-Tahiti run, 1901-02. Seized by the Japanese Government at Yokohama on Aug. 26, 1905. Sister ship: Zealandia.



August 7, 1896. Card datelined at Makaweli Plant and put into the mails at an undetermined post office on the Island of Kauai (partial purple circular date stamp strike.)

August 10, 8 AM. Card was transit at Honolulu where it went aboard the Australia which made the "milk run" Honolulu to San Francisco.



August 22. The <u>Examiner</u>, San Francisco: Steamer due to arrive at San Francisco, Australia from Honolulu Aug. 22.

Arrival date is corroborated by the SAN FRANCISCO, BOX receiving stamp, a special postmark for box mail.

August 29. Sailed from S.F. steamer Australia, Houdlette, a one week turnaround.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Mariposa









Jan. 14, 1898. Letter posted at the small town of Pupiri, New Zealand on the North Island, where the  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . U.P.U. rate was paid by the Issue of 1891. Transit backstamp same day at Thames, N.Z.

Jan. 15. Transit backstamp at Auckland where the Oceanic Co.'s steamships called outbound from Melbourne to San Francisco.



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London <u>Times</u>, Friday, Feb. 11. The Oceanic Company's s. MARIPOSA, from Sydney, N.S.W. arrived at San Francisco at 2 a.m. yesterday.

San Francisco transit backstamps. The San Francisco added the "Mass." to the address and noted this action by the seldom seen DEFICIENCY IN ADDRESS purple handstamp.



Feb. 15. New Bedford arrival backstamp. Addressed to "Soda Water Street, New Bedford."



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S.F. TRANSIT BACKSTAMP



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THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER OF 4 MAY 1898 REPORTED:

"THE OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S 'S.S. MARIPOSA", HAYWARDS, CAPTAIN-DEPARTED SYDNEY 11 APRIL 1898 VIA HONOLULU FOR SAN FRANCICO. ARRIVED 3 MAY 1898 - 23 DAYS FROM SYDNEY VIA HONOLULU 5 DAYS 22 HOURS"

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Alameda



August 22, 1898. A registered letter posted at Ultimo, New South Wales. It was paid  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . U.P.U. rate plus 2d. Registry Fee, total  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ ., made up of the 2d. printed envelope, Issue of 1897, the 3d. green, perf. 11, Issue of 1882, and the  $\frac{1}{2}d$ . slate, perf 11 x 12, Issue of 1892. Letter is cancelled by the P.O. number 1034 of Ultimo.



August 22. Transit backstamp at Sydney, from which port the Oceanic Steamship Co.'s vessels departed for San Francisco.



London <u>Times</u>, THURSDAY, Sept. 22 1898. The Oceanic Company's s. ALA-MEDA, from Sydney, arrived at San Francisco at 8 a.m. yesterday.

September 21. Registry backstamp at San Francisco.



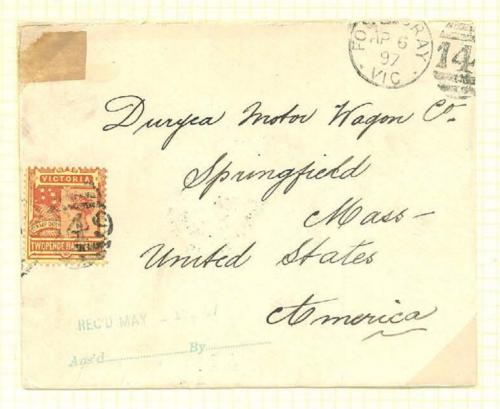
September 27. Registry back-stamp at Boston.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Alameda

a.k.a. Spreckles Line

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu





April 6, 1897. The U.P.U. rate of 2½d. paid at Footscray, Victoria by the Issue of 1890. Stamp cancelled by the duplex obliterator with "149" Post Office number of Footscray, a borough of Bourke Co., on Saltwater River, 4 miles by rail S.W. of Melbourne, population 2473.

Note interesting address: Duryea Motor Wagon Co., an early automobile manufacturer.

April 12. Steamship Alameda picked up the Hawaiian and U.S. mails at Sydney.





San Francisco Examiner: Arrived May 6, Stmr. Alameda, Van Oterndorp, 24 days 13 hrs. from Sydney via Honolulu 6 days 14 hrs. to J.D. Spreckles & Bros. Co.

Mail was forwarded east by rail.

May 11. Arrival backstamp at Springfield, Massachusetts.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Mariposa (1883)

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu

The Oceanic Steamship Company, also known as the Spreckles Line, was established in 1878. Service was provided between San Francisco and Sydney, Australia via Honolulu. The Matson Navigation Company acquired control of the line in 1926, however, continuing to operate the company as a subsidiary under the original name.



August 29, 1899. Registered letter at Sydney, New South Wales, paid at a quadruple U.P.U. rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. x 4 = 10d. in stamps plus 3d. registry fee paid by the stamped envelope. The S.S. Mariposa called at Sydney Aug. 29 en route to San Francisco.

### SAN FRANCISCO, CAL SEP 22 1899 REGISTRY DIVISION.

Sept. 22. Transit backstamp at San Francisco upon arrival of the <u>S.S. Mariposa</u>. Sept. 28, 1899. New York Registry Division arrival backstamp.

N.Y. Times notice:
TRANSPACIFIC MAIL
POST OFFICE NOTICE

Postmaster Van Cott announces that mails from Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii of the following dates: Mel-

bourne, Aug. 29; Sydney, Aug. 30; Auckland, Sept. 4 and Honolulu, Sept. 15, which arrived at San Francisco per steamer Mariposa, are to arrive in New York the morning of Thursday, Sept. 28.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

U.S. to New Zealand

S.S. Mariposa

12¢ Treaty Rate via S. Francisco

Effective Dec. 1870 to Oct. 1891

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July 14,1890.
Letter paid at
Troy, N.Y. at
the 12¢ Treaty
rate via San
Francisco by a
10¢ American
Bank Note Co.
(re-engraved),
Issue of April
1882 and 2¢
green, Issue
of 1887.

P.O. NOTICE, N.Y. Times: CLOSING OF FOREIGN MAILS.

Mails for Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaiian and Samoan Islands

per steamship Maraposa (from San Francisco) close here July 20 at 6:30 PM (or on arrival at New-York of steamship Aurania with British mails for Australia.)

Mrs W. a. Fargo

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July 22. Arrival backstamp at San Francisco. The Daily Alta California carried the following advertisement:

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY
CARRYING UNITED STATES, HAWAIIAN AND
Colonial Mails. Will leave the Company's Wharf Oceanic Steamship Co. Wharf.

For Honolulu, Auckland and Sydney
Without Change

The Splendid New 3000 ton Iron Steamer MARIPOSA

John D. Spreckles & Bros., General Agents.

July 26. Cleared, stmr. Mariposa, Hayward, Honolulu, Sydney J.D. Spreckles & Bros.



August 16. Arrival backstamp at Auckland.

# TRANSPACIFIC MAIL OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Mariposa







December 14, 1895. Letter paid at Rotorua, New Zealand at the  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . U.P.U. rate, made up by the half penny black, Issue of 1895, perf. 10 and 2d., Issue of 1882, perf. 10.

December 16. Transit backstamp at Auckland.

December 24. S.S.  $\underline{\text{Mariposa}}$  of the Oceanic Steamship Co. departed from Sydney, picked up the New Zealand mail outbound to San Francisco.



San Francisco Examiner, Jan. 17, 1896. Arrived Jan. 16, stmr. Mariposa, Hayward, 24 days from Sydney via Honolulu 6½ days; passengers and mdse. to J.D. Spreckles Bros. & Co.





Jan. 21. Philadelphia Station C arrival backstamps. Usual 5 day transcontinental transit by rail.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a/k/a Spreckles Line

S.S. Alameda





August 8, 1896. Letter to Buffalo, N.Y. from Auckland, New Zealand, paid at the  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . U.P.U. rate made up by the 2d. Issue of 1882, perf. 10 and half penny, Issue of 1895, perf. 10.

August 3. S.S. Alameda of the Oceanic Steamship Co. departed from Sydney, picked up New Zealand mail at Auckland on August 8.



San Francisco <u>Examiner</u>, Aug. 28. Arrived Aug. 27, steamer Alameda, Van Orterendorp, 24 days 9 hours from Sydney via Honolulu 6 days 14 hours to J.D. Spreckles Bros. & Co.





Sept. 1. Buffalo, N.Y. receiving backstamps.

# TRANSPACIFIC MAIL OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Mariposa





October 12, 1898. Hawaii Issue of 1894 pays the 2¢ Soldier's rate to the U.S. Letter is noted "Soldiers Letter" at left. The S.S. Mariposa of the Oceanic Steamship Co. stopped at Honolulu this same day en route from Australia. This letter went aboard her at Honolulu with the U.S. and points beyond mails.



The Examiner, San Francisco, October 20. ARRIVED OCT. 19: Stmr. Mariposa, Hayward, 24 days from Sydney, via Honolulu, 7 days.



October 25. Andes, N.Y. arrival backstamp. Usual 5-6 day transcontinental transit time by rail.

#### 1900

#### TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Mariposa

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu







May 23, 1900. Letter backstamped at Honolulu by the Wells Fargo & Co., Ltd. The U.P.U. rate of 5¢ was paid by the Hawaiian Issue of 1899, cancelled the same day by the Honolulu Station No. 1 duplex.

May 24. S.S. Mariposa of the Ocean Steamship Co. touched at Honolulu on her way from Sydney to San Francisco.

San Francisco <u>Examiner</u>. Arrived June 1, 1900. Stmr. Mariposa, Houdlette, 23 days 1 hour from Sydney, via Honolulu 6 days 6 hours 10 minutes.





June 4. Philadelphia arrival backstamp, a fast transcontinental trip of 4 days.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

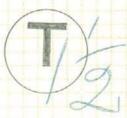
S.S. Mariposa

Sydney and San Francisco via Honolulu

3,158 tons, dimensions: 314' x 41', single screw, 15 knots, reciprocating engines. Built by W. Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia, two masts, one funnel, steel hull. Launched March 7, 1883. In San Francisco-Honolulu service 1883-85. San Francisco-Tahiti trade during 1901-12, sold to Alaska Steamship Company in 1912. Lost on Straits Island Reef, Sumner Straits, Alaska in 1917.



July 19, 1900. Letter partly paid at Suva, Fiji by 21d. Issue of 1891 stamp. Local steamer took the mail to Auckland, New Zealand to meet the Oceanic Steamship Co.'s steamship for San Francisco via Honolulu. Mariposa picked up mail at Auckland August 6 and arrived at San Francisco Aug. 24, backstamp at 'Frisco.



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British marked letter due (Taxe) at underpaid 12d., equivalent to 3¢ U.S. San Francisco converted this to a double under-

paid penalty or 6¢ due.

Aug. 29. N.Y. Times. Aug. 28, 1900:

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL POST OFFICE NOTICE

Postmaster Van Cott announces that the mail from Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii of the

following dates: Melbourne, July 31; Sydney, Aug. 1; Auckland, Aug. 6, and Honolulu Aug. 17, reached San Francisco per steamer Mariposa. Due in N.Y. on the morning of Aug. 29, except mail from Sydney, which is due on the afternoon of the 29th.

Boston mail was bagged directly there where bulk was broken and the Foreign Division backstamped. For'd to P'land, arrival Aug. 30.



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THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER OF SUNDAY 13 JANUARY 1901 REPORTED:

"SS MARIPOSA, REUNIE, CAPT. 21 DAYS 11 HRJ 6 MINS.

FROM SY DNEY VIA HONOLULU 5 DAYS 17 HRS 15 MINS."

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Sierra

KURRAJONG, NEW SOUTH WALES TO NEWFOUNDLAND VIA FRISCO

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January 6, 1902. A registered letter posted at Kurrajong, New South Wales with U.P.U. postage of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. plus 5d. registry fee, total  $7\frac{1}{2}$ d., paid by the SEVEN PENCE/HALFPENNY surcharge of 1891 on 6d. brown, perf. 11 x  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . Same day transit marks at Richmond and Sydney, backstamps.

January 7.  $\underline{\text{S.S.}}$   $\underline{\text{Sierra}}$  of the Oceanic Steamship Co. departed from Sydney, New South Wales.

N.Y. <u>Times</u>, Wednesday, January 29, 1902. TRANSPACIFIC MAILS/POST OFFICE NOTICE. Postmaster Van Cott announces that the Mails from Australia, China, Japan, Hawaii, and New Zealand of the following dates: Hong Kong, Dec. 31; Shanghai, Jan. 4, Yokohama, Jan. 10; Melbourne, Jan. 6; Sydney, Jan. 7; Auckland, Jan. 11, and Honolulu, Jan. 20, which arrived at San Francisco per steamers China and Sierra, were dispatched East Jan. 27 at 6 P.M. and are due in New York on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 1.

January 27. S.S. Sierra arrived at San Francisco, mails forwarded east by rail.



Feb. 1-8. Transit backstamps, San Francisco-Windsor, Ontario-St. John's Newfoundland, final arrival at Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland. Many Way-bill numbers appear on this registered left, final one "121" at lower left at Bonavista Bay.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP Co.

S.S. Sierra

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu Samoa-German Dominion





May 19, 1902. Letter posted at the 20 pf. U.P.U. rate at Apia, the capital of Samoa under German Dominion from 1900 to 1915. Mail sent on to Honolulu by feeder steamer.

May 29. S.S. Sierra called at Honolulu en route to San Francisco from Sydney. She left the latter port May 14.

Duplex Machine backstamps:

June 2. San Francisco <u>Examiner</u>: Arrived Stmr. Sierra, Houdlette, 20 days from Sydney via Honolulu, 5 days 9 hrs 30 min.

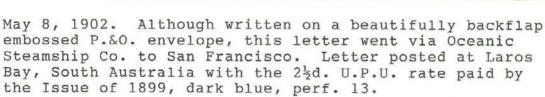
June 6. Arrival backstamp at Chicago.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Sierra

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu





May 13. S.S. Sierra of the Oceanic S.S. Co. departed from Sydney with the Australian mails.

San Francisco <u>Examiner</u>, June 3. Arrived June 2, 1902, Stmr. Sierra, Houdlette, 20 days from Sydney, via Honolulu 5 days 9 hours 30 minutes.



June 7. Arrival backstamp at Mans-field, Mass.



OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Sierra

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu

Registered

6135 tons, built by W. Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia, 400' x 50', twin-screw, 17 knots. Reciprocating engines, two masts, one funnel (originally two funnels). In service San Francisco-Sydney 1901-07; S.F. - Honolulu, 1910-15; San Francisco-Sydney 1915-17. 1919 sold to Green Star Steamship Co., renamed Gdansk. Sold to Japanese shipbreakers in 1934.







May 25, 1903. Double weight (½-oz. x 2) paid at 2½d. per ½-oz. plus registration fee of 3d., Issues of 1900. Letter endorsed "Via 'Frisco". Transit registration backstamp at Dunedin on the South Island for transit by steamer to Auckland which is on the North Island. S.S. Sierra called at Auckland May 29.



REGISTERED JUN. 20 1903 STATION- 12

NEW YORK, P.O

June 15. San Francisco transit backstamp.

June 20. New York arrival backstamp. New York Times, Friday June 19, 1903:

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL POST OFFICE NOTICE

Postmaster Van Cott announces that mails from Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii of the following dates: Melbourne, May 23; Sydney, May 25; Auckland, May 29, and Honolulu, June 9 reached San Francisco per steamer Sierra and were dispatched East at 10 A.M. and 6 P.M. June 15. A portion of this mail is due in New York this morning and the remaining tomorrow morning, June 20.

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sengers from Sidney, Auck-

land, -Page-Pago, Honolulu.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT, July 6 .-

After an almost uneventful voyage, the

Oceanic steamer Sonoma arrived in port

yesterday afternoon from Sydney, Auck-

land, Pago-Pago, Fanning Island and Hono-

lulu. She had on board 239 passengers. Cap-

tain Herriman reported that fairly good

weather was had during almost the entire

voyage. Between Sydney and Auckland the

vessel experienced moderate easterly winds

and a heavy easterly swell. 'After leaving Honolulu the Sonoma encountered strong

The Sonoma made the long trip from Sydney on time. She left the Australian port

on June 15th and reached Honolulu after having stopped at Auckland, Pago-Pago and

at Fanning Island. There was one death aboard the vessel during the voyage. Theodore Cox, who was just fourteen montas old, died while the vessel was between Sydney and Auckland on June 18th.

Three days out from Honolulu the Pacific

Mail steamship Peking was sighted. Cap-tain Herrimen stated that when she was-eighted by the Sonoma she was beating against a heavy sea and a strong wind, and

was making very little headway, not more

trade winds and a rough sea.

Oceanic Liner Brings Two Hun- Cup Challenger Peats the -Shamrcck I by 6 Minutes 18 Seconds in a Thirty-Mile Gourse Off Sandy Hook.

NEW YORK, July 6 .- The Shamrock III covered a thirty-mile course off Sandy Hook to-day 6 minutes and 18 seconds faster than the Shamrock L. It was a broad reach of Ofteen miles to the outer mark and a long leg close-hauled back to the finish line. Close running is the Shamrock's best

point of sailing. Sir Thomas Lipton and Designer Fife were satisfied with the new boat's showing in reaching, but they were delighted with the splendid fashion in delighted with the splendid fashion in which she heat the old boat in a five-mile thresh to windward after the finish of the race. Clear skies and an eight-knot south-southwest wind, freshening to twolve knots at the finish, made splendid racing conditions. The course was east by north. With sheets well off before a freshening wind over her quarter, the Shamrock III slowly drew ahead of the old challenger until, when they approached the turn, the new boat was setting a ten-knot pace and leading by two-thirds of a mile, having gained about four minutes on the old boat. Nearing the finish the breeze grew freshand they finished at a rate that called for

and they finished at a rate that called for the Erin's best speed to reach the line first. The Shamrock I was a good mile astern, but coming at a flying gait when the Shamrock III crossed the line.
Then the racers were sent away five miles

was making very little headway, not more than eight knots an hour.

The salon passengers on the Sozoma were: From Sydney-Charles Harvey, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tuengood, F. I. Millard, Miss Rotherane, Miss It, Robertson, Mrs. Durant. Miss Webster, Mrs. W. L. Hogt, Albert Caldwell, A. P. Mash, F. A. Lohman, Miss E. Robertson, G. T. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvesta, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Whilty and son, A. W. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Courtwidge and danghter, Frank Donohue, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas narmard. McLe-Le-Cowles, L. G. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ruckle, Mrs. G. A. Hodson, E. H. Knight, Mr. and Wrs. W. Mry, C. T. Loar, James Millar.

From Auckland-Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, I. C. McCulloch, G. W. Hanter, Captain-Collock, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Price, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bedes and child, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smithson, Italfour H. Neil, Miss Jackson, G. A. Simmonds, F. C. Studehus.

From Page-Pago-Mr. and Mrs. H. Schmidt and Soh. to windward. With her lee rail just dipping the Shamrock III walked through the old boat's lee, outpointed her and in forty minthese was an eighth of a mile to windward of her. In the run back to Scotland lightship the Shamrock III cut-down-the-old-boat's lead, though the Shamrock I, having the leeward position at the start, was first to

### PIRATES ADD ANOTHER WIN TO THEIR SCORE

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1	Miss L. A. Barry, A. L. Esberg, Mrs. Dolan, Mr.	
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1	Mrs. McKernon, Mrs. Stotber, Mrs. Louisson, K.	Ritchey's two-bagger and a single by Smith.
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CINCINNATI (O.), July 6.—Cincinnati broke even in the double-header with Brooklyn to-day. Morrissey played short in the first game and he muffed everything that came his way, in the second game Kelly played the position, Brooklyn never had a chance in the second game, Hahn holding them down to five hits, the game was called in the seventh inning to allow Brooklyn in each w train. Bitter got weak in the fifth huma and was relieved by Burge, a local amateur. Attendance, 3,500. Secrecit The Karling allow Brook, weak in the Hugg a le Senros!

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### THE BUSINESS WORLD

Silver had a slight decline yesterday,
Exchange on New York, drafts, 2% premium per
\$100 and 5c premium for telegraphic,
Sterling Exchange—Sixty days, \$4.85%; slight,
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### Values of Koreign Colus.

The following are the Custom House values in United States gold of foreign coins for the quarter beginning July 1st, as proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury:

Country-Standard-Unit, Value, Argentine Republic-Gold-Peso, \$0.985
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Speculative business was resmall way and the market we December rose to \$1.365 pe \$1.365, or \$2 above the preview advance was due to ligher Liverpool and the crop conductor as sample market. Ne per ct; old, \$1.375,601.421 ligher.
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HAY-New crop: Wheat, Wheat and Oat, \$9,500(12); \$84(10); Harley, \$84(10.50); (156(16)); per bale.

### UMATILLA IS IN PORT. After having undergone a thorough repair

effice Coast Company's steamship Umatilla is arty. Address buy again ready for duty. She brought down a number of passengers yesterday from Puges and It United a the Coast Company's steamship Umatilla is an uniter of passengers yesterday from Puges and It I have been succeeded a first considerable and improved and new botters were put in. The trip down was made in rather slow time. Capitally a for one cent the per apital stock of the arts of the form of the coast of the first of the form of the first of the first of the form of the first of the first of the form of the first of the first



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TRANSIT BACKSTAMPS





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THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER OF 7 JULY 1903 IZEPORTED:

"ARRIVED THIS PORT, & JULY, STEAMER 'SONOMA', HARRINGTON.

20 DAYS 14 HRS & MIN FROM SYDNEY, VIA HOND LULU SDAYS

20 HRS 10 MINS."

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Somoma

The Oceanic Steamship Company, also known as the Spreckles Line, was established in 1878. Service was provided between San Francisco and Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu. The Matson Navigation Company acquired control of the line in 1926. However, the Matson Line continued to operate the company, as a subsidiary, under the original name.







August 14, 1903. A letter not over 2-oz. paid at the 22d. U.P.U. rate by South Australia Issue of 1899, dark blue at Adelaide, S.A.

August 17. Letter went by local steamer to Sydney, backstamp, from which port the  $\underline{S.S.}$  Sonoma of the Oceanic Line departed on August 17.



N.Y. <u>Times</u>, Thursday September 10. Postmaster Van Cott announces that mails from Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii for the following dates: Melbourne, Aug. 15; Sydne, Aug. 17, Auckland, Aug. 21 and Honolulu, Sept. 1, reached San Francisco per steamer Sonoma, were dispatched East at 6PM Sept. 8.

Sept. 14. Sarnia, Ontario arrival backstamp.

SYDNEY TO U.S. VIA AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU

S.S. Ventura OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.





May 2, 1904. A registered letter paid at the Money Order window at Williamstown, a town near Adelaide, Victoria, Australia. An array of Victoria stamps pay the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. U.P.U. rate plus  $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. registry fee.

May 3. Transit backstamp at Melbourne, Victoria.

May 15. S.S. Ventura departed from Sydney, New South Wales for San Francisco.

San Francisco Examiner. Arrived June 6, Stmr. Ventura, Hayward, 21 days and 18 hours from Sydney via Auckland 17 days and 17 hours via Honolulu 5 days and 19 hours.

June 7. San Francisco registered backstamp.

June 12. Philadelphia registry backstamp. The usual five day coast-to-coast transit time by rail is shown here.





OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO. a.k.a. Spreckles Line

S.S. Sonoma

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu

Built 1901 by Cramp & Sons Co., Philadelphia. 6279 tons, 400" x 50", twin-screw, 17 knots. In service San Francisco - Sydney, 1901-07, 1912-17, 1920-32. Sold to Japanese shipbreakers in 1934.





August 18, 1906. One penny post card noted, "Available only for the Commonwealth, the United Kingdom, British New Guinea, New Zealand and Fiji; if used for any other place, a Half-Penny Stamp must be affixed." Rate for the U.S. was made up by adding the half-penny Issue of 1899. Card posted at Portpirie, South Australia.

September 6. Card was forwarded overland to Sydney where it was held for the sailing of the Ocean Steamship Co.'s S.S. Sonoma, which departed from that port Sept. 6.





October 2. San Francisco Examiner, Oct. 2, 1906. Arr. S.F. Oct. 1, Stmr. Sonoma, Trask, 25 days from Sydney, via Honolulu 7 days. Pass. and mdse to J.D. Spreckles & Bros. Co.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Ventura

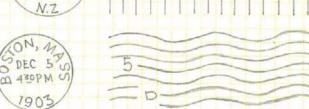
New Zealand to U.S. via San Francisco

Built 1900 by W. Cramp & Sons Co., Philadelphia. 6282 tons, 400' x 50', twin screw, 17 knots. Triple expansion engines. Two masts, one funnel. Completed in Dec. 1900. In San Francisco - Sydney service 1901-07, 1912-17, 1920-32. Sold to Japanese shipbreakers in 1934. Sister ships: Sierra and Sonoma.

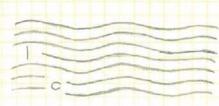




N.Z







Nov. 6, 1903. Letter posted at Denniston, New Zealand, paid at the 2½d. rate by stamp, Issue of 1899. Transit backstamp at Westport the same day.

Nov. 10. Transit backstamp at Wellington, N.Z. The S.S. Ventura picked up letter at her call at Auckland Nov. 13.

Dec. 5. Mails arrived in N.Y. the morning of Dec. 5 and backstamps show rapid transit: 4:30 PM transit through Boston and 11:30 PM arrival at Portland Maine, all on the 5th. N.Y. Times: TRANSPACIFIC MAILS

Postmaster Van Cott announces that mails from Australia, New Zealand and Melbourne, Nov. 7; Sydney, Nov. 9; Auck-

Hawaii of the following dates: land, Nov. 13 and Honolulu, Nov. 24, reached S. Francisco per steamer Ventura and were dispatched east at 6 PM Nov. 30. Due in New York on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 5.

### 1900

### TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Alameda

Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu



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Sept. 24, 1900.
Letter to Boston "Via
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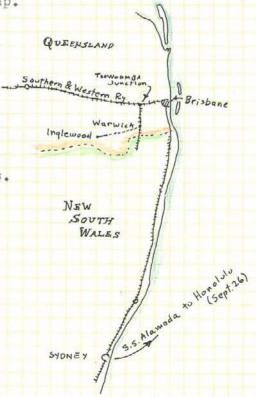


outh Sept. 25. Travelling Post Office of the Southern & Western Railway. Letter went on the UP train, Warwick to Brisbane, then down the coastal railway to Sydney. Backstamp.

Sept. 26. S.S. Alameda of the Oceanic Steamship Co. departed from Sydney to San Francisco via Honolulu.

Oct. 19. Transit backstamp. San Francisco Examiner: Arrived Oct. 19, 1900, steamer Alameda, Van Oterendorp, 24 days from Sydney via Honolulu 6 days 14 hours.

Oct. 24. Boston arrival backstamp, five days coast-to-coast. Letter delivered to the Tremont Temple, Boston.



### OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY

## S.S. Alameda

3158 tons, 314' x 41', built 1883 by W. Cramp & Sons, Chester, Penn. Single screw, triple expansion engines, 15 knots. Two masts, one funnel. Later lengthened to 327 ft. (3709 tons). In San Francisco - Sydney Service, 1885-1901; San Francisco - Honolulu, 1901-10. Sold to Alaska Steamship Co. in March 1910. Sister ship: Mariposa.



September 19, 1904. Letter paid by stamps, ha'penny, Issue of 1885 (perf. 14) and 2d., Issue of 1902 at 2½d. U.P.U. rate. Cancelled at the Ship Mail Room (S.M.R.) at Perth. Ships of the Canadian Australian Royal Mail Line (a subsidiary of the Union Steamship Co.) carried U.S. bound mail to Honolulu, then went on to Vancouver.

Oct. 19. Steamer Alameda, Capt. Dowdell, left Honolulu with this letter aboard.

San Francisco Examiner: Arrived Oct. 25, 1904, steamer Alameda, Dowdell, 6 days from Honolulu.





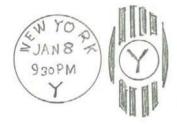
Oct. 29. Normal transit time by rail transcontinental was 4-5 days. Three arrival backstamps at Lynn: 9:30 AM at Station 2; 11:30 am at West Lynn, and 3 PM at the main P.O., Lynn.



OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Ventura









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January 8, 1902. A letter to New Zealand paid at the 5¢ U.P.U. rate by the Columbian Issue envelope, Issue of 1893. Transit backstamp of the New York Foreign Branch, January 9.

N.Y. <u>Times</u>. TRANSPACIFIC MAILS. Mails for Australia (except West Australia, which are forwarded via Europe) New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa and Hawaii, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6 P.M., after Jan. 5 and up to Jan. 11 inclusive or on arrival of steamer Eturia, due at New York Jan. 11, for dispatch per steamer Ventura.

January 11. S.S. Eturia of the Cunard Line arrived at N.Y. from Liverpool Jan. 4 and Queenstown the 5th. She arrived at the Bar at 5:36 P.M., so the transpacific mails went out on time.

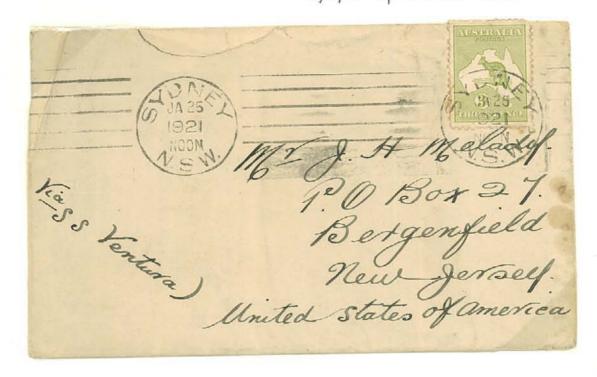
February 6. Arrival at Dunedin, New Zealand. Arrival backstamp aboard the Railway Post Office.

TRANSPACIFIC MAIL

SYDNEY TO U.S. VIA PAGO PAGO AND HONOLULU

S.S. Ventura OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

a/k/a Spreckles Line



Jan. 25, 1921. Letter datelined at "Bonnington" Woolwich, Via Sydney, N.S.W., Australia and is endorsed: Via SS Ventura. The letter says, inter alia, "The Ventura came to Sydney on the 21st and sails 26th for Frisco. I expected the information, that Mr. Norton says, he wanted from the Bank of Australia, Sydney would have been to hand by the 'Ventura'...American commodities are not very welcome in Australia at the present time, owing, somewhat to the low rate of Exchange?"

Jan. 26. S.S. <u>Ventura</u> departed from Sydney.

San Francisco Examiner, Wed., Feb. 16. Arr. Feb. 15, Steamer Venrura, Dawson, 19 days 11 hours 54 minutes from Sydney via Pago Pago, 13 days 18 hours 36 minutes, via Honolulu 5 days 14 hours 23 minutes at 2:15 p.m.. Pass. and mdse to J.P. Spreckles & Bros. Co.

OCEANIC STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. Sierra

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The 6135 ton <u>Sierra</u> was built in 1900 by W. Cramp & Sons Co., Philadelphia. She was in service San Francisco - Sydney, 1901-07; San Francisco - Honolulu, 1910-15; San Francisco - Sydney, 1915-17. Sold to Green Star Steamship Co. in 1919. Re-named <u>Gdansk</u>. Repurchased in 1923 and re-named <u>Sierra</u>. In service San Francisco - Sydney, 1924-32, as when she carried the letter below. Sold to Japanese shipbreakers in 1934.







July 14, 1927. A registered letter posted at Hobart, Tasmania. It is paid by the Australia one shilling Issue of 1916. The Commonwealth of Australia rate for foreign letters was 3d. per oz., 1st Class and 3d. registration. This letter went as triple rated at 3d. x 3 = 9d. + 3d. registration = 12d. or one shilling.

July 16. Melbourne registry backstamp.

July 23. S.S. Sierra departed from Sydney.



San Francisco Examiner. Arrived at this port Aug. 11. Stmr. SIERRA, Trask, 19 ds. 16 hours 6 min. from Sydney via Honolulu 5 ds. 14 hours 2 min. at 10:45 a.m. Pass. and mdse to Oceanic Steamship Company. Docked at pier 32.

August 11. San Francisco transit backstamp.

August 16. Mansfield, Mass. arrival backstamp.



