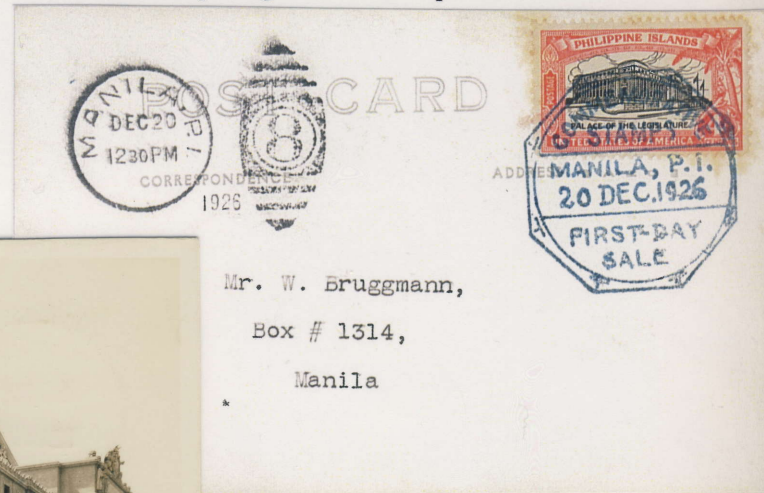


SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE FIRST DAY CANCEL

To commemorate the First Day of Sale, Dec. 20, 1926, a special octagonal cancellation was prepared which was utilized only at the Manila Post Office. The cancel bears the inscription "Commemorative Stamps / Manila, P.I. / 20 Dec. 1926 / First-Day / Sale." Covers were canceled using several different colors of ink, but primarily in red, black, blue or green. A few covers were canceled multiple times and sometimes in more than one color. The stamps proved popular and P5,700 worth were sold, with many used on philatelically created First Day Cover's franked with far more postage than was required.



Two photographic post cards showing the newly completed Palace of the Legislature, the largest building in the Philippine Islands, a neo-Greek style building similar to structures built by the United States Government in Washington, D.C. during the same period. Both cards posted as First Day Covers, circulating in Manila, and both overpaying the 2c Internal Post Card Rate. (Dark Blue Cancels)