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INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF
UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

LATHROP'S ALBANY BANK EXPRESS

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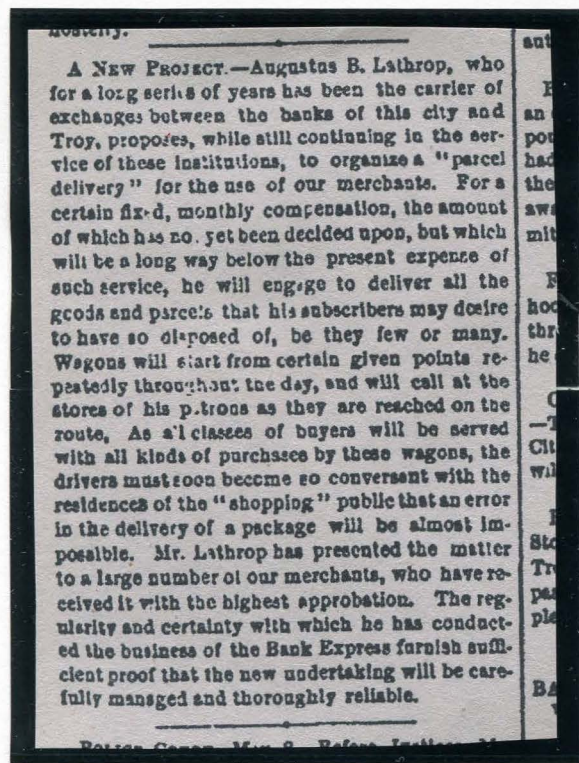
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LATHROP'S ALBANY BANK EXPRESS

Augustus B. Lathrop ran a small express business, carrying exchanges between the banks of Albany and Troy in New York. Lathrop is listed as a "bank exchange" in Albany directories from 1862 to 1878. From 1863-1864, his business was located at 57 State Street. By 1866, he had moved to 52 State Street, where he remained until after 1876.



NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FROM
DAILY ALBANY ARGUS, ALBANY, NEW YORK
MAY 10, 1871

According to a newspaper article published in 1871, Lathrop expanded his business to include parcel delivery for local merchants. Payment for his services was to be received monthly.

Although this was a real service, there is no evidence that Lathrop's express used adhesive postage. Stamps under the "Lathrop's Albany Express" name have long been considered bogus.

These stamps, with a simple square design, are often attributed to S. Allan Taylor.

These stamps are relatively scarce compared to other bogus stamps.

The address listed on these stamps, 57 State Street, is also the location of Gavit & Co., the engraving and printing company that printed the Pomeroy Express stamps.



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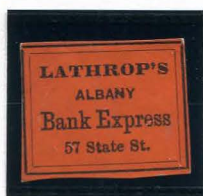
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