

## 1878 MERCURY ISSUES

*New Design - Type I*  
*The Trial Colors*

In 1878 the name of the post was altered from "Boyd's City Despatch" to "Boyd's Despatch". Between 1878 and 1882 a number of stamps, all in the same design, were issued. These are the "Mercury Series", of which there are four types, resulting from the different printers.

### TYPE I

Printed by C. O. Jones  
Lithographed in sheets of 100



Type I is characterized by Mercury's left foot which breaks the frame line at the bottom. The tip of the wing attached to the left ankle points through the center "P" in "PLACE".



Printer C.O. Jones, prepared sheets of 100 stamps in various colors and papers. Some of these trial colors may have seen postal use.