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## **Smythe Celebrates 125 Years in Business**

It was 1880 when a young stockbroker started a company to help people find out about stocks and bonds they had lost track of, hopefully to find some extra dollars when his research was completed. Roland M. Smythe was the first and foremost "stock detective" in America, writing the definitive texts in the field and continuing to provide help for investors until he died in 1931. After 125 years, his firm, known as R.M. Smythe & Co., Inc., continues, and investors are still asking for help in this arcane area of the stock market.

And now there is more to the story. As the years went by, the beautifully engraved certificates, often with splendid vignettes, which Roland Smythe researched, came to be admired as collectible works of art. The exciting history represented by the certificates added to collectors' interest. And as physical stock and bond certificates were replaced by computer bookkeeping, scarcity of certificates fueled the market. Banknotes, coins and autographs were soon added to the range of collectibles, and now, 125 years later, R.M. Smythe & Co., Inc. has become a leading numismatic auction firm with offices in Downtown Manhattan, just as they have been since 1880.

"We continue to serve investors as we always have, and we are discovering growing numbers of collectors fascinated with this aspect of American history," said Diana Herzog, President of Smythe, "and now we are finding collectors around the world, as well."

Smythe's offices are at 2 Rector Street, and include a numismatic shop with a full range of coins, banknotes, stock and bond certificates, and beautifully framed theme pieces for decorative use.

A program of anniversary events will be announced as the year goes on and visitors are always welcome. For further information, please visit Smythe's website at [www.smytheonline.com](http://www.smytheonline.com), or call toll free: 800-622-1880.

***Smythe & Company is one of the world's leading auction houses specializing in Antique Stocks and Bonds, Coins, Banknotes, Autographs and Photographs.***