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THE LIST OF STOCKHOLDERS ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED ACCORDING TO STATES, RETROSPECT OF THE SOCIETY, A VERBATUM REPORT OF THE 1895 CONVENTION HELD IN DENVER, COLORADO. INTERESTING SKETCHES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WITH HALFTONES, STATISTICS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

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N launching this, our first Year Book of the Philatelic Sons of America, upon the journalistic seas, we wish to return our sincere thanks to our patrons, the press and the public, for the

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Notwithstanding the great drawback of having the Society incorporated at a time when we were ready for press, which necessitated a change in our plans as well as a delay of several months we are enabled to publish a work that compares

favorably with similar works of other societies.

As we were the first to start this enterprise, it is our intention to publish the Year Book, annually, in February. If there are any imperfections in the present work, let the originality and youth of our work, together with our inexperience in matters, pournalistic, plead for us and thus blunt the sword of criticism and at the same time enable us to feel that our efforts to please have not been in vain.

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### OUR BRANCH SOCIETIES.

- Article VIII, Sec. 1.—The formation of branches of this Society shall be encouraged in any State or City where there are resident five or more members of this Society. No one can become a member of any Branch Society without being a member of The Philatelic Sons of America.
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  Secretary, D. W. Greenburg, 36 E. VanBuren-st.
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- No. 11. Pennsylvania State. Organized April 1, 1895, President, C. W. Kissinger. Secretary, C. W. Lawton, Patterson's Mills.
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- No. 17. MICHIGAN STATE. Incepted Mar., 1896. W. W. Kessler, Ir., Station A, Detroit, Organizer.
- No. 18. NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA. Incepted Mar., 1896. John S. Ross, Moneton, Organizer.
- No. 19. SEATTLE, WASH. Incepted Mar., 1896. Edgar F. Barth, Organizer.
- No. 20. New Jersey State. Incepted June 1, 1896. J. H. Thomas, 38 Henry-st., Organizer.

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- Art. 2, Sec. 1. The objects of this Society are:
  - A. To disseminate knowledge concerning philately.
  - R. To create friendship among philatelists.
  - C. To collect past-due debts of its members.
  - D. To prosecute persons defrauding its members.
  - E. To enable its members to buy, sell and exchange postage stamps to advantage.
  - F. To help and instruct young stamp collectors in their pursuit of knowledge.

British Empire day at the World's Fair, in Chicago, 1893 was at its height, when the Philatelic Sons of America, made its inception, enthused and inspired by 31 charter members, whom up to the present day have never tired of the cause they then so earnestly strove to impress upon the philatelic mind and made it what it now is—the largest and most powerful philatelic society in the world, the friend of the young and the old collector and the true guide and instructor to the path of Philately.

At the organization meeting held at 191 South Clark-st., Mr. E. R. Aldrich of Benson, Minn., presided. The election of officers for the initial year resulted as follows:

President, Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading, Tenna. Vice-President, for U. S., Will M. Randall, Belleville, Mich. "Canada, H. A. Fowler, Toronto, Ontario. Secretary, Ralph W. Ashcroft, Philadelphia, Penna. Treasurer, Luther W. Mott, Oswego, N. Y. Inter. Secretary, Fred. S. Fox, Reading, Penna. Exchange Supt., Roy F. Greene, Arkansas City, Kan. Can. "R. W. Hannington, Dorchester, N. B.

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The proposition submitted by the United Philatelic Association to amalgamate with the P. S. of A., with a belief that the two societies would progress better as a unit, was accepted unamimously. The President offered as much space as would be necessary for the reports of the Society in the Pennsy as well as furnishing a copy of the journal to each member for one year, free of charge, which was accepted with thanks. The President appointed Messrs. Ralph W. Ashcroft, Fred. S. Fox and Beecher Ogden as a committee of three to draft the Constitution and By-Laws and a mail vote to be taken on same.

In September, 1893 the Committee made known the results of its labors and which received the approval of the members the following month.

To fill the new office of advertising and subscription agent created in the new constitution, President Kissinger appointed Mr. Fred A. Perry, of Mt. Morris, N. Y.

In Jan. 1894 Mr. J. P. Glass resigned from the Board of Trustees and J. A. Pierce was appointed for the unexpired term. The resignation being contiguous, Mr. Fred A. Perry retired in favor of O. E. Wilson as advertising and subscription agent.

In April 1894 afterduc investigations by competent committees II. S. Dickson and W. Palmer were expelled from the Society.

Following the example of his late colleague, Mr. Chris Peterson resigned as Trustee and Mr. F. J. LeFever succeeded him. In

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Owing to the arduous duties imposed upon our popular and efficient Secretary he was compelled to give way in June '94 to Fred S. Fox who was appointed to the vacancy, while Robt. J. Man, of Minn. was promoted from the ranks to fill the vacancy of

International Secretary.

Within hearing distance of the famous Falls of Niagara, there assembled on August 24, 1894 in the spacious parlors of Hotel Porter a more harmonious and successful gathering than that of her sister convention at Chicago, the year previous, in fact the most enthusiastic meeting of stamp collectors that has ever been witnessed, furnishing a striking contrast to the convention (?) of her sister society, the S. of P., which had the day before adjourned.

The report of the secretary showed that on Aug. 19th, 1893, the membership was but 110 while the present report recorded 803 members or an increase of 693. During the year there were 6 expulsions, 6 resignations and 2 deaths and these with the number of suspensions brought the membership down to 670 in good standing. The Treasurer's books showed receipts to the amount of \$215.98 and of this could only keep intact a balance of \$11.71

against vouchers of \$204.27.

The reports of the other officers compared most favorably with some of our older societies. Our efficient and over-worked attorney, John R. Keech, Esq., presented the star report of the day. Of the claims filed with him, over 80% had been collected, while of the total amount of these claims more than 70% had been turned into cold cash or in other words just 70% more than the

members ever thought of getting back.

The choice of the convention seat for 1895 elicited a most interesting and exciting debate of any session, at times drifting into a humorous vein and then assuming a more serious aspect. In the end, however, nothing but good feeling resulted, though quite naturally the victors feeling more exultant than the vanquished. The results of the vote was Denver, Colo. 113. Clayton, N. Y. 71; Detoit, Mich. 5 and Niagara Falls, N. Y. 1.

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The annual election resulted as follows:

President, C. E. Severn, Chicago, Ill. Vice President, U. S., Will M. Randall, Belleville, Mich. Vice President, Canada, T. S. Clark, Belleville. Out. Secretary, Fred S. Fox, Reading, Pa. Treasurer, Luther W. Mott, Cambridge, Mass. Inter. Secty., Guy W. Green, Stromsburg, Nebr. Exchange Supt., L. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. " (Canada) C. A. Atkinson, Dorchester, N. B. Auction Manager, Chas. E. Babcock, Indianapolis, Ind. Purchasing Agent, Cleve Scott, Central City, Nebr. Adv. and Sub. Agent, O. E. Wilson, New York City. N. Y. Auction Purchasing Agent, A. Schiff. P. M. Wolsieffer. Chicago Librarian, Lewis G. Quackenbrah, Oneida, N. Y. Attorney, John R. Keech, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Counterfeit Detector, Edgar Filie, Jr., New Orleans, La. Official Editor, Roy F. Green, Arkansas City, Kans. (A. D. Doherty, ) Trustees J. A. Pierce, Chicago, Ill. (F. J. LeFever, ) Official Organ, The Pennsylvania Philatelist.

In Feb. 1895, President Severn appointed Mess. J. E. Zahn, Roy F. Green and Ed. H. Wilkinson as a committee to select a society color. After considering every color of the rainbow as well as those not embraced within the iris, they decided on Cream and Royal Purple. Cream is typical of a good record while royal purple is emblematic of kingliness or leadership.

Again was the President called upon to fill the vacancy of Ad. & Sub. Agent in June, by Mr. O. E. Wilson resigning. Mr. John Edwards who is in a class by himself in his line, was appointed.

The journalistic duties of Mr. Fred S. Fox demanding his entire time, he was compelled to resign in favor of W. Hamilton Barnum who was appointed for the unexpired term.

We conclude our retrospect with a verbatum report of our Special Correspondent, Mr. Every Paget, Kansas City, Mo., to whom is due much credit for the concise manner in the way the report is written and the various matters handled.



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Mr. Severn proceeded to deliver his annual address, which

follows:

"Fellow members of the P. S. of A.: In compliance with the command embodied in Article Seven, Section One, of our constitution, which orders the president to address the Society on such matters as he shall determine, at each convention, I shall engage your attention for a few moments in an endeavor to fulfill the mandate.

The fiscal year of the P. S. of A. just rounded out has witnessed strange happenings in the great world of ours, and, sad to say, it has numbered misfortune and sorrow in its train. But, perhaps, the darkness prevalent in some portions of the world of business is the precursor of a brighter dawn. This somewhat sombre picture causes that which we are now to contemplate to stand forth the more pronouncedly. In our mimic world of Philately, the P. S. of A. year has been an auspicious and happy one. The growth of the organization during the past year has been amazing, but not only has the society grown, but all its parts developed so that, at present, it does not stand as a large unwieldy body, abnormally strong here, or pitiably weak there. Rather, it comes forth young, complete in all its parts.

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So we see that in our strength may be our weakness.

The marching and countermarching of youthful ambitions and aims may result in the sowing of seeds of discord, as the society increases in size. Harmony has, from the beginning of time, been recognized as a prime essential for the welfare of men banded together for a common purpose. Many an old tale and fable recites the unhappy results of a lack of harmony between man and his fellows.

We all understand, therefore, that unity and concord are necessary, if we would have the society progress so well during the fiscal year just opening as it has in the one being brought to a

close.

Of the prosperity of our Society to-day nothing needs be said. The fact is more eloquent than any idle words of eulogy: while the little irregularities happening during my term of which you may or may not know, have served but to accenuate that the P. S. of A. monument does not feel the effect of any spasmodic buffeting, but it will endure for many years if all signs do not fail, and if—greatest of all—white winged harmony is allowed to guard and watch over our ranks."

President Severn's address was greeted with a salvo of applause. The Chair—Gentlemen and fellow members: Owing to the inability of our Secretary to attend this convention, I now call for nominations for Secretary protein to serve during the convention.

Mr. Beard—Mr. President: I nominate Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen.

Messrs. Kissinger, Beardsley, Bradley, etc.—Second the mo-

The Chair—It is moved and seconded that Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen be made Secretary pro tem. All in favor of this motion will please say "I."

From Messrs. C. W. Kissinger, C. E. Severn, Chas. Beamish, E. H. Wilkinson, E. H. Pierce, Frank Ollson, T. M. Robinson, E. C. Althen, E. S. Engel, R. H. Rhone, A. E. Fritz, H. C. Beards-

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The Chair—Mr. Carstarphen is unanimously elected as Secretary pro tem. Messrs. Kissinger and Beard will I appoint as a

committee to escort him to his chair.

Messrs Kissinger and Beard proceed to escort him to the Sec-

retary's chair.

The Chair-I shall now proceed to appoint the usual committees as follows:

CREDENTIALS-Messrs. Potter, Beard and Fritz.

RULES-Messrs. Davis, Althen and Brodstone.

FINANCE-Messrs. Wilkinson, Engel and Thurston.

ENCHANGE AND PURCHASING-Messrs. Harrington, Bradley and Warren.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL-Messrs. Kissinger, Plummer and Rhone. Constitution and By-Laws-Messrs. Beardsley, Pierce, Kissinger, Althen and Potter.

LIBRARY-Messrs. Fritz, Metzler and Wilkinson.

BRANCH SOCIETIES-Messrs. Plummer, Bradley and Robinson.

At noon the poles were declared closed, and the committee on credentials retired to a separate room.

The standing committee on arrangements then presented their

report.

Mr. Kissinger—Mr. President: I move the report be adopted as read and the committee be discharged with thanks.

Mr. Bradley-Second the motion.

The Chair—It is moved and seconded that the report of the Committee of Arrangements be accepted as read and the committee thanked and discharged. All in favor of the motion please signify by saying Aye. The motion is carried.

A telegram from Mr. Barmum, regretting his absence, was read by the President. Also a telegram from Mr. Conrad G. Selvig of Rushford, Minn. Branch asking for Minneapolis as the 1896 con-

vention point.

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A letter from N. F. Gregory of the National Philatelic Society containing resolutions for the sale of all United States Stamps to Collectors was read and laid aside for a second reading. A letter from Mr. Paget, was read, and we publish same herewith:

"Mr. President and Fellow Members: To say I was disappointed in being unable to find a satisfactory substitute in order to enable me to attend this grand convention of America's Greatest Stamp Society—The Philatelic Sons of America—the only SONS—would be putting the matter entirely too mildly. Let this—our Third Annual Convention—stand far ahead of the two previous ones, and in after years may it long remain a land mark in our

memory.

While not with you personally, I shall be with you in spirit and the welfare of the Society is our first and best care. Let us strive within the next year to place the P. S. of A. forever ahead of all the Societies on Earth. Let us all co-operate and when the Pennant of 1896 shall wave, let us turn to our records and show a paid up, healthy, flourishing membership of 3,000. It is my great desire to see the Philatelic Sons of America undisputably the leader. When it shall speak, its word shall be law. Let us not bow down to the dictates of other societies, but let our own be the dictator.

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and prosperous life.

In conclusion, allow me to propose three cheers for our retiring President, and a rousing welcome to the new one. I am dear Au revoir, friends. EVERY PAGET."

Mr Kissinger-Mr. President I move we adjourn until 7 P. M. to await the report of the committee on credentials. Carried.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session of the Third Annual Convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was called to order at 7.35 P. M. by President Severn. Roll call found the following present: all that were present at the first session and in addition Messrs. W. D. Waltman and J. W. Thoreau.

The Chair—We believe the reports of the committee's are now in order. I shall call on Mr. Potter of the Credential Com-

mittee.

Mr. Potter-Mr. President. The work is very difficult and

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about all we can say is that we have made progress and would ask further time in which to report. Granted.

The Chair—Mr. Davis, is the Committee on rules ready to re-

port?

Mr. Davis-Mr. President we are obliged to ask for further time. We are not in a condition to submit a report yet. Granted.

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move we adjourn to 9.30 A. M. Wednesday morning in order to enable committees time to finish their reports.

Mr. Waltman-Mr. President: I second that motion.

The Chair-It is moved and seconded that we adjourn until 9.40 Wednesday morning August 28th. All in favor of the motion will please rise. Carried.

THIRD SESSION.

The Third Session of the Third Annual Convention of the P. S. of A. was called to order Wednesday morning August 28th at

9.30 A. M. by President Severn.

Roll call found the following members present: Messrs. Severn, Kissinger, Althen, Rhone, Bovier, Harrington, Thurston, Munson, Bradley, Zahn, Davis, Reed, Fritz, Brodstone, Potter, Beard, Beamish, Beardsley, Wilkinson, Stephens, Carstarphen, Pierce, Metzler, Colbran; Lockhart, H. M. Kingwell and P. J. Gauff (Cheyenne, Wyoming.)

The Secretary read the minutes of the first and second sessions.

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move they stand approved as read.

Mr. Thurston-Mr. President: I second that motion.

Motion carried.

The Chair-I will again call on Mr. Potter to inform us about

the credential committee.

Mr. Potter then addressed the Society at some length by urging that a fund be created for the credential committee. He demurred for further time, which was granted the committee.

Mr. Zahn then made some suggestions anent the Banquet and

Photograph.

Mr. Davis-The Committee on rules is ready to report Mr. President.

The Chair-Good! We will now pay attention to the report.

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Mr. Davis—The committee on standing rules has adopted the standing rules as found in Article Four, Section Six of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The report was adopted as read.

Mr. Kissinger—Mr. President: As the credential committee is not ready to report, I move we adjourn until 2 P. M.

Mr. Bovier-Mr. President: I second that motion.

The Chair—Under the circumstances I think it best to adjourn. All in favor of the motion to adjourn until 2 P. M. will please rise. Carried.

FOURTH SESSION.

The Fourth Session of the Second Annual Convention of the P. S. of A. was called to order at 2.30 P. M. Wednesday, August 29th, 1895, by President Severn, and the following members responded to roll-call. Messrs. Kissinger, Carstarphen, Beamish, Beardsley, Severn, Plummer, Bradley, Warren, Davis, Hair, Bovier, Haward, Brodstone, Pierce, W. H. Delbridge, Jr., of Greely, Waltman, Thurston, Zahn, Engel, Stephens, Metzler, Munson, Colbran, Lockhart, Rhone, Wilkinson, L. Ernst, Kingwill, Reed, Robinson, D. T. Vose of Portland, Maine, E. Leet, Althen, Fritz, Beard, P. J. Gauff, and F. Haberl.

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C. E. Severn	10	9	
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S. M. Hamilton	176	F. C. Mevers	8
Every Paget	115	L. G. Quackenbush	10
S. L. Wing	45		7
Roy F. Greene	7	Scattering	4
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Mr. Zahn-Mr. President: I move a vote of thanks be tendered the committee on credentials for their herculean labors.

Mr. Beardsley-Mr. President: I second the motion.

The Chair—Gentlemen: It is moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered the Credential Committee. favor will please say "Aye". Unanimously carried.

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move you the roll call be

dispensed with.

Mr. Bradlev-Seconded.

The Chair—If there is no objection, the roll call will be dispensed with. Carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Harry Johnson anent

the death of Martin Pollack.

The Chair-In all Societies of any standing it is customary to have a Mortuary Committee. We will now listen to the opinions of the members on this matter.

Mr. Kissinger-I move you, Mr. President, that a committee of members be appointed to pass resolutions on the deaths of

members.

Mr. Bradiey-Mr. President: I heartily agree with Mr. Kissinger's suggestion. At the same time, I think it is one that should be more thoroughly discussed. As there are many other matters before us, I would move, with Mr. Kissinger's permission, that the motion be temporarily laid on the table.

Mr. Brodstone-Mr. President: I second the motion.

Mr. Kissinger—I approve.

Secretary-Mr. President: I have here a letter from Mr. Geo. E. Cleaver anent the appointment of a literary Exchange Superintendent, which I shall now read.

Mr. Beardsley-Mr. President: that is a matter which I think should be first passed on by the committee on Constitution and

By-Laws.

The Chair—The chair agrees with our friend Mr. Beardsley. Do you make the motion?

Mr Beardslev-Yes.

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Mr. Althen-I second it, Mr. President.

The motion was carried and the letter referred to the committee on constitution and by-laws.

The Secretary-I also shall, with the Chair's permission, read

a letter from Mr. A. Reunch regarding rates at Manitou.

The Chair-Me thinkst thou hast the permission. (Audible smiles.)

Secretary proceeds to read the letter.

The Chair—It would seem as though the letter is addressed to the members personally. Consequently we had, I think, best leave the matter to the members individually to act as they chose, and unless a motion is made to the contrary it is dropped. Dropped.

Mr. Beamish—Mr. President: We have been treated very kindly since here by the young ladies (cheers) and therefore, while they do not attend our meetings, I think we should invite

them to the banquet.

Mr. Beard-Mr. President: I heartily second Mr. Beamish's motion, and I think we should use our best endeavors to get the ladies to attend.

Mr. Beardsley—Mr. President: You will ever find in Beardsley a ladies friend, and in favor of admitting them to any of our meetings (cheers). They are a good thing anywhere. What would this mundane sphere be without them? I, for one, will do all in my power to convince at least one (laughter) to attend; and let us by our actions show that even though we are stamp collectors, we can spend a highly enjoyable evening at the banquet in the company of the ladies. (Cheers.)

The Chair—It seems to be the universal opinion, gentlemen, that the ladies shall be admitted. For myself I shall interpose no serious objections (cheers and cries of hear! hear!) and I now, therefore, call for a vote. All in favor of admitting the ladies to

our banquet will please shout.

Carried unanimously.

(Enter a bevy of Newspaper men to learn the cause of the commotion.)

The letter from Mr. Gregory was then taken from the table

for a second reading.

Mr. Kissinger—Mr. President: I move Mr. Gregory's letter be acted upon. That we pass resolutions upon the sale of all

United States Stamps-Newspaper and periodical-to collectors.

Mr. Rhone-Mr. President: I second the motion.

The President—It is moved and seconded that we approve of Mr. Gregory's suggestion, and the Secretary is to draw up resolutions and apprive Mr. Gregory of our action. If there is no objection (pau-e) the resolution is carried.

The Chair-I shall now read you Secretary Barnum's report,

as follows:

To the President and Members of the Philatelic Sons of America:
The following statistics show the growth of our society during the year past
and its present status. (August 1885.)

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Total

During the past year there has been one expulsion. Eleven have resigned, and the following six have died:

Number 87 Harry Lake, Toronto, Canada.

276 John C. Sterling, Fatterson's Mills, Pa.

204 W. C. Klaffenbach, Muscatine, Iowa. 257 Franklin C. Johnson, Boonville, New York.

312 Calvin J. Stanley, South West Harbor, Maine. 616 Martin Pollak, Elmira, New York.

In good standing August 15th, 1895..........811 In good standing August 24th, 1894..........670

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On account of the large numbers of applicants who never qualify by paying the initiation fee or first year's dues and the consequent large amount of necessary work entailed upon the Secretary: I suggest that the necessary steps betaken to amend the constitution; making the payment of fee and first years dues compulsory at the time of application.

This plan has been adopted by the American Philatelic Association and I can

see no reason why we should not follow suit.

The contest for prizes to be awarded to those procuring the most paid upnew members during the past year resulted as follows:

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and:	F. H. Pierce, Denver, Colorado,	**
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5th:	J. F. Zahn, Denver, Colorado,	14

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7th :	C. G. Selvig, Rushford, Minn., 9	4.6
	D. J. McDermott, Reading, Pa.,	44
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	H. H. Haskler, Nashville, Ill., 4	4.4
	E. B. Power, Chicago, Ill.,	44
	F. L. Grave, Silver Creek, New York, 4	
	G. E. Boynton, Baltimore, Md., 4	4.5

In the contest for Minnesota applicants Mr. G. E. Cleaver of Reading, Pa., is credited with ten (10) and Mr. Conrad G. Selvig of Rushford, Minn., with nine 3b.

Mr. G. B. Klebes of Waterbury, Conn., was the strongest man for New England and consequently receives the prize offered by Mr. O. A. Howard of Randolp, Mass.

I regret to state that the contest for Canadian applications proved an utter failure as the largest number procured by a single member was ONE. Therefore I have returned the stamps to the owner Mr. John S. Ross.

Although I have held the office but a short time, I desire to thank the mem-

lers and officers for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. BARNUM, Secretary.

The Chair—The progress we have made speakes for itself. Fellow members what is your pleasure?

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move it be referred to the

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Mr. Zahn-I second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

The Chair-Fellow members: You have heard the motion.

Aves and Nays are now in order. The Aves have it.

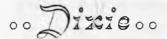
The Secretary—Mr. President: I have here the report of Treasurer Mott and with the consent of the Convention, will read the same.

Read and referred to Finance Committee.

The Chair—We shall now ask our good friend Brodstone, to read his report.

At the conclusion of the reading, he was applauded for such good results.

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As there were many suggestions to be looked into, the report was referred to the Committee on Exchange and Purchasing.

The Secretary-Mr. President: The report of our Attorney is

now ready.

The Chair-Proceed.

The Secretary reads the report as follows:

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., August 24th, 1815.

TO THE PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA:

Of which I have collected 249 claims amounting to ... 647-97.
The net number of claims remaining uncollected at this date is 225 amounting to ... 540-82.

In connection with my report I desire to say that I have been greatly hampered the past year by the manner in which some of our members have used my department. It is a matter of very frequent occurrence for debtors to pay creditors direct upon receipt of my letters. The creditor receives what is due him but does not notify me of the fact. In due course of time finding that my communications to the debtor in question are unheeded, I place the claim with an attorney residing in the vicinity of the debtor. Upon his calling to collect, the debtor procures a receipt in full.

This causes much unpleasantness not alone to me but also to the attorney with whom I have placed the account. If this game has been played upon me

once, it has been two score times.

In our official organ I have twice called attention to the matter and this has tended to lessen the practice somewhat, but evidences of this action still appear, and while I am loth to publish the names of the offending members, yet during the coming year I shall aim to receive fair treatment from those of our members who may patronize the department.

In order to make my office a complete success, it is necessary that the members who patronize the department should conform to the simple rules governing the same, and during the coming year I trust that more courtesy and fair dealing may be accorded to me than has been my lot to receive during the past twelve months.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JOHN R. KEECH,
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Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move it be adopted unanimously.

Mr. Wilkinson-I second.

The Chair-If there is anyone against the motion he will please speak.

Death like silence; followed by cheers at the announcement

of its unanimous carriage.

The Chair-We then approve the report of our active and energetic co-laborer and Attorney. We are certainly thankful for such an efficient officer. May we have more like him!

The Chair next reads Mr. Zahn's report as Chairman of Badge committee and suggests that it be referred to the finance commit-

Mr. Thurston-Mr. President: I move the report be referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Waltman-Mr. Chairman: I second the move.

The Chair-I believe the opinion here is universal that all reports must be referred to the proper committee's without the formality of a vote. Nevertheless we will call for a vote.

Carried.

Mr. Zahn then reads his report as Vice-President for Colorado as follows:

#### TO THE PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA:

I respectfully submit the following report, representing 10 months work dat-

Objected to...... 60 Changes in residence...... 10 I resent paid up membership.....(about) 75

I also collected dues of some 15 or 20 Colorado members from January 1st to March 1st 1805 and turned same over to Secretary Fox.

One Branch—The Likes Leak Thilatelic Society of Colorado Springs—has been organized and is in a flourishing condition. The President, Mr. William D. Waltman, is one of our most active members.

I have no special suggestions to offer unless it be that a law be passed making paid-up members of the I hilatelic Sons of America only eligible to be ad-

mitted to branch societies.

Very truly and fraternally,

J. E. ZAHN, Vice-Pres. P. S. of A. in Colo.

Mr. Kissinger-I move it be published in full in the Pennsy. Mr. Severn-Will the secretary please take the chair. Mr. Severn-Mr. Chairman: I second the motion.

The Chair-I shall call for the Aye's and Nays.

The Chair.—It seems there are none left to vote Nay, therefore it is carried unanimously.

(President Severn resumes the chair.)

The secretary read reports from the International Secretary, Auction Manager, Librarian, and from the Chicago and New York

Parchasing Agents which were referred.

The Resident Vice-Presidents from Maryland, New York, Nebraska, Illinois, Connecticut, Minnesota, Oregon, Alabama, Michigan, Iowa, Florida and England submitted flattering reports and each showed that the P. S. of A. has gained largely within the past year in the respective localities. The reports further encourages the hope that valuable recruiting will follow.

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move the motion made by Mr. Aldrich at the last convention to amend Section III, Article

VIII of the Constitution be acted upon.

The Chair-Mr. Secretary, is there a two thirds majority present or represented?

The Secretary-Mr. President: there is not.

The Chair—Then the matter will have to lay over until the next convention or until such time when a two thirds majority are present in person or represented by proxy.

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move we adjourn until 9 A.

M. Thursday. Adjournment taken at 3.30 P. M.

#### FIFTH SESSION.

The fifth session of the third annual convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was called to order 10 a. m. Thursday, August 29th, 1895, by President Severn. The following responded to roll call: Messrs. Severn, Kissinger, Carstarphen, Davis. Beardsley, Beamish, Wilkinson, Delbridge, Waltman, Zahn, Haward, Bovier, McAlister, Metzler, Rhone, Munson, Thurston. Bradley Brodstone, Ernst, Clement, Althen, Beard, Fritz, Stephens, Abbot, Leddy, Reed, Quick, Leet, Burke, Plummer, Paul Fanning, J. Fanning, Rogers, Warren, Jones, Gauff and Pierce.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last session.

Mr. Munson-Mr. President: I move they be adopted as read.

Mr. Leddy-Mr. President: I second the motion.

The Chair-If there is no objection, the minutes stand approved.

Chairman of the Credential Committee-Mr. President: We

beg to report the transfer of Mr. Engel's proxies to Mr. Clarence Thurston, and also a proxy for Mr. Abbott from Mr. W. R. King.

The question of a mortuary committee was taken from the table and a standing committee to serve during the year was ap-

pointed to be known as the mortuary committee.

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I move that the Auction Manager be instructed to draw up rules for his department and submit same to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for revision.

Mr. Plummer-Mr. President: I second that motion.

The Chair—All in favor will please say Aye. Contrary Nay. Carried.

The question of members pledging to obtain a certain number of new members during the year was left to the members to decide.

Mr. Beamish made a suggestion concerning a trip to Pike's Peak which was referred to the committee of arrangements.

The Chair-If there is nothing further, we shall now proceed

towards selecting the next convention seat.

Mr. Beamish-Mr. President: I nominate Minneapolis or vivicinity.

Mr. Beard-Mr. President: On behalf of proxies held, I nomi-

nate Muscatine, Iowa, and Montreal, Canada.

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: On behalf of proxies entrusted to me, I nominate New York City, Reading, Pa., San Antonio, Texas; Detroit, Mich.; Kansas City, Mo.; Cleveland, Ohio; Toronto, Canada; Springfield, Mass.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Boston, Mass.; Gettysburg, Pa., and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Mr. Beardsley made a speech in favor of Kansas City; Mr. Beard for Muscatine, Iowa; Messrs. Brodstone and Kissinger for Minncapolis or vicinity. Mr. Kissinger, speaking for a proxy, also for

Detroit, Mich.

An informal ballot being called for the result was:

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Mr. Bovier-Mr. President: I move that the Secretary be instructed to vote one ballot as the choice of the convention.

Mr. Gauff-Mr. President: I second that motion.

The Chair—The Secretary will please cast the ballot if there is no objection.

The Secretary-Minneapolis has it unanimously. (Cheers from

Minneapolis workers.

The finance committee reported progress and asked for further time. Owing to the illness of Mr. Engel, Mr. Beamish was appointed in his place.

Committee on Exchange and Purchasing, Committee on Library, and Committee on Branch Societies were granted further

time.

The committee on Official Journal reported that the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* be continued as Official Organ as required by Article IV, Section I and Section II on the Constitution and By-Laws, at as low a rate as can be secured from the publishers.

The committee on credentials requested to be continued and ballot taken upon all matters brought up, by a mail vote, when

Secretary sends out due notice.

Mr. Kissinger—Mr. President: Now that the committees have their desires, I make a motion to adjourn until 2 P. M.

Mr: Stephens-Mr. Chairman: I second that motion.

The Chair-I will call for a rising vote. Carried unanimously.

#### SESSION SIX

The last session of the Third Annual Convention of the Philaatelic Sons of America was called to order at 2 P. M. August 29th, 1895. President Severn presiding and the following members present: Messrs. Kissinger, Bradley, Beamish, Plummer, Robinson, Reed, Munson, Stephens, Bovier, Metzler, Fritz, Althen, McAlister, Zahn, Wilkinson, Paul Fanning, J. Fanning, Hall, Gauff, Brodstone, Beardsley, Pierce and Carstarphen.

The committee's on By-Laws, Library, and Exchange and Purchasing submitted encouraging reports which were adopted as

read.

#### Let Reading, Penna., be your 1897 convention site.

Mr. Wilkinson, as Chairman of Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted as read:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE P. S. of A.:

Balance on hand July 31...... \$ 9 49

To which we have added amount received from sale of 55 Denver Convention badges at 20c each \$11.00, making a total of \$20.49, from which is to be deducted bill of Mr. Miller for 100 badges \$15.00, leaving a balance on hand \$5.49. Of this amount there have been received from members in foreign countries in payment of dues, foreign stamps to the face value of \$3.94, leaving a working cash balance on hand of \$1.55.

We recommend that the foreign stamps above mentioned be turned over to the Exchange Superintendent of the F. S. of A., for sale on the Exchange sheets of the Society, as a greater amount may be realized from their sale in this manner than the face value of the stamps, at which the Treasury holds them.

We further recommend that the Secretary be instructed to follow up closely those in arrears for dues, as this is the only way by which the Society can move

smoothly and meet all its current bills.

All members should have paid their dues before being entitled to receive copies of the Official Organ. Considerabl expense and some loss is entailed through this indiscriminate sending of the "Tennsy" to those whose dues remain unpaid.

To facilitate the work of future Finance committees, we would recommend that the Treasurer hereafter keep his accounts together in one book, and for him to file all vouchers and other papers in consecutive order, said book and vouchers to be turned over to the committees for inspection at the conventions.

Respectively submitted.

ED. H. WILKINSON,

Charles Bramish, Clarence L. Thurston.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendred the Philatelists of Denver for the entertainment furnised the members.

Mr. Severn-Mr. Secretary: Please occupy the chair.

Mr. Severn—Mr. Chairman: I move that a rising vote of thanks be tendered the newspapers for the thorough reports published during the convention.

Mr. Beardsley-Mr. Chairman: I second the motion with

great pleasure.

The Chair-Please rise. Carried unanimously.

(President Severn resumes the chair.)

Mr. Kissinger-Mr. President: I now move the convention adjourn sine die.

Several voices-I second the motion.

The President-For the last time fellow members, I call for a

vote. The Aye's have it. Adjournment sine die was taken at

3.10 p. m.

The photograph was a grand success. Sixty member helped to make it so. The picture was taken on the Capital Steps in Denver.

The crowning feature was the Banquet. Forty members and their ladies were present.

Mr. Kissinger delivered an oration on "The Superintendent of

an Exchange of a Sunday School."

This was followed by an elegant silver plate being presented to Mr. Jacob Gauff, by the Board of Trade of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mr. Severn in his usual style delivered the presentation address. The writer has been at more Banquets than one with Mr. Severn, and we are yet to see him acquit himself other than in the highest possible manner.

Several toasts were responded too by those present and at a

late hour the entertainment came to a finis.

Everyone was highly pleased and each promised to attend the Minneapolis convention next year and bring as many others as possible.

#### Special Notice.

Owing to the fact that the present Constitution and By Laws will only be in use for a short period, i. e. until the 1826 Convention, when a new one must be adopted, necessitated by the Society being incorporated we have decided to omit the same and utilize the intended space for more interesting and up-to-date matter.

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ing destroyed or "cornered."

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#### A CONFIDENTIAL CHAT WITH NON-MEMBERS.

BY ROY FARRELL GREENE.

There is a fable, one of those good old-fashioned ones, which narrates the experience of a cipher, a zero mark, which had long remained forlorn and alone, unnoticed by the world, deserving and receiving no recognition, being a nonentity. By a happy drift of circumstance the cipher was wedded to a unit, a figure one, and this unit being prefixed to the zero mark the world saw, instead of two units, that which represented ten units—(10).

This is an old fable, but it has an application in that sense that

"in union there is strength."

Many a stamp collector in some out of the way place, far removed from the centers of philately, has felt himself a cipher, a nonentity, of little account to the great world of Philatelia until by some circumstance he became affiliated with a progressive stamp society when suddenly he moved up ten figures in importance and his real philatelic existence began from that moment.

There be many collectors who, as yet, have not cast their lot in the social side of philately, and by such omission they are miss-

ing the sweetest portion of Philatelia's feast.

The Philatelic Sons of America organized in 1893 primarily for the purpose of providing a philatelic home for the younger philatelists stands today as the most progressive, fraternal and beneficient society of the many in existence. Its membership scattered over the four corners of the civilized world, the largest list of members being in the United States and Canada, but having scattering membership all over Europe, Asia, Africa and South America,

shows to what length and breadth, spurning and defying all dis-

tance, the fraternity and comradeship extends.

The Society is first of all brotherly. Through membership the collector becomes acquainted with brothers all over these United States, the Canadian provinces, and the countries of the old world. Correspondence between these members afford excellent opportunities for the interchange of duplicates, a great advantage to collections. Secondly the society is educational since the official organ, a paper mailed free to each member in good standing is contributed to by all the shining lights of the society, those who, surrounded by better opportunities for acquiring knowledge of stamps, hide not their light under a bushel but prepare essays on these interesting subjects for the education and interest of less fortunate brothers. The news of new issues, discoveries, personal remarks concerning disposal of the rarer varieties, and all such are given each month in this official journal which is mailed monthly to members whether they be in East, West, North or South.

Thirdly:—The society is social. Each year conventions are held at some selected place, usually rotating from some Eastern to Western city, where members gather for an exchange of ideas, fraternal association, the election of officers and the formulation of new policies in the government of the society. These meetings attract the leading stamp collectors and dealers of the country and here pleasant friendships are formed which endure as long

as life itself.

These are the principle benefits of membership. The society has a library in charge of an efficient librarian, elected each year, where all the pamphlets, books and papers affording information about stamps and collecting in general. This library is for the free use of members, all that is necessary for securing the desired volumes being a request to the librarian accompanied by suffic-

ient postage to prepay its carriage.

The exchange department, under the supervision of a superintendent annually chosen by a vote of the members, is intended for the disposal of the members' duplicate stamps which are hinged on exchange books, furnished by the superintendent, and returned to him. He sends these books out on an arranged circuit to members who wish to purchase stamps and your duplicates are thus sold, the money for same being remitted to you less ten per cent, deducted for cost of mailing expenses etc.

The Purchasing department is calculated to afford opportunities for the society's members to buy new issues of the various countries as soon as they are on the market at the lowest possible figure.

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and receipts for same being sent you.

A counterfe't detector whose duties are to pass judgement upon any doubtful specimens submitted to him by members is another feature of the society most beneficial to young collectors. There are other departments which are calculated to help and encourage each individual member, and these are constantly be-

ing added to as the demand and practicability warrants.

The Philatelic Sons of America is first, last, and all the time a society of the collector, for the collector and by the collector. Governed by democratic methods, each member has as much voice in the constitutional changes, election of officers, selection of convention seats and other matters which may be brought up as any other member be he officer, founder or projector. "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none" was the motto of the society's government when founded and it will ever strive to remain under that banner.

The dues are insignificant compared with the benefits to be derived and no collector can excuse himself for not becoming a member. Let every stamp collector at present outside the society make application at once and come to know with us the education, the social sweets, the fraternalism that we feel in the

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## OUR SKETCHES.

Charles Esterly Severn.

first seen the rays of light in one of the real old time structures near Lynchburg. Va., on July 5th, 1872. The following year his parents moved to Chicago and to which city he now owes his allegiance. His burning enthusiasm dates as far as 1879 and has as nice a collection as any one can wish for. Since 1989 he has honored the Chicago Philatelic Society with his services as Secretary. He is one of the most versatile writers of the day and among the press his writings are eagerly sought after. He was elected President in 1894 but refused the office the following year.

Clifford Washington Kissinger,

hardly needs any introduction. Born in Reading, Penna., on Feb. 6, 1874, it is safe to say he has passed the crucial period of every young man's life. His first interest in stamp collecting showed itself in 1887 and having a liking for the trade branched out as a dealer in 1891. In August, '92, he purchased half interest in the Pennsy and with the same train of 'go-aheadness' which characterized his former life, he secured entire interest. When the P. S. of A. was organized he was the unanimous choice for President and at the 1895 election, he was re-elected. The same year the members of the American Philatelic Association recognizing his worth and the confidence and ability that could be found in him elected him to the important position of Secretary. He stands for re-election and the members will show the esteem in which they hold him, by making him succeed himself. There is hardly a society extant, that does not honor him with membership.

Oney K. Carstarphen, Resident V. P. for Colorado first opened his eyes in Hannibal. Mo. April 10, 1875 and five years later removed to Denver. He begun collecting in 1883 and is now striving to organize a Local Branch and all Denver members should lend their aid in carrying out the good work. Is attached to one of Denver's largest daily papers and has also written for the press. He is a candidate for Presidency and with his large personal following, no doubt will be elected.

#### John R. Keech,

is one of the leading Councelors-at-Law in his city, and has the satisfaction of knowing that he enjoys a very extensive and lucrative practice. He is a great amateur photographer and also delights in the sport of fishing. Since the P. S. of A. was organized he has been their attorney and so much genuine satisfaction has he given, that he has been unanimously elected each time. At each convention he has submitted the star report and won the admiration and praise for the manner in which he has conducted his office. He deserves to be re-elected and the members should again abide by the precedent and elect him unanimously. He is also attorney for the American Philatelic Press Association.

#### Lewis T. Brodstone,

alias, "Smiling Brody," also needs no mention to be made acquainted with the members. He has collected for a number of years as well as having dabbled in stamps. He has made the Exchange Department what it now is and it is universally regretted that he refuses renomination.



#### S. Bret. Hopkins,

was one of our charter members. Has been our Counterfeit Detector for a long period and is deserving of re-election. Mr. Hopkins is on the staff of The Daily Stamp Item and Mekeels' Weekly Stamp News as well as contributing to other magazines.

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Ralph Perkins Ashcroft.

Resident V. P. for New York, was born across the pond at Rock Ferry, Eng. on March 22, 1874. His parents emigrated with him to America in 1800 and has made Brooklyn his home. He gradunted from Waterloo College, of Oxford University. His interest first manifested itself ten years ago and at various times he published the Brooklyn Philatelist, Empire State Stamp Journal and Long Island Philatelist. Has been the editor of the Clothier & Furnisher of New York City, but recently he connected himself with Gameland. He was our first secretary and did yeoman service.

Daniel E. Hazen,

Resident V. P. for Florida has been identified with Philately since 1887. For some time he published the Florida Philatelist. also dealt in stamps and has a large store in Thonotosassa in which town he is held in esteen.

W. Hamilton Barnum,

our over worked and painstaking Secretary, came into this world of trials and tribulations during the latter part of the 70's. It was mainly due to his effort that a Branch was organized in his city, he being the secretary for quite a while. He is rather young looking for his age and during the Niagara Falls Convention was chaperoned by an elderly nurse. Among his friends at home, he is considered an expert guitar player and our cut is taken from a photo in which he is reclining with his favorite instrument. For some weeks, he has been confined to his home, the result of a dislocated knee, but he is now on the road to recovery, which is carnestly wished for.

Edgar F. Barth,
Resident V. P. for Washington, was born at Carey, O., in 1878, and later moved to Seattle, Wash. First began collecting in 1889 and has been an ardent collector ever since. He is the President of the Interstate Philatelic Association and a candidate for P. S. of A Vice-Presidency.

S. B. Toscano, Resident V. P. for Mexico was born in 1871 at Guadalajara and is a hustler from the word go. He is an extensive dealer and enjovs a large correspondence.

Roy Farrell Greene,

the prose and poetry king, first saw light at Three Rivers, Mich. on Dec. 20, 1873. Five years later he moved to the Sunflower



state. He is recognized as the leading contributor to the press his first article appearing in 1887. His first publishing venture was that of The Spy Glass, since which time he has been associated with a number of other papers. He is a special correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean and the Topeka Daily Capital. His writings have graced such leading mayazines as Truth, Life, Judge, Harper's publi-cations, McClures, Youth's Companion, Independent, New Bohemian, Midland Monthly, Housekeeper, etc., and some of the leading artists have been engaged to sketch his subjects. He has been an earnest and concientious worker of our society and his friends recognizing his calibre have pushed him

for the Presidency this year. For his ever ceasing work and ove for the society, the members should reward him by his election. It is his intention to locate in the East about September.

#### Every Paget,



otherwise known "pompadour Jim," was born in Loogootee, Ind., in 1875, and in 1833 he pulled stakes for Washington, Ind. Business opportunities presenting themselves he went to Kansas City as manager for a large Chicago concern. He has contributed to the press frequently under the nom-de-plume of E. Quere Philman. was first interested in 1385 and is a firm advotcate of the "Flag" stamp. In the preparation of the report of the Denver Convention he has shown ability and taste for journalism which should be encouraged. He is being pushed for the highest office in the Society and his business abilities will serve him greatly.

#### Charles Beamish,

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#### Luther W. Mott,

our finance man, entered this sphere on Nov. 30, 1874, at Oswego, N. Y. He first evinced an interest in our hobby during 1884 and his writings can often be seen in our press. In 1892 he graduated from the Oswego High School and from the Harvard University with the '96 class. He is an excellent orator and debator and but for the fact that two members held the majority of power at the Niagara convention, he would have secured an eastern point for the '95 meet by his flowing eloquence. He was elected Treasurer at the organization and has held the office ever since.



#### I. E. Patterson,

was born in Wyandotte. Mich., in 1878. His interest was first aroused in 1895 and was a factor in organizing the Michigan Philatelic Society in 1894 acting as its Secretary, until he moved to Guelph, Ont., in 1895. Is the librarian of the Peninsula Philatelic Club of Detroit: was Secretary of the L. of A. P. and recently was elected Sec'y-Treasurer of the D. Is on the P. S. of A ballot for International Sec'y this year. Mr. Patterson contemplates returning to the States for good in Sept.

#### Roy B. Bradley,

Resident V. P. for Texas, is a hard worker of our Speicty. Has published the Lone Star State Philatelist for several years. He is business manager of the Official Journal of the Farmers Alliance of the 13th Congressional District of Texas, embracing over eighty counties.



#### Georges Carion,

is the manager of the old firm Georges Carion & Emden, of Paris and San Francisco. He is a Parisian by birth and began collecting in 1876 and has dealt since 1879. In 1884 he published the Bulletin Mensuel and in 1885 started to publish La Timbrologie. He is Counterfeit Detector of the Philatelic Society of San Francisco and a member of all leading societies. He is known all over the world in business transactions. He is an authority on stamps of the French Colonies and his articles evinces the greatest interest among American Collectors.

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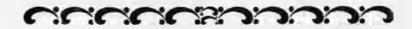
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He began his philatelic career when ten years old. He is also deeply interested in numismatics. In Greenville, he enjoys an extensive practice, which has been obtained through his great ability as a lawyer and by a large circle of friends. He is candidate for Attorney in P. S. of A. and A. P. A.

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