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I will go into details and describe the stamps of each city. Danville issued three varieties, one adhesive and two envelopes. The adhesive was a five cent stamp printed in red on thin paper. The envelope stamps were also of that denomination, one black on white paper and the other black on buff paper. Fredericksburg issued two stamps, five cent blue and ten cent red both adhesives. It is a square frame with Fredericksburg at the top and a line below it. Under the line came the name of the Post Master R. T. Thom, under this was the value and below that was "Post Office" Va." Lynchburg issued one stamp a five cent blue adhesive. It is a printed frame with ornamented spandrels and has the word "paid" at the top, and R. H. Glass P. M. at the bottom and a large 5 in the centre of the oval. Petersburg has one stamp, a five cent dull red adhesive printed on thick soft paper. One stamp, a five cent blue adhesive printed on thick paper was issued at Pleasant Shade, Va. This stamp is similar to the Petersburg stamp. At the Philis Va. the dating stamp was changed into a postage stamp die. There was only one stamp from this post office.

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from Alabama is the Livingston stamp in which an artists taste is shown. Mobile issued two and Tuscumbia one.

Florida has one city which issued stamps, namely; Madison.

It issued one stamp, an adhesive of the value of three cents printed on gold on blue paper.

Georgia has four cities represented, namely; Athens, Fayetteville, Macon and Ringgold. Texas has but one city, Goliad.

MONTHLY REVIEW.

By "NEW ISSUE".

Mr. Wm. P. Brown is catching it on all sides for his defense of the reprint, better give it up *Wilyum* its a bad job.

Here is to the American Philatelist it is indeed a noble journal and a credit to its managers.

The A. J. of P. makes a very nice reference book when bound but all the news it contains is a few society reports which interest no one.

"The Philatelic Gazette" for February was very prompt. It contained an excellent article on medicine stamps by Geo. F. Heath, with whom I heartily agree.

The January number of the Collectors Ledger contains a portrait and sketch of Mr. H. L. Hart the treasurer of the Halifax Philatelic Co. What's the matter with Harrison———?

Member number seven hundred and sixty one has been enrolled in the A. P. A. that looks as though we were going to have our thousand before the next convention.

The Flour City Philatelist is a new monthly from Minneapolis Minn. It consists of sixteen pages and a cover. It is highly illustrated, humorously edited, and contains an "Approval Sheet Fraud Collection Agency," a new departure in philatelic journalism. Now choke off your reprint fiend and you will be quite respectable.

"The National Philatelist", continues to improve, now, "Smithy get an overcoat, overcoat, etc."

"The Eastern Press" will hereafter be devoted to collectors only. No bear or snake stories will be published.

"Common Sense" contains a vast amount of "Plate Matter" with hardly enough original matter to make an editor a necessity. It is nevertheless a *nice looking* paper.

The finest number of any stamp paper we have ever seen was the Philatelic Journal of America for January. One hundred and thirty two pages. Bro. Mekeel may well be proud of it.

"One Dime" continues to appear with a regularity which should shame some of the larger and better journals. We are glad to see J. K. Tiffany's address in their "Agent's Directory," he will now doubtless soon become well known.

The Chalmers-Hill controversy is not settled yet by a long ways and just as the Chicago boys thought they had it all their own way it breaks out anew in several quarters. I am afraid some of the boys did not get—a jubilee set.

Auction sales are now in order and the catalogues pour in on us, but the one from Birmingham Eng. takes the bakery.

We quote the following "conditions of sale." The lots must be paid for on the fall of the hammer, and taken away by the purchaser, with all faults, imperfections, or errors of description and no claim for allowance or compensation will be subsequently entertained. Every stamp in this collection is firmly believed to be genuine and that the lots are faithfully described, but as usual, no guarantee is given by the vendors or auctioneer. I will venture to say they did not get many bids from this side of the briny, under such conditions as these.

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EDITORIAL.

In adding one more to the already long list of periodicals devoted to stamp collecting we are not impelled by any desire to fill a "longfelt want." In fact we believe stamp collectors want less instead of more of this class of journals. Nevertheless we are here on business. It will be our object to present to our readers the news of the month in condensed and readable shape. We will also publish each month a full report of the workings of the Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors League as it is for that purpose we are here. The "Leader" is published by four members of the League namely: W. B. Brockway, President, Geo. E. Pryor, Vice-President and H. W. Wilber, Secretary.

The above named gentlemen constitute the official board. The editorial department will be under the supervision of H. B. Wilbur with Geo. E. Pryor, Publisher.

Hoping to receive a share of your patronage, we remain,

Yours in Philately.

THE EDITOR.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Below is the result of the Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors League election;

President, W. B. Brockway, Jamestown, N. Y.

Vice President, Geo. E. Pryor, Scranton, Pa.

Secretary, H. B. Wilber, Cambridgeboro, Pa.

Treasurer, E. A. Sidley, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Our election is over and the Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors League is no longer prospective, but a reality. But do not think that all is done that is to be for such is not the case. There is work for both officers and members, for the former, to manage the different departments, for the latter to secure new members. All members have received their cards and I would ask them again to send in their formal application and those who have not as yet paid their dues will please remit to the Treasurer.

Our charter membership with official numbers is given below.

- 1 H. B. Wilber, Cambridgeboro, Pa.
- 2 A. K. Bates, Titusville, Pa.
- 3 W. B. Whitney, Marlboro, N. Y.
- 4 R. S. Elliot, Germantown, Pa.
- 5 Geo. E. Pryor, Scranton, Pa.
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- 8 E. G. Faber, Cambridgeboro, Pa.
- 9 W. Kemerer, Scranton, Pa.
- 10 F. F. Lockwood, Randolph, N. Y.
- 11 T. C. Trask, Scranton, Pa.
- 12 H. W. Laugheim, Jamestown, N. Y.
- 13 W. J. Day, Titusville, Pa.

The following appointments have been made by the President:

Librarian, W. B. Whitney, Marlboro, Ulster Co., N. Y.

Exchange Sup't, R. S. Elliott, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Trustees, A. K. Bates, Titusville, Pa.

W. J. Day, Titusville, Pa.

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The application blanks are out and ready for distribution.

The constitution will soon follow.

Hoping all will take a hand and help, I am,
Yours,

H. B. Wilber, Secretary.

Cambridgeboro, Pa., Feb'y 19th, 1889.

THE UNITED STATES POSTAL ISSUE OF 1847.

By "PHILA".

"ORIGINALS"

This issue is characterized by its being the first general adhesive issue made by the United States. It consists of two stamps the five cent brown and the ten cent black both being printed on bluish colored paper. The letters R. W. H. and E. the initials of the engravers Rawden, Wright, Hatch and Edson, appear in the inside of the margin at the bottom of both stamps.

The five cent is rectangular and is printed in various shades of brown. In the centre is the portrait of Benjamin Franklin in an oval disk. The letters "U. S." appear in the upper corners and a large figure 5 in each of the lower corners. Directly above the disk in a curved line are the words "Post Office" and below, are the words "Five Cents." the frame and spandrels are ornamented with foliage.

The ten cent is also rectangular and is printed in black. In the centre is the portrait of George Washington facing to the right. In the corners above are the letters "U. S." as in the five cent and in the lower corners the value in large numerals; also "Post Office" in a curved line above and "Ten Cents" below.

"REPRINTS OF THIS ISSUE."

An official Circular dated March 27, 1875 was issued by the Third Assistant Post Master General at Washington, and sent to collectors stating that reprints of certain adhesives and official stamps were to be had at face value on application to the Third Assistant Post Master General and that the reprints would be issued without gum, and would be slightly different from the originals. They may be told from the originals by their shape which is both wider and shorter. The initials R. W. H. and E. are smaller in the reprints than in the originals.

The hair on the left of the portrait is in heavy masses in the originals but it is light in the reprint. The eyes also differ, the original being clear and distinct while in the reprint they are dark and unnatural. In the ten cent reprint the lips are smaller and the mouth shorter than in the original. In fact, the entire faces differ slightly. There are many more minute varieties, but these will suffice to show the difference between the originals and the reprints, a thing which many collectors are unable to do.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STAMP COLLECTORS LEAGUE.

Any stamp collector may become a member of the League by applying to the Secretary who will send a form of application to be signed by the applicant and his references, one of which must be a member of the League. The applicants name will be published in the Philatelic Leader and if no objection is received by the Secretary within thirty days he will then become a member of the League upon payment of annual dues.

BY LAW X.

The dues of all members shall be \$1.00 per annum. In case any member fails to settle his account within thirty days from the time when due the Secretary shall notify such delinquent member and unless such dues are paid within thirty days thereafter his name shall be dropped from the rolls unless otherwise ordered by the Trustees.

H. B. WILBER, Secretary,
Lock Box F, Cambridgeboro, Pa.

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