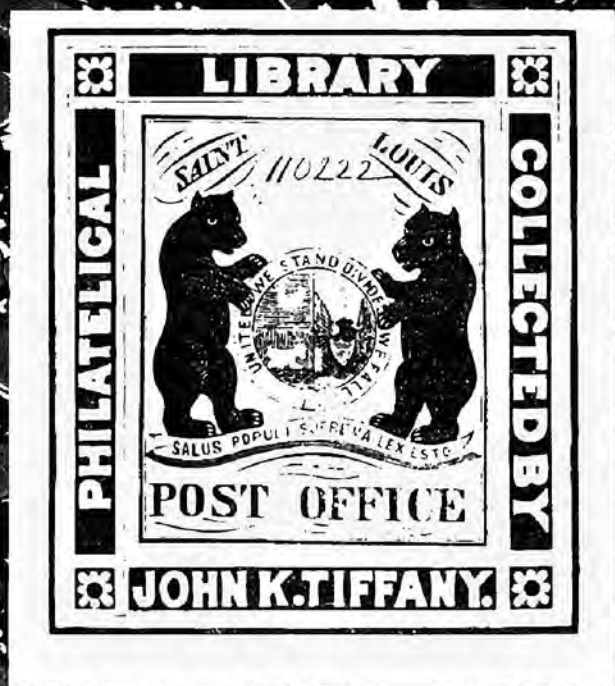


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No. 1.

THE KILLEM STAMP COLLECTION OF DENVER, COLORADO.

BY ELLIS.

Recently I had the pleasure of viewing the collection of United States postage stamps owned by Mr. Fred Killem, of this city, and I shall always remember, with pleasure, the evening devoted to it.

Mr. Killem has been collecting for a number of years, and through the kindness of friends in the employ of the government and a judicious use of money he now possesses a very fine collection of U. S. stamps.

The stamps are prettily arranged and neatly mounted on cardboard sheets, the whole enclosed in a morocco bound album.

The first page is devoted to the Brattleboro Local, one of which Mr. Killem possesses in fine condition. Although a rare and much coveted stamp by many, this specimen was secured at a ridiculously low price, Mr. Killem having purchased it, when a boy, for five dollars. He was not aware of its value until a few years ago, and was agreeably surprised to find that he had secured such a valuable addition to his collection.

Among the other Government Locals I noticed the New York P. O. 5 cents black, New Haven 5 cents red, Providence, R. I., 5 and 10

cents, also the two varieties of the St. Louis, 10 cents black.

The Carrier stamps were complete with the exception of the variety spelled "sent."

On proceeding to the regular issue, prominent among others I noticed complete sets of the 1851, '57, '60, '62, and '69 issues, unused, with the exception of the 5 cents yellow-brown of the '62-'66 issue which is in used condition.

Upon proceeding to the next pages my eyes were greeted by complete sets of the Department stamps. I especially noticed the war envelopes, complete and unused.

Next were the Periodical stamps complete, and I think it can be truly said that these stamps are the finest engraved and most beautifully colored stamps issued. I cannot conceive how people, even though they may not be interested in Philately, can say after seeing all the Periodical stamps, that Philately does not contain some of the finest works of art.

Mr. Killem has devoted considerable time and money to Envelope stamps, and as a consequence they are represented unused and almost complete. I particularly noticed the 4 cent 1857, of which he has the two varieties. This stamp might perhaps be called a compound, as it consists of the 3 cent, red, and 1 cent, blue, printed side by side.

Being unused and complete, the numerous sets of Envelope stamps presented a beautiful appearance. Many rare Locals were represented, among which may be mentioned complete sets of Blood's, Boyd's, Pomery's, Hussey's, Wells, Fargo and U. S. P. O. Dispatch. Among the less noted, although quite rare Locals, were excellent specimens of Dupey and Schenk's, Floyd's, Winman's City Express G and H, Wyman's, Swart's and many others, equally rare, but too numerous to mention.

Mr. Killem deserves great credit for the tireless energy he has displayed in procuring such a complete and valuable collection.

The arrangement of the stamps differs very much from that of the ordinary albums as Mr. Killem has endeavored to combine beauty with our science and has succeeded admirably.

He makes no pretensions to a fine collection, but he can safely say that some of his specimens are gems that would grace many of our finest collections.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

It now looks as though the N. A. P. A. would very soon be organized upon a firm basis. Everything is working smoothly.

On September 3d the philatelists of Denver were all surprised to receive circulars of the Association, a list of members and a circular stating that a convention for organization was to be held in New York, September 14th.

A special meeting of the Denver chapter was held on the evening of

the 3d, for the purpose of nominating a ticket to be sent to the committee. After a good deal of excitement the following ticket was nominated:

President, L. W. Durbin; Vice President, W. F. Greany; Secretary, S. B. Bradt; Librarian, R. R. Shuman; Treasurer, R. R. Bogert; Official Editor, J. C. Feldwisch; Supt. of Exchanges, W. G. Whilden; Fraud Inspector, Theo. F. Cuno; International Sec., Jos. Rechert. Meeting place, 1887, Chicago, Ill.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.

After a year of prosperity as the C. S. P. S., the Denver Philatelic society has changed its name and will be known hereafter as the Denver Stamp Collector's League.

The second year has but lately commenced and with it a few changes have been made. The meeting place which has been the residence of the President and Secretary is now the office of the Treasurer. This move seems to be a satisfactory one as the new location is more central.

Another feature is having auction sales of stamps, which has been lately introduced. The officers for this year remain the same with the exception of the Fraud Inspector and Librarian, Mr. J. B. Gorton being the former and Mr. H. A. Babb, the latter.

We shall endeavor each month to publish a short report of the meetings of the D. S. C. L., which we trust will be interesting to our readers.

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EDITORIAL.

WE HAVE decided not to publish a monthly list of the New Issues on account of lack of space and because they are published by so many other papers. We trust this department will be overlooked, until we have more space at least.

WE HOPE no journals will refuse to exchange with us on account of size. Beginning small is no sign we shall stay so.

DEALERS, send in your ads for No. 2.

WE WISH agents all over the U. S. for subs. and ads. Any person desiring to act as such will do well to communicate with us.

OUR PAPER.

We now present the *Review* before the collecting public as a new candidate for favor among others. We know so many papers have lately started, issued one number and van-

ished, that the feeling is none too kindly toward new papers. We shall endeavor to show, however, that this is not the kind of a paper mentioned and we hope to receive generous support.

REVIEW.

The *Stamp Collector* says that Mr. F. L. Mills is to retire from the ranks of publishers and dealers. He will be greatly missed.

The new letter sheet came into use about the last of August. The design is very neat and pretty but it has become so generally circulated that a description is not needed.

Our enterprising contemporary, the *Stamp*, with its attractive new cover and interesting contents has fully earned the title of one of the leading papers. As its first number announced, it has come to "stick."

Number 2 of the *Stamp Collector* has reached us. It is certainly an ideal journal.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* which started the first of the year, appears regularly with interesting contents. The Quaker City Society has a deserving official organ.

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PHILATELY OF TO-DAY.

BY CARRIER.

As all of us are aware, philately in this country has been steadily coming to the front for some time past, and now we can look with pleasure on the attention paid it.

One of the greatest moves is on the part of the daily press, which but a short time ago made all manner of sport of our pursuit, now frequently comes out with articles on the subject.

Stamp collecting is no more to be laughed at, as it was some years ago.

Now, in my opinion, this change has principally been brought about by means of the philatelic press; our papers have done the majority of the work to make philately what it is by circulation and sound articles.

A short time ago I read in a prominent journal a paragraph from which I take the following: "Stamp papers really ought to be, and could be made the backbone of philately." Now I say that stamp papers are the backbone of philately. What would it be to-day if it were not for these papers? It would simply be that in a few cities there would perhaps be a few boys who would be glad to go through the waste basket of some business house, and what stamps they could find there and get by exchanging would constitute their collections.

If you will only think a moment you will need no arguments to convince you of the value of our journals, and as they need support you should

do your part to help them carry on their work.

D. S. C. L.

Two meetings of the League have been held since our last number.

At the first no business was transacted and as the theatre required the attention of the majority of the members, the meeting met with an early adjournment.

The second meeting was held at the secretary's place of business, and after some preliminary business it was moved to change the proceedings of the League somewhat. After a short discussion on the subject, the meeting adjourned.

The League's thanks are due to Mr. S. B. Bradt, for copies of the *Stamp Collector* for the library.

REVIEW.

We wish to exchange with every philatelic paper. Please put us on your exchange lists.

We must announce the unpleasant news that the *Stamp Collector* is dead. This paper was a model of philatelic literature and it is a pity that it could not have survived.

The *E. S. P.* (our first exchange) has reached us, with the closing chapter of its story.

J. M. Hubbard's new paper, *The Curiosity World*, a large, four-page, five-column journal, is to hand. Its contents are quite interesting, but

there is not much "curiosity" about the fourth page.

Philately in this part of the country is progressing; we have three papers and as many societies.

An old friend, in the shape of the *Stamp World* has arrived. We are advised that its subscription price is to be raised.

There seems to have been quite a rivalry between some papers as to who would get out the first report of the Convention. The *S. and C. Gazette* was probably out first, but our city brother was the first we saw.

But one of the new papers announced has reached us as yet.

We have received price lists from the following dealers: E. B. Sterling, J. Straus, Wm. v. d. Wettern, Carson Stamp Co.

The publishers of the following papers will please accept our thanks for copies. We hope to receive them regularly. *Empire State Philatelist*, *Youth's Ledger*, *Stamp World*, *Stamp*, *S. & C. Gazette*, *Mohawk Standard*, *Tag World*, *Curiosity World*, *Quaker City Philatelist*.

It is rumored that the *Garden City Philatelist* is no more. This was Chicago's last hope, but Chicago seems to have had hard luck in publishing. It has been shown that there is talent enough there to publish a paper and among all the philatelists there ought to be money enough.

The *P. J. of A.*, although rather late, comes out for October with the Constitution of the A. P. A., and a stenographic report of the Convention. The new issues are illustrated by new cuts. It is the best number we have seen for some time.

The *Philatelic Magazine* is announced to re-appear.

Another new stamp paper is announced to appear, *The Texas Philatelist*, of Paris, Texas. The Lone Star State seems bound to be represented.

We have received from Mr. J. J. Casey an auction catalogue of stamps, philatelic literature, etc. The sale is to take place in New York on October 25th.

It is announced that the Chicago Stamp Collector's Union is no more, but it has been disbanded and the Chicago Philatelic Society has been organized in its place. We wish much success to the new society.

FRAUDS.

Now that the stamp business is becoming lively, we think it our duty to publish the following approval sheet frauds who have cheated us:

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SPECIAL.

Next month we shall publish a sketch of Mr. S. B. Bradt, the prominent philatelist of Chicago, which will doubtless prove interesting to all of our readers. Send in your subscription and receive No. 3.

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EDITORIAL.

AS FAR as we can see, the A. P. A is a success. The convention accomplished all that could be expected of it, the officers elected are satisfactory, and everybody seems to be in sympathy with the movement.

OWING to so many papers having published reports of the Convention, we refrain from doing so.

THROUGH the kindness of Mr. Bogert, we had the pleasure of seeing some very fine stamps, including many new issues.

THE General Philatelic Agency, whose ad appears in another column, we hope will be remembered by all western collectors.

MR. MEKEEL did not seem to be a favorite at the Convention.

A SHORT time ago a number of papers began publishing cuts of newly issued stamps. This made the new issue column much more attractive, but of late these illustrations have not appeared. Where are they?

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Written for the REVIEW.

S. B. BRADT.

Mr. S. B. Bradt, the subject of this sketch, was born near Rochester, N. Y., in 1858, and resided in that city until 1876, when he went to Chicago, where he has resided ever since. His present residence is in Grand Crossing, Ill., which is a suburb of Chicago.

Mr. Bradt began collecting stamps in 1866 and has kept it up, off and on, ever since, having had half a dozen or more collections. His present collection was started early this year and so is correspondingly small, numbering about 2,000 varieties.

He began writing for stamp papers about two years ago and has since contributed to most of the leading papers under the *nom de plume* of "Philo." He was the editor of the *Stamp Collector* during its short career, and is at present associate editor of the *Stamp*.

Mr. Bradt was but little known to collectors generally until he was aroused on the subject of a national organization of philatelists when he brought the matter up before the Chicago society and induced them to take the action which they did.

He was present at the meeting of the American Philatelic Association in New York, and was elected secretary of the Association; he has also lately been elected president of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

He is as much—perhaps more—interested in stamp literature as in stamps, and is at present giving more attention to gathering up the different

American philatelic publications than to any other subject.

Mr. Bradt's business is in the publishing department of Messrs. A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Work in the Association has been lively the last month. We have received from the president a list of the appointed officers, and numerous circulars from the secretary.

The appointed officers are :

Librarian, E. D. Kline, Toledo, O.
Exchange Superintendent, E. B. Hanes, Providence, R. I.

Purchasing Agent, Theo. F. Cuno, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Official Editor, W. R. Fraser, Altoona, Pa.

Trustees : E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J.; Wm. v. d. Wetteru, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; J. C. Feldwisch, Denver, Colo.

The Counterfeit Detector is not yet chosen.

The official circular, No. 1, issued by the Secretary on Nov. 1 has been received. It is a large, eight page publication, containing the constitution, by-laws, secretary's report for October, and an article setting forth the benefits of the Association.

It also contains a list of applicants for membership.

The *American Philatelist* is announced to appear in December

REVIEW.

We desire to exchange with all philatelic papers. Exchanges will oblige us by sending two copies.

Hereafter the *Stamp and Coin Gazette* will be wholly philatelic, the numismatic part being abolished. We feel sorry for coin collectors but also glad for philatelists as we shall have a double quantity of interesting matter each month.

Mr. W. G. Woilden, Jr., who was to publish the *Dixie Stamp Collector*, has sold it to Mr. Davison, publisher of the *Youth's Ledger*.

Mr. E. F. Gambs, of San Francisco, has remembered us with copies of the *California Philatelist* and his Coin Catalogue. A stamp photo of Mr. G. came with them, which was very acceptable.

Mr. W. F. Barden, of No. Attleboro, Mass., announces the *Philatelic Press and Advertiser* to appear on December 1st. The publication will be on the directory style.

The *Peerless Directory* for collectors and dealers, is to appear on Jan. 1st. E. R. Marshall, Wyoming, Iowa, publisher.

The *Collectors' Science Monthly* has at last shown up after a long absence. It consists of eight pages and a cover.

We have received from Messrs. R. B. Bogert & Co. a very neat catalogue of their first auction sale, to take place on Nov. 22.

The trial of F. Stahl, Jr., of Horace C. Jones' fame, which took place last month, resulted in the prisoner being acquitted.

We have received the following ex-

changes: *Youth's Ledger*, *Stamp, Philatelic Herald*, *Mohawk Standard*, *Stamp and Coin Gazette*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Tag World*, *Mystic World*, *Texas Philatelist*, *Curiosity World*, *Philatelic World*, *Stamp World*, *Old Curiosity Shop*.

Mr. John M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., is about to publish the *Stamp Collectors of the World*, containing the addresses of over 1,000 stamp collectors in all parts of the world.

SUPPLEMENT.

With the next issue we shall send out a supplement, the Western Philatelic Directory, containing the names and addresses of collectors in the western part of the United States. This supplement will be sent to subscribers only, so send in your subscriptions at once.

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EDITORIAL.

Our date of publication hereafter will be the 1st of the month we are dated.

This number of the REVIEW will reach a large number of collectors who have not received it before. We hope to be remembered with a subscription from the most of them. We mail only one sample copy to each address.

Although eastern papers are telling about the great boom in stamp collecting, we fail to see it in this part of the country. This city is very quiet on the subject and dealers complain of a very dull trade.

Reports from Washington, D. C., state that philately is progressing there. Trade is brisk and there is talk of forming a society.

COLLECTOR'S PUBLICATIONS.

We have received from the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., limited, three of their latest catalogues.

Scott's Publications have achieved such a fame in themselves that any-

thing more than a passing notice is hardly necessary to tell of their merits.

The 48th edition of their Postage and Revenue Stamp Catalogue is on an entirely different scale from its predecessors. It consists of 200 pages, nearly one half of which are illustrations, and many being entirely new.

The illustrations form more of a supplement, as they are all together and not distributed through the book as in the former works.

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THE CHARM OF PHILATELY.

BY J. E. N.

That philately possesses some great attraction, is evident from the fact that so many engage in its pursuit. It is not hard to see what this attraction is, if we give the subject a moment's study.

A collector who has brought his collection from a few stamps to an album full of choice specimens feels a pride in the result that he could not feel if he had been presented with the same collection. Each issue completed, each rare stamp obtained, gives him a satisfaction that amply repays any toil he may have put in the work. He is urged on by past achievements and as he advances in the art he see philately opening up before him in its true light.

The true philatelist does not pay so much attention to quantity as to quality. Those who gather stamps merely for the sake of having a large collection, do not deserve the name of philatelists. Their object is to get together as many bits of colored paper as possible and there are plenty of unscrupulous stamp-dealers to help them in their efforts.

NEW UNITED STATES STAMPS.

During the past few years a number of changes have been made in the stamps, postal cards, and envelopes of the United States, and more are yet to follow.

We have received the new postal card which is printed in black ink on

the same quality of paper as the present one. The picture, which is one of Jefferson, is in the center of the design at the top of the card.

As to the new two-cent stamp which is announced to appear soon we clip the following from one of the Denver dailies:

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 29.

The design for a new two-cent postage stamp, which is to be put in circulation about January next, has been selected. It is said to be one of the handsomest specimens issued by the Department. The design represents an embossed head of George Washington in profile upon a blue tinted background.

REVIEW.

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Chicago has produced another philatelic paper which bids fair to stay. It is called the *Western Philatelist* and is edited by S. B. Bradt. It consists of twelve pages and cover and is published by the Western Philatelic Publishing Co. We hope that this venture will meet with success, as Chicago needs some representative in philately.

We have received a circular from Krebs Bros, 81 Nassau St. N. Y., announcing the *International Philatelic Advertiser* to appear in January. According to the circular we should judge that it will resemble the defunct *Hermes*.

The *Carson Philatelist* after a vacation of some months comes out with the announcement that it is to be discontinued,

No. 2 of the A. P. A. Official Circular has been received. It announces the *American Philatelist* to appear about Jan. 10. It seems that there are now 116 members of the Association, in good standing.

It is rumored that Denver is to have a new philatelic journal, the *Stamp Record*, to be published by Tedford & Richards.

The *Long Island Collector* has appeared after a long absence.

John M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., is about to publish the *Stamp Collectors of the World*, containing the addresses over 1,000 stamp collectors in all parts of the world. If you are an active collector, send your name to the above address and it will be inserted free of charge.

The September and October number of the *Philatelic Herald* came to us on Christmas. It is having a rather wordy combat with the *Philatelic Tribune*.

The *Cumberland Collector* has joined our exchange list. It is a neat publication.

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A LARGE number of papers have favored us with copies during the past month, all of which were very acceptable. We trust that all those who have not put the REVIEW on their exchange list will follow the example of those who have.

LAST month we announced that with this issue we should publish the Western Philatelic Directory. Since our last issue, however, we have sold the directory to other parties, which accounts for its non-appearance.

MR. F. MCC. SMITH, stamp collector, whose former address was Willcox, A. T., is now permanently settled at 1428 6th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

MR. F. L. MILLS, the popular stamp dealer, puts up excellent packets, sheets, etc. Read his advertisement.

No. 1, Vol. 2, of the *Quaker City Philatelist* is at hand. This paper has made rapid progress since it started and is now one of our best journals. It commences the new year under a new management with a new cover of neat design.

THE Denver Stamp Collector's League having finished its holiday vacation is about to commence its meetings for 1887. There are bright prospects for a prosperous year.

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Vol. I.

Denver, Colo., February, 1887.

No. 5.

Written for the REVIEW.

PHILATELY.

BY ELLIS.

Aside from those benefits of philately so often mentioned, let us consider a few practical ones. First let us think of it as an amusement.

I have read numerous articles on it as an art, science and aid to geography, but it is seldom spoken of as an amusement. You may show your collection to a friend who takes no interest whatever in stamps and he will look at it in a listless way, but soon his eye will be attracted by the many colored, finely engraved and neatly arranged "bits of paper," and some of the odd shapes and peculiar designs will arrest his attention till he will gradually become interested in it, and after finishing it will probably conclude, that after all stamp collecting is not such a frivolous and childlike pursuit as many people, ignorant of the vast proportions it has assumed, are in the habit of representing it.

There is something in philately, if you are really interested in it, that irresistibly charms you.

You never tire of your collection, and although you may have looked at it dozens of times it will always seem fresh to you and you are always prepared to find something new and interesting in it.

Stamp collecting is an aid to the memory. You may forget some dry geographical statement in regard to some particular country, that you have learned at school, but consider that country in regard to its stamps

and you will not only discover many new as well as old facts concerning it, but you will be all the more liable to remember them because you are amusing and instructing yourself while you learn them.

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REVIEW.

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The long looked for *American Philatelist* has at last arrived but whether it comes up to the general expectations it is hard to say. We suppose that it is as good as the first number could be expected to be but we hope to see an improvement in the future issues. No. 1, however, shows the editor to be a man of ability and one who will do justice to the position.

We are pleased to note the progress of the *Philatelic Journal of America* which is manifested by its last few issues. The December number contains portraits of Messrs. Tiffany, Bogert, Bradt, Durbin, Rechert and Sterling with interesting reading matter. The design on the cover is slightly changed.

No. 1, Vol. I, of the *Halifax Philatelist* is at hand. We do not approve of its "Grand Drawing" scheme to obtain subscribers.

We have received *The Collector* of Easton Md., an eight page paper devoted to all branches of collecting.

With the January number, the *Empire State Philatelist* begins its third volume. This paper has progressed from the start and is now near the head of the list. It looks it surpasses its companions.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. M. Hubbard for a copy of the "Stamp Dealers of the World," a neat little book containing a large list of the names and address of stamp dealers. It should be in your library. Price 10 cents.

TO OUR READERS.

We have now been in the field five months and although our support has been all that we could expect, still we do not feel satisfied with our progress.

We realize that there is no future for a four page paper and in order to overcome this difficulty we have decided to permanently enlarge to eight pages. Beginning with No. 6 we shall issue eight pages monthly and hope soon to don a cover.

A New Issue column will be introduced and several interesting articles are in preparation for us. The Exchange Column will continue to be a feature.

Our subscription price will be advanced to 25 cents, which is, however, low enough for all. Subscriptions will be received until the next issue at 15 cents.

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EDITORIAL.

THE question of which word is preferable, "philatelic" or "philatelical" although never having been thoroughly agitated is receiving its share of attention. The Denver Stamp Collectors' League passed resolutions thanking Mr. Mekeel for his efforts for "philatelic," while the National Philatelic Society has followed suit by thanking Mr. Bradt for his efforts for "philatelical." Each word has its firm supporters and the number is about evenly divided as it was shown at the convention in July, when in voting for the A.P.A. name the "philatelic" element slightly predominated. The fact that this society used the word "philatelic" we think should settle the question in the minds of American philatelists, but of course, everybody cannot agree on the subject.

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MAKING POSTAL CARDS.

In a pretty ravine back of the hill on which the country town of Castle-town stands, ten miles below Albany, there is a cluster of brick buildings, a tall smokestack and a small brook that takes a seventy foot tumble over the rocks. Up on the side of the hill in the highest building, hundreds of tons of rags and paper pulp start; at the bottom come out all the postal cards and registered letter receipts used in the United States, boxed up ready for shipment.

There are five buildings in the ravine, though four of them are joined together in the paper mill, and the postal card factory occupies a low, brick structure, one story high, and three times as long as it is wide. In one room the postal cards are printed, cut from the sheets, put up in twenty-five packages and boxed. Next to this is a fire-proof vault, where 20,000-000 or so of postal cards are kept on hand.

The space in which the postal cards are made is not fifty feet square. The mill has the usual paper-making machinery, with a capacity of six tons a day.

The postal cards are made almost entirely from rags, though occasionally a percentage of wood pulp is introduced.

To follow the process of making the postal cards one has only to climb up to the highest building on the hill, where, in a back room, a crowd of girls sort the rags that have just come in from the different rag collectors.

The girls cut off all the buttons, take off the buckles and sort out the rags. The sorted rags are placed in a chopping machine which treats them like sausage-meat, and after making the old dresses and trousers into little squares and triangles too small for even a baby's crazy quilt, it whiffs them into another machine, where the dust is shaken out of them and they are cleaned.

From that on the life of the rags is a succession of baths in chloride of lime and other bleaching and cleansing chemicals, with occasional visits to vats and trips through sets of sharp knives and fine-toothed rollers. Finally the many colored rags come out in a nice white mush that looks like thin flour paste. This is shaken over wire to get the water out of it, and put through a few score of rollers and a glue bath before it comes out as postal card paper.

When the paper has been calendared it is taken from the paper mill a few feet to the postal card factory where the sheets are carried to a large Campbell bress, and two feeders feed forty-two sheets a minute—1760 postal cards every sixty seconds.

The postal cards are printed from steel plates, so hard that there is not a file in the factory that will make an impression on them. Each card has a separate steel plate, and the eighty that are needed to make the impression on the two sheets are wedged in the bed of the press. The plates come from Washington and last two years without renewal.—*New York Sun.*

REVIEW.

We desire to exchange with all philatelic papers. Exchanges will oblige us by sending *two* copies.

Several new papers have been announced during the past month, and among them is a new one from Chicago. The journal is to be called the *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, and will appear about March 1st. It is to be published by Mr. E. W. Voute, 307 Webster Ave.

No. 1 of the *Keystone State Philatelist*, consisting of eight pages and cover, has appeared, and will doubtless make many friends. One of its specialties is a department devoted to Revenue Stamps, which will be appreciated by collectors of these stamps.

Mr. George H. Richmond's *American Philatelic Press Directory* will probably be issued soon. Judging from letters we have received it will be the best thing of its kind yet published.

We learn by the appearance of No. 2, the *Texas Stamp*, was "not dead—only sleeping." Better press-work and some original articles would improve the paper. By the way, it seems to have taken another nap.

No 1 of the *International Philatelic Advertiser* is out. Its looks are excellent and the contents are all that could be desired of that kind of paper.

The *Philatelist* has finished its second volume, and now bids farewell to the philatelic world.

Mr. E. R. Marshall, of Wyoming, Iowa, the publisher of the Peerless Directory which is to appear soon, is to publish the *Collector's Advertiser*, a paper that will be sent free to all collectors. Send him your address.

The Stamp enters upon its second volume after a year of success. The career of this paper has been one which innumerable papers have failed to equal, and it now stands close to the head in the ranks of philatelic journals.

Mr. J. M. Hubbard never seems idle in the philatelic publishing business. His latest is *The Stamp Collectors of the World*, a twenty page book containing about 1000 names. Price ten cents.

We now have another companion in Denver in the shape of the *Stamp Record*, a neat and interesting four page paper, which issued its initial number last month.

The Philatelic Herald has just finished its third volume, and promises its readers better things for the future. You have a good field, Brother Jewett, and should make the *Herald* a success.

OUR subscription price will hereafter be twenty-five cents per year, but we think no one will object to paying this price, as we intend to make the REVIEW more than worth it.

NEW ISSUES.

From *The Stamp*.

AFGHANISTAN. The Embassy comes in violet on blue.

BERMUDA. The 1d. now violet red with C. A. and crown wmk.

BOKHARA. Two queer looking stamps have been issued here. 1 anna (?) red and 2 anna green.

DANISH WEST INDIES. It is stated the 3c. card is now yellow.

DOMINICA. The 4d. has been changed from blue to gray.

DUTCH INDIES. There are stamps and envelopes 12½c. gray, and unpaid letter 50c. red and black. It is also intended to issue the 5c. stamps of the same type as the 2c. and 2½c.

EGYPT. It is likely all the stamps will soon be changed, as a new currency is to be introduced.

FALKLAND I. There is a reply paid card 1½ and 1½d. brown.

FINLAND. The letter card of Helsingfors is now rose tinted.

FRANCE. The 15c. letter card has been issued gray on both sides and is called "opaque" by the P. O. authorities.

GIBRALTAR. Three of the new values have been issued without surcharge. 1d. carmine, 2d. lilac, 2½d. blue.

GREAT BRITAIN. The new jubilee stamps were issued January 1st. The figure of value is very prominent and the queen's head smaller and generally placed near the top of the stamp. The only inscription is "postage and revenue." ½d. vermilion, 1½d. green and lilac, 3d. green and red, 2½d. purple on dark blue, 2d. brown on yellow, 4d. green and brown, 5d. lilac and blue, 6d. brown on rose, 9d. purple and blue, 1sh. pale green.

GRENADA. In addition to the 1½d. the 4d. and 1sh. fiscals are surcharged 1d.

HAYTI. We understand the 3c. is now gray instead of brown.

HUNGARY. It is said new envelopes are to be issued with oval stamp on pale gray paper.

JAMAICA. The 3d. is now olive green.

LAGOS. Of the current type, there are reported 2s. 6d. dark blue, 5s. blue, 10s. brown violet.

MADAGASCAR. The consular stamp now reads "British Consular mail, Antananarivo." 1d. 1½d. 2d. 3d. 4½d. 8d. 9d.

MONACO. The cards are now lilac instead of yellow.

NORTH BORNEO. The 10c. blue has been surcharged in "black and revenue," and the following have been issued with the inscription "British North Borneo," 2c. red brown, 4c. carmine, 8c. green, 10c. blue.

NEW REPUBLIC. In addition to the stamps already chronicled under the heading "Boer Republic," the 6d. and 1sh. are reported violet on gray.

PHILIPPINE I. The 2½c. blue is now surcharged "Habilitado-U, Postal," and the new value below. 1c. in red and 10c. in black.

PORTUGAL. The 5 reis is to be changed to green.

RAJPEEPLA. This state now uses British Indian stamps with surcharge.

ST. LUCIA. There is a 6d. violet of current type.

TOBAGO. The 6d. is now orange.

TOKIMA. Of the new issue perforated, we hear of the 2½c. red, 20c. yellow, 25c. black, 2 pesos violet, 5 pesos orange, 10 pesos pink.

TURKEY. The 20 para has been cut in two diagonally and the halves surcharged in black "10."

U. S. OF COLUMBIA. The 1c. stamp has been issued with the inscription "Republica de Columbia."

URUGUAY. The violet 5c. stamp printed by the American Bank Note Co. about two years ago, in error, were put into circulation December 1st.

UNITED STATES. New dies are being prepared for the envelope stamps, and we understand the colors will be changed as follows: 2c. green, 4c. purple, 5c. blue.

VICTORIA. The 2d. envelopes of 1869 are now doing duty with surcharge "stamp duty."

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EDITORIAL.

Now that the A. P. A. has just commenced to work successfully, we are very sorry to see *any* members resign, but more particularly the publishers of philatelic papers.

It seems a pity that the very ones whom we rely upon to support and encourage the work, should drop out of the ranks.

While it can certainly do no good to resign from the Association, it will be of mutual benefit if you remain.

THE sixth edition of Sterling's *Descriptive Postage Stamp Catalogue*, which was to appear January 1st, 1887, has been greatly delayed but is in press at the present time, and Mr. Sterling promises it as soon as possible. The sixth will be, however, a great improvement on the former editions, and the prospects are that purchasers will be fully repaid for waiting.

THE younger collectors of Denver have formed a society called the Queen City Philatelic Society, with a good sized membership so far. Any contributions to the library will be welcome, and should be addressed to W. R. Wilson, 803 Nineteenth St., Denver, Colo.

A NEW CATALOGUE.

We have received from the publisher the sixteenth edition of Durbin's Standard Catalogue, which was announced some time ago. The Catalogue is gotten up in its usual neat and pleasing style, with no marked difference from the former editions. The friends of Mr. Durbin will be glad to welcome this new-comer, which can be had at the regular prices. Cloth, 50 cents. Paper, 25 cents.

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D. S. C. L. NOTES.

The meetings during January and February were very well attended. At the meeting of January 13th, resolutions were adopted deploring the death of Mr. L. M. Hamlen.

As we were very desirous of joining the A. P. A. as a branch, and as we had only five members of that Association, a committee was appointed to labor with those members who had not yet joined the A. P. A., and try and induce them to join.

At the meeting of January 27th, the officers presented their semi-annual reports, and they showed the League to be in a good condition.

Resolutions were adopted to the effect: "That we believe James Chalmers to be the inventor of the adhesive stamp, and that we will do all in our power to aid his son, Patrick Chalmers, to establish his father's right to this claim."

The meeting of March 10th was one of the most interesting meetings we have ever had.

Mr. Patrick Chalmers was elected an honorary member.

A vote of congratulation was tendered to Mr. J. B. Gorton on his recovery from a long and serious illness.

A discussion then took place in regard to debates. Motion made and carried that we have formal debates at one meeting, and extemporaneous at the next, and so on, the President to appoint one member on each side for each formal debate, the subject for same to be chosen by ballot of the members present. Subject for debate for next meeting: "Shall we collect surcharges, or not?" Adjourned at 10:45.

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A PHILATELIST'S OBSERVATIONS ABROAD.

[NOTE.—The first two of these articles were published in the *Stamp Collector*, but since its suspension they have remained unpublished. The continuation of them will be found in this and the remaining issues of this paper.—E.D.]

PART III.

From Stuttgart to Paris is not very far, but it is like going from some outer planet on the extremes of space to the center of the universe. Paris is the central point around which revolves the world of fashion, gayety, brilliancy and life. No other place on the globe is like it. There is but one Paris, and the great French capital stands alone in its glory, unequalled, in that it is the loveliest, brightest, and most charming city on the globe.

What wonder, then, that, with all its other attractions, immense population, storehouses of art and treasures of antiquity, that Paris should also give some attention to the study of philately? The Parisians are noted for their shallowness of disposition and fickleness of taste, but they certainly have been preservers in other ways; as, for instance, note *Louvre*. In that tremendous museum are relics of ante-Christian times that must have perished and been lost but for the French people and particularly the Parisians.

I was much interested in this wonderful city, and took special delight in viewing the miles and miles

of art covered canvas, the unequalled statuary, the libraries, buildings boulevards and handsome shops which cannot be paralleled elsewhere on earth.

You may be sure I also gave attention to everything of a philatelic nature, and think I learned a great deal more about stamps than I fancied all Paris could teach me. Some one has said there are over two hundred stamp dealers in Paris alone. Think of two hundred stamp dealers in one city! What number of purchasers there must be to support such magnitude of trade? I am sure there must be some mistake about this, or else the majority of the dealers are also handlers of dry goods, crockery, sugar, soap, and other green groceries, much the same as I found in Antwerp. The actual *bona-fide* merchants in stamps I should place at less than a score.

Two of the principal ones I name as M. Arthur Maury, of 80 Rue St-Lazare; and Gruatt & Bonn, of 84 Faubourg St Honore. The former has quite an extensive establishment. Anyone who has seen Maury's catalogue will observe on the back of the cover the exact front of his store or shop as it appears in reality. The entrance is between two show windows, and on the glass of the door is the following inscription: "Maury. Timbres Etrangers Pour Collections." Over the transom, in large, bold letters, beams the one word, MAURY. The right window has all sorts of albums displayed, varieties and sets of stamps, and to the left is a beautiful white dove on a pedestal or something of the kind, with its wings spread as if about

to fly. The curtain half drawn has the phrase, "Timbres-poste Albums." The left window also displays albums and stamps; there is besides in this show case a fine assortment of uncut envelopes of every nationality. The curtain (like its brother on the other side) is half drawn, and has on it the words—"Prix-courant Gratis." To the right of the right window is an advertisement that runs as follows—"Achat en gros. Timbres poste timbres de traites."

Over the windows and door is a broad, fancy scroll in which are seven gigantic reproductions of stamps. The first is a triangular Cape of Good Hope, next comes a Greece, which is followed in turn by an Egypt, Turkey, New Foundland, Parma and Japan. It will be seen at once that both the United States and Great Britain are left out in the cold, (nothing Frenchy about us, you know).

Before such an imposing entrance I stood a moment dismayed and undecided what to do. Finally I "abandoned all hope," as Dante says in his Inferno, turned the crank which answered for a handle to the door, pushed the later open and was ready to drop in my tracks when a gong somewhat like that borne by a locomotive announced my entrance. Instantly half a dozen French girls came forward to meet me, and the way those six beauties chattered the language of Lamartine in my ears was a caution. It was all done so politely though, that I was fully as much pleased as I was astonished. I could speak English very well, but was somewhat rusty at French, seeing that I never did know much about it at any time, and as for the girls, why not one of them understood a word of any language except the current gabble of the French capital.

I managed to get along however with a sort of mongrel between the two tongues, and in a very few min-

utes was perfectly at my ease. I asked for the proprietor, but they did not understand me.

"Where's the boss?" said I.

"Comma?" said the girl, which translated into the vernacular means "what do you say?"

"M. Maury, mademoiselle, s'il vous plait" answered I with my best French accent.

"Ah," laughed the dear thing, evidently understanding me at last; and in a moment she had disappeared into the next room, returning in about ten seconds with a tall, rather fine looking gentleman, whom I was informed to be the identical M. Maury, and nobody else. He came forward and greeted me pleasantly, when I informed him that I was a traveller or tourist or pilgrim in a strange land, and had come all the way to Paris to see the sights.

He asked me if I was English, and I said "*Oui, Monsieur,*" meaning an English speaking person rather than a native of Briton; but Mr. Maury took me for a genuine John Bull, and so the conversation drifted on to something else. All at once my new friend broke suddenly off in his "*Ouis!*" and seized me by the arm, stared at me hard, ejaculated "*Ah!*" and then darted into the next room. For a fact I thought I was a "goner" this time. He came out in a minute with a pamphlet or book in his hand, gazed from the book at my face and back again at the book, all the while eyeing me suspiciously, which was a decidedly uncomfortable situation I can tell you.

Hello! thought I, this Frenchman has an assortment from the Rogues' Gallery which he is comparing with me, and I shall be accused of being a felon or some other distinguished person. Indeed it was a great relief when his countenance relaxed and broke into a broad smile; for he rushed forward and grasped me by the hand,

which he proceeded to pump vigorously up and down, at railroad speed. He showed me the picture, and I saw it was my own mug which Mr. Mekeel so affectionately reproduced in his magazine some months before. The magazine held by Mr. Maury was the *Philatelic Journal of America*, and that explained the whole affair.

The genial Frenchman could not do enough for me. He certainly showed me every courtesy and attention in his power, and I must say that my visit to his establishment rests among the brightest philatelic spots of my whole continental trip. The system of carrying on his business is much like Scott's used to be when the latter was down on Fulton street. The main store is only a small portion of the outlay. He has five or six ladies constantly at work—I believe there are no other masculines about the place except Maury himself, and the proprietor finds occupation enough in managing the concern without looking into the small details of his tremendous business.

There are two countries in the main *salle*, and behind these are series of drawers containing stamps of every country in the world. But this was not all. When I entered into the depths of the den—that is, the other rooms, I found drawers and pigeon holes running to the ceiling, all of them overloaded with stamps. Mine host informed me that if I wanted to see any special stamps or issues, "just to call on him;" upon which I thought I would give him a stunner.

"Let me see the first issues of Brazil," I suggested.

"*Les trentte, soixtante, et quatre-vingt-dix?*" inquired he.

"*Oui, Monsieur,*" I replied.

He stepped upon a small stool, pulled out a drawer, and a moment later I was feasting my eyes on more ancient Brazilian stamps than I ever imagined were in existence. I was

also shown the early Sardinian envelopes, and many rarities that I really wished were in my collection; and they would have been transferred to my albums on the spot, only the figures were a little too steep, and besides that, I was a long ways from home.

I spent a very pleasant morning with this prince of dealers, and you may be sure that I made daily visits to his place of business during my stay in Paris.

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After the arrival of all the company each one was presented with a very pretty *souvenir*, and the evening's entertainment commenced with a game of "progressive jack-straws," which was very novel and pleasing.

Just as we had gotten thoroughly interested in the game we were requested to stop, and the best and poorest players were awarded prizes.

After being seated at the tables, the company was served with delicious refreshments by efficient waiters, (J. C. F.; D. W. O.; F. W. F.).

Then more games were indulged in, and the very successful reception broke up about March 16th.

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EDITORIAL.

We are pleased to inform our readers that we have secured the services of the well known philatelic author, J. M. T. Partello, as a contributor to this paper. On the first page of this number of the REVIEW will be found part third of his "Philatelist's Observations Abroad," the first two installments of which were published in the *Stamp Collector*. Lieut. Partello is well known as a philatelic writer and our readers can rest assured that there is a great treat in store for them in the remaining chapters of a "Philatelist's Observations Abroad."

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Persons answering advertisements in this paper are requested to mention this fact when writing to dealers.

Judging from the inquiries we received concerning No. 6, the REVIEW must be a welcome visitor to its friends.

We would call the attention of new subscribers to the fact that hereafter subscriptions must commence with the current number as we cannot supply former issues.

We are very sorry to state that No. 6 of the REVIEW was much later than usual. The delay was unavoidable, however, and we shall see that it does not occur again.

The Denver Stamp Collectors' League was never in so prosperous a condition as at present. The meetings are all very interesting, the debates especially.

The annual election of officers is approaching and lively times are predicted then.

Mr. C. G. Woodworth, whose ad. appears elsewhere in this paper, is the principal stamp dealer in Denver. He has a large stock of both postage and revenue stamps, and can usually be found at Pierce's book store on Larimer street, which is the great stamp resort.

On the morning of March 12th a committee from the D. S. C. L. assembled at the Union Depot to welcome Mr. L. M. Cole, an old member of the League, who has been residing in Chicago for the past nine months. Mr. Cole was on his way to San Francisco to accept a business position. We were very sorry to find that he could spend but one day with us as we expected quite a visit.

Fortunately the D. S. C. L. had a social meeting that evening and in spite of the very bad weather a good number were present. Mr. C. left the next morning.

REVIEW.

The *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* is a very neat and interesting journal from Chicago. Judging by its present appearance it will be a success. We hope so.

One of the best first issues of a philatelic paper we have seen is that of the *Germantown Philatelist*. It consists of eight pages and is a bright and interesting sheet. We are pleased to put it on our exchange list.

We are compelled to chronicle another death in philatelic literature. The old and popular *Stamp World* has been sold to the publishers of the *Western Philatelist*.

No. 5 of the *Texas Philatelist* comes to us in a greatly improved form.

The name Review seems to be popular among publishers. Two papers bearing this name have appeared since No. 1 of the COLLECTOR'S REVIEW, and a "Review" column is a feature in both.

The latest venture is the *Philatelic Fortnightly*, from Benson, Minn. It is a small, four page paper, appearing twice a month.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* appears for March greatly improved, in printing especially.

The *Philatelic Annual* published by F. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn., has been received. It consists of twelve pages and cover, but it is not what would be expected of a yearly publication.

The *Halifax Philatelist* seems to be progressing: No. 3 has twelve pages and a cover.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. E. B. Hanes, ex-superintendent of the A. P. A., has resigned.

Mr. Chauncy B. Hill, who has been in the wholesale stamp business for some time past in Guatemala, C. A., has moved to Chicago, where he will engage in the retail trade.

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

To the members of the A. P. A.:

There is a petition before the members of the A. P. A. asking that the official organ be abolished, on the ground that the present official organ is too small and that it is preferable to create some philatelic paper, now published, the official paper. The constitution establishes the editor of the official organ and the constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members over seventeen years of age. Before you put your name to that petition *think the matter over carefully*. Do you want the *American Philatelist* dropped? This is not an idle question. Shall the A. P. A. take a backward step? *Think it over*. Does the past history of philatelic papers justify the risk? We are not disparaging the present papers, but the past is the only criterion. How long before the new official journal may suspend? There are several good papers being published now and there is little indication of their suspension at the present time, but it is the unexpected which always happens. The present organ is small. So is the A. P. A. Both will grow and the one will support the other. The future is bright with promise. Don't dim that brightness by signing that petition. The *American Philatelist* is not the only benefit you derive from the A. P. A. You can afford to be lenient there. *Think it over*.—THE DENVER STAMP COLLECTOR'S LEAGUE.

NEW ISSUES.

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AZORES.—The 50 reis, blue, of 1879, comes with small surcharge.

BOLIVIA.—The new 1c and 2c are the same type as the 1870 issue, with 11 stars, and the 5c and 10c have 9 stars. The 1c is lake, 2c lilac, 5c green, 10c brown. These values and the cards and envelopes are on the way to Bolivia.

BOSNIA.—A letter card is reported, 3 kr. green on green, with inside white.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—The 4d and 1sh. have been surcharged in black.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The color of the 1sh. is gray.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The 15c. envelope comes on white laid paper, 153x86 mm., and the 45c. on white wove paper 210x93 mm.

ECUADOR.—A new series of stamps is expected.

FERNANDO PO.—The 5c. is surcharged the same as the 2c.

GIBRALTAR.—The new ½d. green and 2d. brown-purple, without surcharge, have appeared.

GRENADA.—The 1d is now inscribed at the top, "Grenada—Postage and Revenue," in two lines.

GADELOUPE.—*Le Timbre Poste* mentions a 40c. unpaid letter stamp on blue paper; it is postmarked February 7, 1878.

HYDERABAD.—A 2½ anna envelope has been issued, gray-green on white.

ITALY.—*Der Philatelist* mentions a card without stamp, inscribed "Circolare Postale-Due Centesimi." Brown on white.

MACAO.—It is reported the new set has been issued with embossed head; colors and values, same as Cape Verde 1886.

MEXICO.—The words "Mexico D. F." have been omitted from the official seal.

NEW REPUBLIC.—Two new values are reported, 3d. and 4d. They are printed in violet on both straw and bluish paper.

NORTH BORNEO.—The ½c. of the first type has been surcharged "and Revenue," and the 4c and 8c. same type, have been surcharged in black in two lines, "3 cents" and "5 cents" respectively.

RUSSIA.—The stamp on the 7 kopek envelopes are to be slightly modified.

SAMOA.—New stamps are reported; ½d. violet-brown, 1d. green, 2d. orange, 4d. blue. Three palm trees are in the center in a circle with "Samoa Postage" above and the value below.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. The letters "O S." have been surcharged on the stamp of the reply paid card.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Der Philatelist* reports the 32c. with surcharge "Three Cents," in black in one line.

TIMOR.—The set with embossed head is reported, same values and colors as Cape Verde 1886, with addition of 80 reis gray.

TOLIMA.—Of the current type perforated we hear of 1c. gray-brown, 2c. violet, and the 5c. is violet instead of brown.

VICTORIA.—The current bands, ½d. and 1d. come on white, yellow and blue paper.

WURTEMBERG.—A 10pf. card has been issued resembling that of the German Empire, 1886.

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The *Useful Instructor* is a new paper devoted partly to philately. It consists of sixteen pages.

AT RANDOM.

By CARRIER.

Stamp collecting is lively in Denver at present. Dealers report a brisk trade on Saturdays.

The latest in collections is photographs of noted persons.

Where are the new U. S. stamps which were announced the first of the year?

Mr. Fred McC. Smith states that he has retired from the stamp business.

We have received twenty exchanges during the past three weeks; six of them came in one day.

Mr. F. G. Clark, a collector of this city, was recently presented with seventeen bound volumes of the *American Journal of Philately*. We congratulate him upon this valuable addition to his library.

Revenue collecting is on the "boom" in Denver.

A collector recently came to me with a complete set of *cancelled* Montenegro stamps and inquired if they were genuine. They were offered him for twenty-five cents and as the *unused* set is sold by Durbin for one dollar, my friend thought he had "struck it rich."

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A PHILATELIST'S OBSERVATIONS
ABROAD.

PART IV.

In Paris, besides Maury, Gruatt and Bonn, and a few other large and reliable dealers, there are scores of mongrels or nondescripts who are not bona fide stamp merchants, but who simply engage in the business as a sort of side scheme for making money, without any love or affection for the art as we look upon it. In a word, they traffic in stamps for the shekels to be obtained in the way of profit.

I have the utmost contempt for a man who sells stamps for gain and for nothing else, without one single appreciative idea of the beautiful goods he handles, the history they represent, the rise and fall of nations, and the thousand other attractions in connection with them, for postage stamps, unlike soap, sugar, dry goods, fruits, etc., carry both the purchaser and dealer back into other days and to other climes, and besides the money value they represent, have an intense interest in connection which it is not necessary for me to explain. One day while returning from a brief but pleasant visit to "Monsieur Maury," and all those lovely "girls" I stopped in at the Grand Opera House to secure tickets for that evening. This wonderful pile is no doubt the most magnificent building on earth, the grand staircase alone having levied contributions from the finest quarries of the world and it stands today without a rival, except perhaps, the marble mausoleum of the great Napoleon, beneath the gilded dome of the Invalides. At the Opera House I could purchase no tickets, but was directed to step across the street and apply at a little shop in the Rue Halevy. I did so,

finding within a ticket speculator with the plan and billets for the opera, upon whom I proceeded to waste forthwith a score and a half of francs for myself and wife.—Turning to go out I faced a middle aged, florid dame of some 40 odd years standing behind the other counter; my gaze almost instantly falling from her fine open countenance to the show case below, wherein were various sheets of adhesive and revenue stamps spread out artistically to attract buyers.

While looking at the assortments, a gentleman bustled into the shop, stepped quickly up to the case where I was standing, and asked the lady in French for some English Revenues. She overhauled the lot, took out a sheet of the wished for varieties, from which the purchaser selected the 1d. fiscal, large, red, lilac, (Inland Revenue) paying for the same fifteen centimes, (three cents,) the actual market value of the stamp being about \$1.00. He bought the large Rect. blue Receipt for fifty centimes (ten cents,) actual value about \$1.50. The 1d. receipt mauve he paid ten centimes for (2 cents,) and the Jamaica one shilling telegraph, unused cost exactly 125 centimes, or twenty-five cents. This was too much. I couldn't see so many good stamps going for a song, so I told the lady I would take all the others on that sheet, trusting to luck and to Providence for their genuineness.

They were all good, not a spurious specimen among the lot, and I bought them at an average of the figures above given. The lady at once sized me up for an Englishman, foreseeing that I was such from the fact of purchasing so many English stamps. I conversed with her pleasantly for half an hour, the fair

demoiselle entertaining me with numerous pleasantries and witticisms, whereupon I was on the point of asking her out to "take suthin'," when the thought occurred that I was in France and not in the United States or bloody England, where such things are somewhat customary. I purchased a number of "timbres quittances, affiches, de dimensions, et discharges," paid for the same in spot cash, made her a polite bow with a highly accented "bon jour," took my departure, and came back next morning to get a lot more. She was no doubt expecting me, some choice specimens were spread out for my inspection, including the triad of "timbres imperial Journeaux," the 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, and pair of 60's unpaid, also the 10 lithograph, and a beautiful set of 1849 Republic, the 20c being in two shades of black.

From here I strolled on down to the post-office which was located amidst the wreck of the famed Tuilleries, that magnificent palace of the French kings, which is now a monumental ruin to the insatiable, bloodthirsty, destructive tendencies of the French commune. In the northeastern corner, beneath the sheltering protection of a lot of dilapidated sheds, reposed the great Parisian post-office. Here I purchased a number of current adhesives, envelopes and wrappers, but could not persuade the wily descendant of the Great Bonaparte to sell me a single "timbre taxe." It seemed very funny after being used to our lowest priced stamp, the one-center, to throw down a franc piece (20 cents) and get in return one hundred able bodied full sized postage stamps. I can't say but I experimented a little too frequent in this pleasant pastime, rather loading myself down with the figures of peace and commerce sitting on a globe, but after all the stamps are good, worth face value always and can be used later on to advantage. Next day I proceeded to hunt up the firm of Gruatt & Bonn who were billed as residing at 84 Faubourg St., Honore. Proceeding to the

above number, I found it to be a tailor establishment, I showed to the disciple of the scissors Gruatt & Bonn's address, printed on an envelope, but he knew of no such persons or parties. Here was a go. A firm known all over the Philatelic world by their large and extensive dealings thousands of miles distant, across oceans, countries, deserts and the like and here when at home and within a few feet of their establishment, nobody knew anything about the big firm. Verily a prophet is without honor in his own country. For half an hour I hung about "numero 84," peering up at the windows, down into the basement and on the whole very much disappointed in not finding the gentlemen I was seeking. A big Gen'd Arme came along, looked at me suspiciously, and wanted to know if I was a pick-pocket or a private detective. I assured him my intentions were honorable and exhibited to him the address I was seeking. Grasping me by the arm, the six-foot policeman (Gen'd'Armes are Parisian Police) marched me across the street, into a narrow entrance alongside the tailor shop, up six flights of stairs and halted at an insignificant door directly in front of us. The latter was almost immediately opened and I stood facing Monsieur Gruatt. The policeman left me with a bow, at the same time clutching one of my franc pieces, (you have to fee every body in Europe) and I entered Gruatt & Bonn's mammoth establishment at the invitation of the proprietors. It was 10x12 room and although small in dimension was simply loaded with postage stamps and their relatives. I introduced myself to M. Gruatt, who instantly flew to a closet, rummaged among his magazines and papers a few minutes and then sprung Mekeel's famous journal on me with the mug of Yours Truly on the 99th page. I inquired for Mr. Bonn (the junior partner) when my new friend informed me that he also was Mr. Bonn as well as Mr. Gruatt (but don't any of you give this little bit of confidential information away please.) The combination of two in one

(Monsieur Gruatt) entertained me most delightfully and exhibited to my wondering eyes stacks of Philatelic treasures that must have represented a large outlay of money. He seemed particularly replete with surcharged issues of every nation, and also showed me the fraudulent German reproductions of our periodicals which were the first I had seen.

Dropping stamps, the polite Frenchman escorted me around Paris, introducing me to the mysteries of the Bourse, etc., and making my visit to his city much more agreeable than it might otherwise have been. Here is a case of a total stranger in a foreign country receiving courtesies and attentions galore and all owing to the postage stamp. I was much pleased with the handsome manner in which I was treated by the polished little Frenchman and take this occasion of recommending him to all American collectors as a gentleman in every sense of the word.

J. M. T. PARTELLO.

A Word Regarding Revenues.

BY U. S. R.

The time has arrived when the collecting of revenue stamps is growing very fast. Revenue stamps have ceased to be discarded as worthless, and the number of collectors is steadily increasing.

And why should all this not be?

The revenue stamps of the United States are as handsome a set of stamps as the collector would care for, the different shapes and varieties of perforation, paper, etc, give an interesting field for the collector.

The writers on postage stamps are continually urging collectors to go through packages of old letters in hopes of finding some gems for their collections.

In this manner of procuring stamps the revenue collector has fully as good a field and in my opinion a better one than the postage stamp collector, while I have never made any great "finds" in postage stamps, I have had very good success with revenues.

One of the best places to hunt for rev-

enue stamps is in a lawyer's office, especially one who has been in the profession a good many years.

A day or two ago I chanced to have occasion to go to the office of a gentleman with whom I was slightly acquainted, and as I entered the room he was looking over a package of deeds, etc. There were about 25 papers in the package and he was deliberating whether to destroy them or not. While turning one of them over I caught a glimpse of several stamps on it and I quickly told him that if they were of no use to him I should be happy to have them. He was surprised to find that they could be of any use to me so I explained that there might be some desirable stamps on them.

He came to the conclusion that they would be of no use to him, and told me I was welcome to them.

After finishing my other business with him I commenced to examine the stamps. They were all document stamps of the first issue, and numbered 40 in all.

By consulting Sterling's catalogue I learned that I had found something desirable. In the lot were four \$10 probate of will stamps, surface paper, value \$1 each. Besides these were several other probate of will stamps of less value, a number of charter party stamps, and many others. The catalogue value of the stamps was about \$10, but I think I should be unable to dispose of them for cash for more than \$5. However, as this sum was more than I expected to get, I was perfectly satisfied with my "find."

There are rumors to the effect that Washington is to have a philatelic paper.

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EDITORIAL.

The principal philatelic question during the past month has been that of the *American Philatelist* and the vote of the Association was called to take place on May 10th.

Just as we go to press we have received a telegram stating that the amendment was carried by 108 votes, 141 voting for the amendment and 33 against it.

In choosing the representative paper the vote was much closer, before the vote was called it seemed certain that the choice was between the *Philatelic Journal of America* and the *Western Philatelist*. The *Philatelic Journal of America* received 79 votes and the *Western Philatelist* 59, this places the *P. J. of A.* ahead by 20 votes.

Although the REVIEW was not in favor of the amendment, since it has been carried by a popular vote we can but make the best of our defeat and congratulate the Association on its choice of the paper that is to be its official organ.

We are much pleased with the success of No. 7 of the REVIEW. We received a large number of subscriptions last month and hope to be favored with a few more this month.

No. 4 of the *American Philatelist* publishes the names of twenty-two applicants for membership to the A. P. A. This is not so very bad.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* still continues to publish the "Official Decrees." This is a great improvement on a chronicle of new issues.

We have been favored with a copy of the fourth edition of Mr. W. F. Geany's Catalogue of stamps, coins and curiosities. Every collector should have a copy which will be sent on receipt of postage.

REVIEW.

We are in receipt of a neat little book from Messrs. Hancock & Hempstead, of Philadelphia, entitled "A Price Catalogue of U. S. Stamps." It is a useful little book, and should be in the hands of every collector. A copy of it will be given as a premium to every new subscriber to this paper.

The sixth edition of Sterling's United States Postage Stamp Catalogue has appeared. It consists of about 120 pages, and embraces all kinds of U. S. Postage Stamps. The list of locals is compiled by Dr. W. H. Mitchell. The catalogue is an excellent one and should be in every library. Price 25 cents, including a millimeter scale.

Nos. 2 and 3 of the *Buy State Collector* came together. Number 3 consists of eight pages, but it could be improved by more careful proof reading.

No. 5 of the *Texas Stamp* comes to us with eight pages, just one-half ads. In our opinion when an eight-page philatelic paper has to insert the advertisement of liquors and cigars to help defray expenses, it had better go back to four pages, or, better still, suspend.

An interesting paper for collectors of all classes is *Common Sense*, published by F. A. Thomas, of Mexico, N. Y. Those who have not seen it should send to the publisher for a copy.

Richmond's American Philatelic Press Directory is out and is the best thing in the philatelic directory line we have seen. It contains 44 pages and gives information concerning 56 papers.

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The D. S. C. L.

The meeting of May 6th was called to order by President Feldwisch, at 8:05 p. m., Messrs. J. C. and F. W. Feldwisch, Osgood, Drysdale, Gorton, Babb, Carstarphen and Lewis were present.

Communications from Mr. Patrick Chalmers and Mr. S. Bradt were read and placed on file. After other preliminary business the question of the *American Philatelist* was brought up, and a committee appointed to draft resolutions on the subject.

The committee reported the following, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, Considerable dissatisfaction has arisen recently pertaining to the present status of affairs in the American Philatelic Association; and

WHEREAS, Certain parties in the Association have desired an expression of opinion from the D. S. C. L., in the matter; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Denver Stamp Collectors' League in regular session, that while we believe that the condition of affairs in the A. P. A., might be improved, yet we deem it inexpedient at this time to take any action in the matter; and be it further

Resolved, That in the opinion of this League, the official editor is doing all that could be expected of him with the limited means at his command but that we seriously deprecate the action of the Board of Officers in limiting the size of the official organ to eight pages for the term of one year, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions over the signature of the president and the secretary, be sent to the secretary of the A. P. A., and to the Pomeroy, Nashville, Chicago, and St. Louis societies, and they be printed in the official organ of the D. S. C. L. and and the *Collectors Review*, and a marked copy of the official organ be sent to all the societies now known to the Secretary.

At the meeting of May 5th a communication was read from Mr. Rechert and placed on file. Mr. C. G. Woodworth was elected a member. The committee on arrangements for the Second Annual Banquet presented a report and after other business the meeting adjourned.

FRED. W. FELDWISCH,
Secretary.

The Q. C. P. S.

The Queen City Philatelic Society is rapidly growing; the membership has already doubled since its commencement. On the evening of May 14 a new set of officers were installed. They are as follows: President H. Savage; Vice-President, R. Hart; Secretary and Librarian, W. R. Wilson.

The present system of reading essays has been discontinued, and debates will take the place of them.

NEW ISSUES.

R. R. BOBERT.

BOSNIA—We hear of an official post card, black on white.

BRAZIL.—There are two new stamps, 300 reis, blue, and 500 reis, olive. They are inscribed "Correio Impero de Brazil." The 300 has a constellation of stars in the centre, and the 500 an Imperial crown.

BR. BECHUANALAND.—The 1d. band is issued with surcharge in two types.

BULGARIA.—The 1 franc stamp is now inscribed "Edin Lev."

CANADA.—The stamp on the 1c card has been slightly altered and resembles that on the band of 1875.

COSTA RICA.—The 5c. and 10c. were issued Feb 23d. with portrait of the new president.

DUTCH INDIES.—The stamp on the 5c. card has now figure of value in the centre. Green on white.

FARIDKOT.—The cards and envelopes are surcharged with "Faridkot State" in two lines, and arms below the stamps. Envelopes ½a. green, 1a. brown. Cards ¼a. ¼x¼a. The surcharge is in black.

SOUTH AFR. REPUBLIC.—The 3d. lilac 1885 has been surcharged "2d" below which are double lines cancelling the original value.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. *Le Timbre Poste* illustrates new stamp, 3d. green, head in oval. "Postage and Revenue" above, value below, and "South Australia" at the sides; 2sh. 6d. lilac; 5sh. rose; large stamp, 23x40 mm. with same inscription but differently disposed.

TRINIDAD.—There is a 2x2d. card, blue on buff.

UNITED STATES.—The new 2c. envelope has head of Washington in oval band, "United States Postage" at the top and sides and below separated from the same by two stars is "Two Cents." Between the two latter words is a shield containing the figure of value. The lettering is on a plain ground. The color is green. The 5c. is to have Grant instead of Garfield.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—There is a new 2½c. stamp, lilac, with usual arms in oval inscribed "Republica de Colombia." On a curved band across the stamp in large letters is "RETARDO." This is for use on letters received after the closing of the mail.

VICTORIA.—The 2d. is now issued with head on ground of horizontal lines.

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A PHILATELIST'S OBSERVATIONS ABROAD.

PART V.

From Paris my ramblings led me off to Rheims, where all the good champagne comes from; and from bubbling, fizzing, sputtering Rheims I journeyed on to Mons, which is a great manufacturing town just inside the Belgian border. Nothing of moment worth recording occurred in either of the above named towns, and so I passed from Mons to Brussels, which is the next jump, and there I ran across the great and only Moens, who certainly occupies a desirable and enviable position in the great International Philatelic world.

From the "Gare du Nord," driving at once to the Grande Hotel, located on the Boulevard Anspach, I met a genial, good natured, fine looking gentleman at the door of the immense hostelry, who was the manager of the concern, and he introduced himself to me by name as M. Theophile Ebray. I shook Monsieur Ebray warmly by the hand, principally because he spoke such good English and made me so thoroughly comfortable and welcome at his home.

I spent a week in Brussels, but before I had been there three days the sharp-sighted Belgian had found me out, and he accomplished it in this way. The first thing I did was to enquire for Moen's establishment. Upon asking Mr. Ebray the question, he looked sharply at me and said it could be found at No. 7 Galerie Bortier. He asked no questions and I answered none, although his quick, penetrating glance asked as plainly as words could say: "What the devil do you want

with Moens, and how did you ever hear of him?" Mr. Ebray was too polite and well-bred to put his question in words, and I—well, I didn't care to tell my business to strangers, and therefore kept my mouth shut. But on the third morning Ebray caught me on the fly, so to speak, while I was sitting quietly at the breakfast table discussing a bountiful supply of crisp, delicious rolls, topped off with two or three sticks of butter and a pot of fragrant coffee. Ebray burst into the room, his hair on end, and an open pamphlet in his hand, which he thrust under my nose, showing that same old familiar mug of mine on page 99 of "Mekeel's Journal." He didn't wait for me to rise, but began that vigorous pumping operation at my arm, which left no doubt of his delight at meeting me, and that Ebray himself was an ardent philatelist. I pumped and he pumped. We pumped for at least five minutes without stopping, and then I managed to get in a word.

It seems that Mr. Ebray was an advanced collector himself, read American stamp journals extensively, and had a lofty idea of the progress made by American philatelists. From that time on my visit to the Belgian capitol was unusually pleasant and agreeable, and I left the big city behind me with many regrets, not the least of which was the delightful association of Monsieur Ebray and his endeavor to make things pleasant for me in every way he could. That day at dinner beside my plate was a sealed envelope, upon opening which I found inside a complete set of the current Belgian issues, including all the cards, envelopes, telegraphs, etc. The card of Theophile Ebray accompanied the gift. I will say here that I found the pleasantest portion of

my European trip to be the philatelic contingent.

One hears of the brotherly Masonic bond which unites strangers in a foreign land, where, by some mysterious sign or symbol two men of different nationalities meeting in Jerusalem, Damascus, Egypt or elsewhere become suddenly known to each other, and consequently become of mutual help or assistance just in the nick of time. I want to tell American philatelists that the same is true of our favorite pursuit. It is yet in its infancy, but if we can expunge from our ranks the weeds and trash, dishonest frauds, flighty minds and all such dead weight that is apt to drag downwards instead of elevating, I believe and predict that our future will be somewhat on the Masonic order as far as the meeting of strangers in a foreign land is concerned. I found in Europe dead loads of frauds and cheats, but I found also high-minded, noble-hearted, straight-forward, honest gentlemen, who were glad enough to take me by the hand as a representative American philatelist, and nothing more.

Pecuniarily and otherwise my albums were a help to me, for when it is considered that Europe is cursed with the fee system that amounts to considerable in the end, and that a man cannot ask on the streets a simple question of direction without having a hand thrust out for a few centimes, Americans can understand what I mean. The simple fact that I was a philatelist (in good standing, I hope) obtained for me the following advantages in Brussels: My hotel bill was considerably lighter; I got better accommodations, better attention, was exempted from the fee hunters—by order, I imagine—and altogether enjoyed myself far more at the Grande Hotel by reason of freedom from annoyance of the "fleecers" than elsewhere on the continent. I am in correspondence with Mr. Ebray at the present writing, from whom I have received some excellent exchanges since my visit to him two years ago. Any American bearing the card of our Association, were he to call on him,

would receive, I am sure, the same hospitable and cordial treatment accorded the writer.

The Brussels postoffice is in sight of the Grande Hotel, being located in a defunct church of some Protestant denomination or other, the congregation of which, I understand, had been bought out long since by the Roman Catholics, who are in a tremendous majority in Belgium. The population of this little kingdom is, I believe, something like 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 souls, among which are only 15,000 Protestants. At any rate, this old stone church made a pretty fair postoffice. The main office was in the nave, the clerical offices in the gallery, while the registry department was somewhere off in the organ loft. In the very center of the edifice was a long writing table or desk furnished with ink, pens, paper and envelopes, under charge of a uniformed janitor, who supplied the public with these conveniences for the trifling sum of 10 centimes (2 cents). This janitor is a sort of Webster's Unabridged. Did you enquire the distance to Copenhagen or postage to the moon, he was ready with the answer. Submit to him any registered matter for foreign countries, and he could tell you whether dutiable, how much, or whether free from custom house charges. If it is desired to send a package immediately, purchase the goods at a store, go direct to the postoffice, explain your want, and he will have it done up in style, registered and started on its journey, all for the trifling sum of 5 or 10 centimes.

The system in vogue of having postoffice janitors is a good one, for as a rule our postoffice officials are snappy and short, disinclined to answer questions or give information, and might well pattern after the courteous and polite janitors stationed at the various postoffices scattered over continental Europe, who are always willing and anxious to lend a helping hand to foreigners sojourning among them.

I had intended to carry the readers of Part V to see Monsieur Moens when at

home, but this number has grown so large already that I am afraid the gentlemen of the COLLECTOR'S REVIEW would be apt to exercise their editorial prerogative of cutting short when too "long drawn out," so I will anticipate them by cutting it short myself.

In Part VI I shall carry the reader through the mazes of Galerie Bortier, which is certainly, beyond all question or doubt, the mammoth stamp mart of the world.

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Philatelic Papers.

BY ELLIS.

During the past few years the collecting of philatelic papers has formed quite an important adjunct to our hobby, and has proved almost as interesting as the hobby itself, and there is nothing that will prove of more practical value to the philatelist than complete files of our leading stamp journals.

Philatelic books are few and far between, and the philatelist who possesses complete files of our leading journals (which files, in reality, may be regarded as books) may consider himself very fortunate.

In collecting philatelic papers too much importance cannot be attached to discrimination, and, as in all other branches of collecting, reject the worthless and retain that which is good and deserving of your attention.

Philatelic papers are very closely connected with philately and are about the only means we have of learning the past history of our hobby. I have found back numbers of papers that have long since gone to rest to be very interesting, and although some of the statements which were then supposed to be true seem to us now to be very absurd, taken as a whole much useful information may be derived from them.

Typographically the stamp papers of to-day are a vast improvement on those of ten years ago, but in many respects there is a great similarity between them then and now.

An experiment tried by Mr. Scott a number of years since in his *American Journal of Philately*, and also now practiced by some publishers in Europe, that of illustrating new issues in their proper colors, was an excellent idea and the only pity is that some of our enterprising publishers do not again try the plan in this country. It not only enriches the appearance of the paper, but also makes a very interesting department of an otherwise rather dull one, and also helps the collector a great deal in remembering the stamp.

Chicago Philatelic Society.

Meeting of June 16th, held at the Tremont House, President Bradt in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. Bradford, Bradt, Clark, Drury, Gadsden, Holtfoft, Pierce, Wilson, and Wolsiefer. Dr. C. W. Evans was present as a visitor. This being the first time we have had the pleasure of meeting our corresponding member, Mr. S. B. Bradford, he was tendered a cordial welcome. The resignation of Mr. Mitchell as Treasurer and member was read and referred to the executive committee. The resignation of Mr. H. F. Heuer was read and accepted, with the regrets of the society. Other communications were read, including one from Pat. Chalmers. On report of the executive committee the resignation of Mitchell was again taken up and was accepted. Motion prevailed that the Librarian be instructed to place the library in the office of Mr. Pierce in order that it might be accessible to all members; also that current numbers of the various publications received by the society be so placed without unnecessary delay. Adjourned at 10 P. M. Next meeting June 30th.

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EDITORIAL.

Last month we announced the result of the popular vote on the question of the *American Philatelist*. Since then the vote of the Board of Officers has been taken and resulted in favor of the *Western Philatelist*.

It is now stated that immediately upon this result being known forty-one members appealed from the decision of the Board.

This is right. The majority should rule. The *Philatelic Journal of America* received twenty more votes than the *Western Philatelist*, and is justly entitled to be our organ.

It is now known that the offers of both the *Philatelic Journal of America* and *Western Philatelist* were amended before the vote of the Board was taken, and as both offers were made the same by the amendments, there is so much more reason why the *Philatelic Journal of America* should be chosen.

The *American Philatelist* was abolished by a majority, and the *Western Philatelist* was chosen by a minority. This is consistent (?)

If the Board of officers voted so directly against the wishes of the members, we are glad to know that those members have appealed from their decision.

In the May issue the *Western Philatelist* requested a vote of its readers on the ten leading philatelic journals. The June number publishes the result as follows:

1. "Western Philatelist;"
2. "Philatelic Journal of America;"
3. "The Stamp;"
4. "Philatelic Gazette;"
5. "Quaker City Philatelist;"
6. "Stamp Collectors' Figaro;"
7. "Keystone State Philatelist;"
8. "Halifax Philatelist;"
9. "Collectors' Review;"
10. "Philatelic World."

The above list we think is as nearly correct as any, although it is about a tie for first place. Chicago, Philadelphia and Denver each have two papers. Out of the 81 votes cast the REVIEW received 27, and was accorded ninth place. For a paper that started with four pages nine months ago we consider ninth place, humble as it is, entirely satisfactory. When the next vote is taken, however, we hope to be able to rise a point or two.

Numerous reports are being circulated to the effect that S. Allen Taylor has come to grief. If this is true, philately is to be congratulated on being rid of this celebrated swindler.

REVIEW.

Brother Jewett struggles along and the February number of the *Philatelic Herald* appears in May. If it could only appear on time the *Herald* would be a much better paper. By the way the Society Directory is an excellent idea.

We have received the cover and announcements of a new paper, *The Collector's Journal* which will appear in July from Brooklyn, N. Y. No. 1 will consist of twelve pages and cover and contain numerous illustrations. The advertising department is under the supervision of Mr. Geo. H. Richmond.

Brown seems to be a favorite color with philatelic publishers. The *P. J. of A.*, *Western Philatelist*, *The Stamp*, *Philatelic Gazette*, *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, and the REVIEW all had brown covers last month.

The *American Philatelist* received but one obituary notice. It appeared in *The Stamp*.

We publish elsewhere in this number a letter from Lieut. Partello, which, concerning as it does a matter of such vital importance to every member of the A. P. A., is worthy of a careful perusal by every free-thinking philatelist.

Owing to change of printers, we are considerably delayed this month. We promised once before that we would not let this happen again, but circumstances alter cases, and the best that we can do is to promise to do better hereafter, and we hope that in the future we will be, as our esteemed contemporary, *The Stamp*, has been in the past, "always on time."

Mr. Wm. M. Watson informs us that he has purchased an interest in the *Keystone State Philatelist*, and will discontinue his *Germantown Philatelist*. Its subscription list will be filled by the former paper.

The D. S. C. L.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the second annual meeting of the D. S. C. L. was held before the usual date, and the evening of June 2d was decided upon.

When the meeting of June 2d was called to order by President Feldwisch. Every member of the League was present, which made the largest attendance we have had for a number of months.

After transacting all preliminary business the principal business of the meeting, the annual election, was brought up. It was decided that there should be no nominations made, but that the candidates should be chosen by informal ballot. The two having the largest number of votes should then be voted upon by formal ballot.

The office of President was first voted upon and Mr. D. W. Osgood, Jr., was elected to the position. For the past two years Mr. J. C. Feldwisch has held this office and made a most excellent and able President. Mr. Osgood is one of the prominent philatelists of Denver and one of the editors of *The Stamp*.

For the office of Vice-President, on withdrawal of the other candidates, Mr. F. E. Carstarphen was elected by acclamation.

For the office of Secretary Mr. F. W. Feldwisch and H. A. Babb were the candidates. After thanking the members for their kindness, Mr. Feldwisch withdrew and Mr. Babb was elected to the position. Mr. Feldwisch has been our Secretary for the past two years and has given the utmost satisfaction.

Mr. J. C. Feldwisch was elected Treasurer and Mr. C. B. Lewis Librarian.

Although the new officers have been elected they will not be installed until the regular annual meeting in July, when our third year will commence.

The following is the list of the new officers:

President, D. W. Osgood, Jr.; Vice-President, F. E. Carstarphen; Secretary, H. A. Babb; Treasurer, J. C. Feldwisch; Librarian, C. B. Lewis; Executive Committee, D. W. Osgood, Jr., H. A. Babb, J. C. Feldwisch.

After the election the members proceeded to refresh themselves with lemonade, and then adjourned to Baur's restaurant where more substantial refreshment was provided.

Junior Philatelic Society.

On the evening of June 11th several prominent philatelists of St. Louis met at the residence of one of their number for the purpose of organizing a philatelic society. The result of this meeting was the formation of the Junior Philatelic Society, with a membership of eight collectors.

After some preliminary business the following officers were elected: President, A. G. Mucke; Vice-President, George Stannard; Secretary, Herbert Condie; Treasurer, S. Givens; Librarian, T. Bates Browning.

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EDITORS COLLECTOR’S REVIEW:

Gentlemen:—It is with a great deal of regret that I note the division in our great national association on the subject of a successor to the *American Philatelist*.

The rock that our brothers have split upon is one that I should scarcely have considered dangerous until the crash came, for aside from all sectional feeling, personal friendship, interest in the welfare of any individual or individuals, local pride, local journals, personal desires or anything else, I had hoped that our national organ would prove a success, and had no suspicion of the tottering condition of the same until it fell over. I, for one, greatly deplore the disaster, and hope it is not yet too late to raise the craft and set her floating again. We see in politics, in societies, in unions, etc., much that is inharmonious, disagreeable and discordant. Let us keep our beautiful brotherhood free from such damaging impurities. The bond which unites us is broad and sympathetic; it needs none of the small-sized squabbling to keep our interest alive and main object in view, and let us therefore settle all differences by fair argument rather than descend to petty disputing on debatable points. An association of our size and standing, (by the latter I mean a great deal, because the very study of philately forbids participation by the illiter-

ate and ignorant) composed of educated, refined and progressive members is, in the course of time and events bound to go on improving and enlarging until some day we will find ourselves a power in the land. Our representative journals have taken marvelous leaps upwards of late, and today the leaders, in their specialties, are the compeers of the best magazines and journals in the world, whatever their specialties or hobbies may be. It is my opinion that the Association made a happy selection of officers, and I trust it will be just as fortunate in securing successors of equal ability and high standard when the next election takes place; and therefore, in the firm belief that we are bound to become something after awhile, I think we should have an official paper which shall be strictly an Association journal, and devoted to nothing else except the business of the Association. Still, while thus expressing my own preferences in this regard, I am perfectly aware and fully understand that the majority should rule, and therefore lament the death of the *American Philatelist*, although it was an honorable demise. If the Association is not yet prepared to support an official organ, perhaps it will be later on; so the death of its first-born may be only temporary, and the youngster may yet rise to life again. But the question we are now to deal with is a successor. Gentlemen, while respecting the opinions and motives of the Official Board, whose action we believe to be straightforward and square, although not fully endorsing it, yet I must say that it appears to me as if the jewel of fair play had been pretty roughly handled; 79 beats 59, and the 79er should have received the cake. As a philatelic expounder, I think all will agree with me in giving the *Western Philatelist* its just due of ranking as one of the best; yet the *Philatelic Journal of America* touches high water mark, and a majority voted for the latter. Unless the Board have some very good reason for their selection, I think the appeal should be considered.

My first vote was that the life of the *American Philatelist* should be spared, but in case it was condemned to die, my second choice was the *P. J. of A.* Although I have not as yet voted for the appeal, I take this occasion of recording my ballot in favor of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, which, in consideration of the majority cast for it, should now be the official organ of the American Philatelic Association.

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A PHILATELIST'S OBSERVATIONS ABROAD.

PART VI.

J. B. Moens is a man rather above the medium height, with coal-black eyes, coal-black hair, a moustache of ebony hue, frown as dark as night, and weighs I should judge, take him at catch weight, fully 240 pounds avoirdupois. His face is large and round, complexion olive, and did you not know he was in the harmless stamp trade, a stranger might take him at first sight to be a Belgian marshal or a fierce and unrelenting judge, a lord high executioner or something of that kind. I have no fear of receiving a challenge to fight a duel, even if the above complimentary description of the great and only Moens should catch that gentleman's eye; for with all his other accomplishments the Brussels stamp merchant cannot speak a word of English, not to speak of the little matter of some eight or ten thousand miles which separates us at this writing, and then besides all this I know Moens isn't a good shot at long range.

His place of business is the Galerie Bortiere, and his office is No. 7. The Galerie Bortiere is simply an arcade running through from one street to another, cutting a square or block into two parts, and is lined with shops on both sides. A great many of the Parisian and Belgian blocks are arranged in this manner, so that one starting on a shopping tour in either of the above named cities, can drift from galerie to galerie, make all sorts of purchases and spend any quantity of money and never get even moistened by a drop, although it may be raining

pitchforks in the streets outside. The galerie Bortiere is the center of the stamp and meerschaum pipe trade of Brussels. I counted no less than 14 stores where philatelic goods could be bought, the balance of the arcade being devoted to pipes and music—principally the former. The galerie is really a handsome place for any sight-seer to visit. The city is old, many of the shops being creations of the last century, so that the cumulative improvements of ages has added much to the beauty of the ancient and modern buildings. To traverse one of these galleries brings forth pleasant remembrances of the famous crystal palace of London. You appear to wander amidst a wilderness of glass and gold. No uncouth shutters or coarse wooden blinds mar the dazzling symmetry of the whole; for from one end of the passage to the other, clean-cut crystal set off with ebony and gold trimmings greets the eye; a dome of glass and a pavement of marble carries the American stranger at once into fairy land, and the artistic arrangements of wares on both sides, tempts him to part with all the wealth he may chance to be possessed of at the time.

Entering from the Rue Madelaine, I walked through the passage a short distance, stopping at numero 7. Before proceeding inside I glanced at the windows and doorway where hung in frames, on sheets and mounted upon cards, more adhesives than I had ever before in my life seen at one glance. A pile of albums in one window mounted to the ceiling, and being reflected from above, had the appearance of going on upwards to a platform away beyond the roof. The other side was adorned with some handsome frames, in which were placed vari-

ties of stamps, tastefully arranged as to colors and designs. If I remember aright, one frame contained a complete set of Italian issues to date, including the rare Sardinian envelopes, original and entire, with a number of unused Italian revenues at the bottom. Entering the open doorway, I was greeted by a pleasant young man behind the counter, who inquired in Flemish-French, my wants and desires. At once I put the stereotyped phrase: "*Parlez vous anglaise?*" "Of course," he replied, and we were at our ease from that moment. He enquired my nativity and object of my visit, and learning all these points, forthwith proceeded to be as accommodating and as polite to me as possible. While we were pleasantly conversing, a gentleman in a plug hat and carrying a white-headed cane bustled into the shop, glanced at me hastily, muttered the one word, "pardon," (which meant excuse me) and straightway proceeded to talk my new acquaintance deaf, dumb and blind. He rattled away and jabbered at the clerk at railroad speed, who gave him as good as he sent, and this thing they kept up for at least ten minutes, without once pausing to recover breath or see who had the best of the fight. Among all this conglomeration of the tongues, I caught the word "catalogue" frequently uttered, which served to show me what the gentleman with a plug hat was after. All at once the wordy battle came to an end. The g. with a p. h. ran his hand down into his hip pocket, (happily not for a pistol), drew out a rather fat and corpulent portmonnaie, abstracted 27 francs therefrom, placed them on the glass counter, grabbed up the ponderous volume they had been disputing over, gave a friendly glance and pleasant nod to me, darted out of the doorway and was gone.

"Jerusalem!" thought I; 27 francs — five dollars and forty cents — for a catalogue; that man must be a monster to charge such a preposterous, outrageous price for a catalogue. I turned to the clerk, who was regarding me with a smile,

and he assured me the book and the price of it was correct. I examined the volume. It was like a Webster's Unabridged, in size and form the same, excepting about half the thickness, and was certainly as complete as such a work could be made. I will not attempt to describe the catalogue, as it would require too much time and space to do it even partial justice. Inquiring for Monsieur Moens, I was told that the master of the establishment was at that moment busy in the upper story, and that at all times he was scarcely visible to anybody. Producing my card, I asked the clerk to carry it up into the "den of the monster," and as he disappeared up the winding stairway, I prepared myself to meet the great stamp merchant in a becoming manner; that is, if he would condescend to receive me. Would he spring Mekeel's Journal on me like the others had done? Had my fame and name reached Brussels and become familiar to the proprietor of No. 7? Down came the clerk in a moment, and was followed by Mr. Moens, who received me in a cool, courteous, polite and distant manner. I have already described his personal appearance, but upon applying to him my old stand-by—"Parlez vous Anglaise?"—he slowly and positively shook his head, waiting for me to continue the conversation in French. I questioned him regarding the great men of our own country (Philatelic celebrities I mean), but he knew nobody, knew nothing of us, and never read American journals.

"Did you ever hear of such a country as the United States?" I broke out in the broad and clear dialect of Uncle Sam. He eyed me suspiciously, gravely shook his head, while the clerk in his rear was nearly convulsed into a fit. This great man stood there like a statue, scarcely opening his ponderous jaws except to say "oui" or "non," and was evidently bound that I should do all the talking. Now, if we had been in America, I could have said: "Come outside, pard and let's take a drink," and all difficulties would have been smoothed over at once, but I couldn't

do that, and so I stood looking at him and his dark, lowering frown until I began to feel very silly. Then I suddenly be-thought myself, and uttered the phrase: "Bon jour, monsieur!" Whereupon the great and only Moens also muttered "Bon jour, monsieur," reached out and shook me coldly by the hand, turned his back on me, and slowly ascended the stairs. When he was gone I turned to the clerk, who had been an amused spectator of the whole scene.

The latter assured me the old man was all right, but that he was a great student, very busy at all times, was possessed of considerable wealth—sufficient to make him independent of the United States or any other one-horse place, and that, as a rule, he didn't take kindly to foreigners.

But aside from all his peculiarities, I think Mr. Moens should be given the proper place in the Philatelic world he is justly entitled to; and if we are to judge a man by his works, J. B. Moens certainly stands very near the top notch in his own particular sphere.

J. M. T. PARTELLO.

The D. S. C. L.

Meeting of June 30th called to order at 8:20, President Feldwisch in the chair. Messrs. Osgood, J. C. Feldwisch, Lewis, Woodworth, Drysdale and Carstarphen present.

Mr. F. W. Feldwisch being absent Mr. Carstarphen was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Upon motion the reading of the rules was dispensed with. Several unimportant matters pertaining to the A. P. A. were discussed and disposed of.

The meeting of July 14th being the end of our second fiscal year the officers were instructed by the President to make their annual reports upon this occasion.

Mr. Lewis was appointed a committee of one to enquire the cost of badges for the members of the League. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Lewis and motion of Mr. Osgood a committee of three, to con-

sist of the members of the Executive committee, was appointed to formulate a plan for the preparation of a suitable exhibit to be displayed at the exhibition which will be held in Denver during the month of September.

The President appointed the Executive committee as this committee, which body will make all arrangements for the display. The stamps, etc., for the same are to be furnished by the members, who will be called upon to contribute any rare or desirable specimens they may possess, or anything of interest pertaining to Philately.

After spending the remainder of the evening in examining our President's magnificent collection, the society adjourned at a late hour to meet again July 14th.

F. E. CARSTARPHEN,
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THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Philad'a, Pa., Meeting July 9, '87.

Meeting called to order at 8:20, p. m. Vice-President Corfield in the chair.

Messrs. Chiles, Corfield, Derborow, Mac Calla, Siddall, Lynde and Scarlett present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Communication from Mr. Harvey read and filed. Mr. Siddall exhibited some of the new set of Siam and a magnificent specimen of Bloods City dispatch with dove on original envelope. Auction was brisk. Adjourned, 9:05 p. m.

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EDITORIAL.

The publisher of the "Tag World," having decided to discontinue the publication of his journal, has transferred his subscription list to the publishers of this paper. To all interested in this branch of collecting the "World" was particularly valuable, as it was undoubtedly the leading tag paper of the country. We have a limited supply of back numbers of the "World," which are for sale at the prices given in another column.

In justice to Mr. Thomas we wish to say that owing to a typographical error in his "ad." the circulation of "Common Sense" has appeared as 300 copies, instead of 3,000 as it should be. Please note the correction.

After a year's absence Messrs. Feldwisch Bros. have again entered the ranks as dealers. These gentlemen are well and favorably known in the philatelic world, and we predict for them unbounded success.

In an editorial in its July number the "Youth's Ledger" criticises one of its exchanges for having copied one of its articles without giving credit for it, yet at the same time, it allows an article to appear in its columns, purporting to have been "written for the Ledger by Stampo," copied almost verbatim from the "Texas Stamp." Consistent!

In the selection of Mr. Fraser for editor of the "Empire State Philatelist" its publishers showed sound judgment and appreciation. Mr. F. displayed talent when editor of the "American Philatelist," and with but a few pages at his disposal, consequently we may expect brilliant productions from his pen when he assumes the editorial chair of the E. P., and with such an able man at the helm we hope soon to see this truly excellent paper back in its former position as one of America's representative stamp journals.

The Queen City Philatelic Society of this city, has disbanded for the summer, and will not meet again until September.

Mr. Chas. G. Woodworth, of this city, has purchased the stock of stamps owned by Mr. J. W. Thoreau, and also that of Mr. E. S. Engel. Parties answering the advertisement of the latter will please address Mr. W.

We recently received a Decatur, Ill., paper, bearing date of July 6th, containing the following item, which speaks for itself: "Born, on the night of July 3rd, to Mr. & Mrs. Jno. S. Bixby, a son." We extend to the happy father our sincere congratulations.

The plan for the D. S. C. L. to hold a stamp exhibition was received with great enthusiasm by its members, and from the present outlook the exhibition promises to be a decided success.

Our August number will contain in addition to its usual contents, a full and complete report of the A. P. A. convention. If you wish to obtain a copy send in your subscription at once, and have it begin with the August number.

A. P. A.

The result of the vote upon the amendments and choice for an official organ is as follows:

For first amendment.....	53
For second amendment.....	87
Blank.....	13
Scattering.....	1

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FIRST CHOICE OF PAPER.

For Philatelic Journal of America.... 18

For Western Philatelist.....	57
For Quaker City Philatelist.....	4
For Empire State Philatelist.....	1
Blank.....	24

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SECOND CHOICE OF PAPER.

For Philatelic Journal of America....	81
For Western Philatelist.....	58
For Quaker City Philatelist.....	4
Blank.....	9
Scattering.....	2

As will be seen by the above neither of the amendments having received two-thirds of the votes cast the situation is practically unchanged, and will in all probability remain so until the convention.

The August Convention.

The time is rapidly approaching for the second annual convention of the A. P. A., which is to be held in Chicago, August 8th. Already the papers are full of it and what it is expected to do. And it is quite right that they should be, for it is only by thorough discussion in the press that jobs like the official organ business are made impossible. What is the convention to do? In the first place settle the American Philatelist matter at once and for all time. We should advise adopting the amendment numbered two in the late vote and at the same time electing the official organ therein provided for. This amendment leaves the question of choosing the official organ to the members where it belongs, and thus gives no chance for interested parties to foist an organ on the society that a majority does not want.

President Tiffany makes some excellent suggestions regarding the amending of the constitution, which is after all the most important matter before the convention. He suggests that either the dues be lowered or payment in installments permitted. The latter plan is an excellent one, but the dues are not sufficient to provide for the society's expenses as it is, and it might seriously cripple the officers in getting out official circulars and taking general votes if the dues were reduced. Two dollars a year is little enough and by

making it payable in quarterly installments no difficulty need be anticipated. While on the subject of expenses we would state that it is said that the rent of the rooms when the first convention met has not been paid. Shameful, if true.

Another thing we would like to see and would strongly urge upon the convention is the giving of all members a right to vote. Limit the age of membership if you will, but give each and every member the right of ballot. It is all nonsense to say that a boy who has sense enough to see the advantages of becoming a member hasn't got sense enough to vote on an amendment to the Constitution. There are many other things which might be added but space forbids and we will content ourselves with urging every member if he cannot be present to send his proxy to some one in whom he has confidence. It seems to us inadvisable to send it to Chicago parties or to any one else, who is strongly interested in the official organ. There is an intense personal feeling on that question aroused in certain quarters, and the interests of the society can be better served by intrusting your proxy to some unprejudiced party who will vote it for the good of the A. P. A., and not to serve some private end.

REVIEW.

One of our best papers is the "Stamp Collector's Figaro," which although but four months old, has already made a large number of friends. The publisher has reduced his subscription price for a short time and all should take advantage of the offer.

The "Philatelic Gazette" has closed its third volume, and commences its fourth year as one of the oldest and most popular journals in America.

We did think there was no room for improvement in the "Stamp," but we have been agreeably disappointed; as its July number has appeared greatly improved both in appearance and contents.

Texas is once more without a representative in Philatelic literature. Its last

hope was the "Texas Stamp," and now we learn that, owing to his time being occupied by other matters, Mr. Martin has discontinued his paper and will refund to subscribers the money due them for subscriptions. We are glad to see our Texas brethren so honest in the matter of refunding subscription money.

Hubbard's Premium Coin List was received too late for a review in our last issue. It is well printed and illustrated, and from a comparison of the prices given with those paid by other dealers we find them very liberal.

The Useful Instructor will be known hereafter as the Canada Stamp and Coin Journal, and will be devoted entirely to Philately and Numismatics. Quite a change for the better.

The Stamp Record for May is just out. Mr. Richards has transferred the paper to Mr. Tedford, one of its former owners, who informs us that he will get out the delayed numbers as fast as possible, and hopes soon to be on time with his publication.

The Mohawk Standard has enlarged to eight pages.

On or about Aug. 15th Mr. John M. Douglas Jr., will issue a Philatelic Directory, which will be published on quite a large scale, and will contain the names and addresses of two thousand dealers and collectors. We trust that this publication will amount to more than a number of others of the same style, which were lately announced, but existed only on paper.

The Old Curiosity Shop appears for July with 8 pages and a cover.

The Philatelic Record is announced to appear from Binghamton, N. Y., on Aug. 1st.

Among our foreign exchanges this month we notice Bric a Brac, El Philtelista, Le Timbre Levantin, Herdman's Miscellany, and The Briefmarken Anseger. Publishers will please accept thanks.

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NEW ISSUES.

AZORES.—The Portuguese letter cards have been surcharged for use in these islands.

CEYLON.—A new stamp of the value of R. 1.12 has just been issued. It is of the same general design as the R. 2.50 stamp. Color, reddish violet.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—The 2d is now yellow brown instead of violet.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A new 6d has been issued; pale blue. It is inscribed "Postage and revenue," and somewhat resembles the 3d lately issued.

UNITED STATES.—A new 1c. stamp has just been issued. The head of Franklin is in an oval, with shaded background, the lower portion of the oval being bordered with pearls, and the upper portion with a curved panel containing, in small white letters, the words "United States Postage." The whole is on a shield-shaped tablet with a truncated pyramidal base bearing on it the words "One 1 cent." Color, ultramarine.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

At 10 o'clock in the morning of August 8th, about 30 delegates assembled in the club rooms of the Tremont House, to hold the second annual convention of our national association.

The following were present in person: Messrs Tiffany, Bradt, Sterling, Stone, Calman, Mekeel, Wolsieffer, Curziweg, Perry, Fuelscher, Nicholson, Mitchell, Gadsden, Clark, Bradford, Dill, Voute, Stebbins, Seagrave, Haskell, McKinney, Wilson, Tower, Pierce, Woodbury and Hutchinson, and 161 of the other members were represented by proxy. At 10:30 the President called the convention to order. A preliminary roll-call showed a quorum present.

The President appointed Messrs. Bradt, Sterling and Mekeel a committee on credentials, and announced a recess until 12 m. At the reassembling the report of the committee on credentials was submitted, upon which, the constitutional two-thirds being represented, the President declared the convention opened and ready for business.

The report of the committee on credentials was accepted.

The committee on standing rules then made its report. Moved to accept the report. Mr. Calman moved to amend the report as to the clause in reference to the number of members of committees, so that the committee on the constitution should consist of five members, the president ex officio as one. The amendment was carried and the report adopted without dissent.

The roll being called, the secretary announced the number present and represented by proxy, as 182.

Communications being in order, a communication from the members of the association in Denver was read and laid over for the present.

The reports of officers and committees being next in order, the reports of the secretary, finance committee, librarian,

and on exchange and the purchasing department, and branch agency, and the trustees were all read and accepted. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Roll called at 7:30 p. m. Quorum present. Secretary read a communication from the librarian. The president then read his address. Adjourned till 10:30 a. m., Aug. 9.

Tuesday, Aug 9, 1887.

The convention was called to order by the president at 12 o'clock. The roll-call showed 179 members present in person or by proxy.

Mr. Wolsieffer—I call the attention of the convention to a resolution before offered by me, in regard to some proper recognition of Mr. Chalmers as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, and move that a committee of three be appointed, of which the President shall be one, to frame suitable resolutions on that subject. Motion carried.

The President having been excused from acting as one of said committee, then appointed Messrs. Wolsieffer, Mekeel and Stone to constitute the committee.

Mr. Dill—At the suggestion of one of the St. Louis members, I suggest that we adopt some badge or button by which we may be known. I make this as a motion. Motion laid over.

Mr. Stone—I suppose we shall have to fix the place for our next meeting sooner or later; I move that we proceed to ballot for the purpose of selecting the place of holding our next convention. Carried.

President holds that nominations are in order.

Mr. Calman—I nominate the city of Boston.

Mr. Wolsieffer—I nominate the city of St. Louis.

Mr. Wilson—I nominate the city of Erie, Pa.

A member, on behalf of some of his proxies, nominated the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Stone—On behalf of one of my proxies I nominate New York.

Mr. Mekeel—I nominate Niagara Falls.

After considerable discussion the roll was called, and resulted in 123 being in favor of Boston, 53 for St. Louis, 10 for Philadelphia and one for New York, 187 votes being cast.

Moved that Boston be the unanimous choice for the next Convention. Carried.

Mr. Dill—"I move that a committee be appointed to arrange for photographing the Convention. Carried.

Secretary—"I wish to state that a Stenographer has been employed by the President and Secretary, and I suggest that the association stand a share of the expense incurred."

Mr. Mekeel—"I move that we appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20, to pay for a Stenographer of the Convention." Carried.

The Secretary presented an application for membership of Mr. Joseph J. Casey, which was endorsed to the Association for action. The Chair ruled the application out of order.

Mr. Stone—"I move that a Committee be appointed to prepare resolutions requesting the Postmaster General, or other authority to give the consent of the Department to the use of illustrations for the work about to be issued on United States Envelopes by Messrs. Bogert and Reebert." On motion this matter was laid on the table.

Treasurer's report was then read by Mr. Bradt.

Secretary—"The report shows a cash balance of \$88.06. The total amount of his receipts was \$526, and his disbursements, \$437.94. The last warrant he had not paid when I made out my report."

The report went to the Committee on Finances.

The report of the Library Committee was presented, recommending an appropriation of \$25, for the purpose of binding and cataloguing the library, and also that the Librarian be instructed to subscribe for such foreign periodicals as they do not receive through exchanges.

Mr. Mekeel—"I move that the necessary money be appropriated for the binding." Motion carried.

Mr. Mekeel—"Mr. Chairman, I would move that portion of the report of the Committee instructing the Librarian to subscribe for certain foreign Journals that he cannot obtain otherwise, be adopted, and that he be so instructed and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer for the necessary funds."

Mr. Calman amended by limiting the appropriation to \$5. Carried as amended.

President—"Is there any further action to be taken on the report of the commit-

tee? If not, the report of the Committee on Exchange and the Purchasing Department is in order."

Mr. Calman—"At present we have only been able to formulate the report with regard to the Exchange Department."

Mr. Calman then read the report and recommended its adoption.

Mr. Bradt—"I move that we adopt the report as a whole." Motion carried.

President—"The next thing in order is the report of the committee on the Official Journal. Is this Committee prepared to report?"

Mr. Mekeel—"I move we adjourn."

After much discussion, adjournment was made till 5:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order at 5:45 by the president and the roll called.

There being 176 members present or represented by proxy a quorum was present. The report of the Committee on Exchange and the Purchasing Department was then in order. The report of the Committee was then read by Mr. Calman.

The report of the committee on the constitution and by-laws was received and it was moved that the constitution and by-laws as amended be adopted. Unanimously carried.

The next thing in order was the report of the committee on the official journal.

Mr. Stone—"In the absence of Mr. Sterling I have been asked to read the report." After reading the report Mr. Stone read the Denver petition.

Mr. Mekeel—"I move that the report of the committee on official organ be accepted."

President—"In order that this matter may be understood I will announce that the recommendation of the committee is, that the association publish its own organ, providing the members will obligate themselves to take sufficient advertising space to relieve the treasury of at least one-half the expense. They also advise that some provision for that should be adopted and that the price of advertising be discounted to members. That should also come in the By-laws."

Mr. Calman—"With all due respect to that committee, I think it should be referred to the committee on by-laws; that is contingent matter, as presented us by the committee; if we don't get a guarantee, sufficient to support the official journal, we shall have no official journal, and what means have we of communication with our members; I think that should be left out. I have no doubt that we can

get sufficient guarantee, but if we do not we shall be in the same position that we have been, floundering around for the last six months, not knowing which way to turn.

President—As a matter of information, the proper provision should be made in the constitution that the literary board should publish this journal, and should have charge of the whole matter.

Mr. Calman—Yes, of course, but as it is, if we don't get that guarantee immediately we cannot publish one number. It says, "provided we may get a sufficient guarantee."

President—The way to get at the matter is to move to amend and to instruct the committee, and also to move to amend this recommendation of the committee on the official journal, that the Association publish its own organ, be adopted, under the supervision of the literary board, and that the committee on constitution and by-laws be instructed to make such changes in the constitution and by-laws as are necessary to carry this into effect.

Mr. Calman—I make that motion.

It was then found that a motion was already before the house.

President—The question is upon the amendment proposed by Mr. Calman and stated by the Chair, which practically leaves this suggestion that the Association publish its own organ under the supervision of the literary board and that the committee on constitution and by-laws report such amendments to the constitution and by-laws as may be necessary to carry this out.

The motion was carried.

President—The question now recurs on the motion as amended: as many of you as are in favor of the motion as amended will signify it.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Bradford read the report of the committee on branch societies, and a vote of thanks was tendered the committee for their very able report.

The committee on photographs then reported, followed by a lengthy discussion, and it was decided to photograph the convention.

The committee on society buttons also reported, but report was not acted upon.

Mr. Mekeel then moved that all members that have paid their dues between the following dates be credited as follows: Between December 13 and March 13, 50 cents. From March 13 to May 1, one dollar. From May 1 to June 1, one dollar and fifty cents. From June 1 to the expiration of this year, 50 cents.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Mekeel—I move that the constitution be bound in pamphlet form and include the names and addresses of the members, and be furnished free to each member of the Association.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Bradt—I wish to say that the proceedings of this convention will be published in detail in the official journal, the *Western Philatelist*, and electrotypes will be made which will cost about seventy-five cents per page, and from that a thousand copies may be made. And as many copies as the Association may want can be run off at a moderate expense; the entire proceedings, including the president's address. If the members would like such a souvenir of the convention, they have only to express it.

Mr. Calman—I suggest that the proceedings of this convention would be very good matter for the first number of our official journal. Without it we would not have material for the first number. The difference in the expense would not be great. It will cost about seventy-five cents a page to electrotype it any how, and the whole difference will be about \$20, and I think we ought to set our official journal on its feet.

Mr. Mekeel—I move that we adjourn.

President—I would suggest that there has been one matter that has been overlooked by everybody. The chair understands that the resignation of the *Western Philatelist* is before the convention, and no action has been taken on it. I thought it was the intention in formulating their resignation that it should be accepted.

Mr. Calman—I move that the resignation be accepted and that the thanks of the convention be extended to Mr. Bradt for the able manner in which the interests of the Association have been cared for by the official journal.

The motion was carried.

Wednesday August 10.

Called to order at 12:15, p. m.

The first thing in order was the report of the committee on constitutional amendments.

Mr. Calman then read the report of the committee. On motion the report was adopted.

Mr. Wolsieffer—I would like to inquire how this official journal is to be supported. It says the income is to be derived from advertisements.

Mr. Calman—We propose that the expenses shall be paid out of the general fund.

Mr. Stone—Would it not be well to

provide a subscription price by which non-members can obtain the journal?

Mr. Calman—I think then we might as well fix the price of subscription. I think it should be about fifty cents.

Mr. Wolseffer—Why not make it the price of the annual dues. If they want the paper they will have to pay two dollars a year, and that might be an inducement to come into the association.

Mr. Calman moved that a clause be added to the by-laws that the subscription to the American Philatelist may be taken from persons outside the Association at fifty cents per annum.

The motion to amend the report of the committee by inserting a clause to the effect that the subscription to non-members shall be fifty cents per annum was carried.

Mr. Wolseffer read the report on the Chalmers resolution.

President—It is moved and seconded by Mr. Bradt to amend the motion before the convention by striking out the word "positive" and adopting the resolution in that form.

The motion was carried. It was voted that the date of the next meeting of the convention be fixed on the second Monday of August, 1888.

A vote of thanks was tendered the proprietors of the Tremont House, and also the Chicago society, for the magnificent manner in which they have entertained the convention during its stay here.

Mr. Calman—I move that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to all the officers of the Association, and that we adjourn.

The motion was carried.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS.

I don't know, gentlemen, what I could say that would be appropriate to this occasion, more than we have said, and has been said several times over, that I think that we all ought to feel thoroughly satisfied, and that our associates whom we have represented, and those whom we have not represented, will be satisfied with our work. I think we are justified in congratulating ourselves upon the harmony which has characterized all our deliberations and the results which we have achieved. I am glad of the opportunity afforded me by the call to address you again, to express to you all my thanks for the courtesy and kindness with which you have conducted yourselves toward the Chair during this Convention, I wish to express my own personal thanks and to join with them the thanks of all the members from outside of Chicago, to the Chicago Society and I wish to make them understand how much we all appreciate

the efforts they have made to entertain us

I think when we go back and tell those who sent us of the manner we have been received and of the arrangements which were made for our comfort and accommodation, and the royal manner in which we were treated last night, that there will be a great many gentlemen who will be very sorry indeed that they did not avail themselves of the privilege of meeting with you here.

I wish to say that we, from the outside of Chicago, are very glad indeed that we have had this opportunity of meeting the Chicago Society and its members.

I don't know that I can say any more, perhaps I have not said enough, but as we separate I wish to bid you all God speed and wish you all success in all your pursuits and particularly in your pursuits relating to Philately, and to express the hope that you will all come to Boston next year and bring many more with you."

After a hearty applause to these words had been given, the Second Convention of the Association adjourned until the second Monday in August, 1888.

EDITORIAL.

The appearance of this number is slightly changed owing to our stenographic report of the second annual convention of the American Philatelic Association. As this association claims the interest and attention of all philatelists, we trust that this full and interesting report will prove acceptable to all our readers.

No doubt many of our readers will be surprised at the omission of Lient. Partello's monthly "Observations." This is done to make room for our convention report, but the continuation of his interesting articles will appear next month as heretofore.

We have in store for our readers a very interesting article on the history of philately in Denver, including a full account of the D. S. C. L. We intended giving the first part in this issue, but our plans being somewhat deranged, we have decided to withhold its commencement until the September or possibly the October issue. The article will run three months, and contain a description of the members of the League, and being written in a humorous vein, will be appreciated and enjoyed by all.

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Toward the latter part of July, just as we were having our monthly tussle with the printer's bill, we received a very pleasant call from Mr. S. H. Calhoun, Jr., the genial publisher of the "Autograph," Nebraska City, Neb., who is traveling thro' Colorado in the interest of Frank Leslie's publications. Mr. Calhoun has the only paper in the United States, if not in the world, devoted exclusively to philately's sister hobby, the collecting and exchanging of autographs, and we are pleased to learn that he is progressing with his excellent journal.

We are in receipt of the "Tag Collectors of the World," a neat and well-printed little publication, published and printed by Frank Willcut, 1114 Woodland Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, from which we learn that tag collectors will in the future be called "Philotagists." Mr. Willcut has done more to advance the hobby of tag collecting than any other one person in the country, and deserves the patronage of all tag collectors.

Next month we will issue a special edition of this paper for distribution at the Philatelic Exhibition at the Colorado Exposition. This number will be replete with all the latest and most interesting

philatelic news of the day. We will issue double as many copies as usual, and advertisers will find it to be a paying medium. All copy for advertisements must be in by the 15th of the month.

We have received No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Buckeye State Collector, published by E. J. Smith, Portsmouth, Ohio, and are much pleased with its contents.

With its August number the Curiosity World finishes its first volume, and celebrates the event by deciding to become a semi-monthly. "Valcin's" utterances must tickle Brother Hubbard from the wholesale way in which he quotes them. We are personally acquainted with "Valcin," and are great admirers of his literary work, and we believe his arguments are clear, forcible, and to the point.

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Mr. E. R. Marshall of Wyoming, Iowa, informs us that after much tribulation his directory is almost printed.

The latest recruit is the *Niagara Falls Philatelist*. Its first number isn't very promising but its editors will run out of chesnuts in due time.

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A PHILATELISTS OBSERVATIONS ABROAD.

PART VII.

Verily, Brussels is a city of collections. From the highest works of art (valued sometimes at half a million francs each) down to the almost intrinsically worthless photographs of common every day celebrities, I think this beautiful Queen City of the low land empire should be awarded the first palm for collections of all descriptions. The royal Belgian art collection, consisting of thousands of the most valuable paintings on earth; the hall of sculpture; the pile of antiquities and coins; the private art collections of different wealthy individuals; the museum of antiquities, and last but not least, Moen's mammoth philatelic establishment and his massive collection of postage stamps would give any ordinary tourist months of sight-seeing and unbounded surprises and pleasures.

The Wirz collection of paintings is simply remarkable. The man who gathered them together was just as much a collector of oddities as any of us, and had his tastes ran in a philatelic direction instead of in another channel, he might have become, dear reader, just as famous as you or I, and—gone down to posterity a renowned and distinguished man; but, happening to be located in the very midst of the cradle of art, he chose paintings for a specialty, and a very questionable style of paintings did he choose at that. In the Rue Madelaine I ran across another unique character. He had a rather huge and diversified collection of photographs, daguerreotypes, ambro-

types and the like, which numbered something like 75,000 varieties. To put it plain, the man was "a hog," and simply wanted to gather together the biggest pile of photographs of anybody and anything he could find. There was neither method nor merit in his madness, except as to the variety of individuals. For instance, in the theatrical line, he had about 350 different skeletons of Sara Bernhardt, 300 or more poses of Rignold, the English actor; any number of Rachel, Patti, Parepa Rosa, Offenbach and hundreds of others. I was told of a remarkable collection in Brussels, which I did not have the "misfortune" to see, although an acquaintance vouched for its authenticity. It was neither more nor less than a ghastly gathering of skulls and cross-bones. I do not know even yet whether to credit the story or not, but will say that I do know of a similar collection in Paris made by a gentleman of means and culture. The latter's "museum of death" seemed hideous and repulsive at first sight, but it was, after all, only an imitation of the real article; for the skeletons and death's heads were carvings in ivory, wood and earthenware in miniature, beautifully and artistically executed, quite natural and death-like. While I am on the subject of collections I might add, that a few days later, when in Antwerp, I was introduced by my brother to a gentleman there who possesses perhaps the finest collection of violins in all continental Europe.

The latter is a virtuoso on that particular subject, thoroughly up in all the fine points of his hobby, and explained to us in an hour or two the particular characteristics of Nicholas Amati, Antonius Stradiavarius and Peter Guarnerius, all

of which had cost him nearly a lifetime of study. One morning before leaving Brussels, I drifted back into the galerie Bortiere (merely by accident, you know,) in order if possible to get a peep at the great Moens once more before leaving the city. I did not see the latter, so passing on out of the Arcade I stopped in one of the mongrel pipe and philatelic establishments to pick up any oddities that might be found lying around cheap. A set of Canadian Revenues caught my eye, values ranging from 1 cent to \$3—seventeen of them, and all for about thirty-five cents. A suspicion of spuriousness caught me immediately. Examining them closely they looked like good, home-made stuff, and so I invested the thirty-five cents.

Even now while possessing them, I can discover no evidence of counterfeiting, and will consider them genuine until some expert proves the contrary. A door or two below, in a hemi-demi-semi music and stamp store, (also meerschaum pipes I forgot to add,) a rather large, highly colored sheet of priced adhesives caught my eye, as they hung conspicuously displayed in a beautiful show-case of ebony, gold and crystal. From this lot I picked out a couple of Brazil's, 1843 issue, value 30 and 60 reis, at a little less than catalogue price. I gave almost \$1 for the pair. Here were six Sardinian envelopes, fine and new. I bought the 1818 set for 40c. and the 1820 set for 50c; but so honest was the fair though powdered dame about the matter, insisting they were not originals, but "remprimer," that she was loath to have me make the purchase until I fully understood they were reprints.

In still another shop I secured the first issue of Italy, five black, twenty blue and forty red, uncancelled, new and in the finest possible condition, at 4, 3 and 14 francs respectively. By taking the set, they were knocked down to me at exactly \$3.78. The price in this country is \$7.75. A fifth shop was resplendent with unused U. S. stamps, Departmental and

otherwise, cut envelopes and locals, not to speak of a stack of fac-simile periodicals as big as two Webster's Unabridged. These latter were mounted on single sheets and sold for 2½ francs, or fifty cents the set. I secured one set for curiosity. It is only fair and honest to say that nearly every stamp in the establishment was spurious. Certainly the periodicals were, and as for the cut envelopes, well, I am prepared to go into any court of law on earth and swear they never saw the United States nor even smelt salt water. This shop did have a set of TONIKON KRATOE, which were good, and for these I exchanged 3 francs silver in the current coin of the realm. From Brussels, after visiting the famous Waterloo field, I journeyed on to Louvain, next to Ghent and Bruges, then across the country to Malines, and finally to Antwerp again. At Malines there was one philatelic trader, who did a small lucrative business, his principal stock in trade being the circulating sales book mentioned by me in one of the former parts of the present series. I remember while glancing over the wares set out for my inspection, that he was called to another part of the store by a customer who wanted to purchase some castor oil, soap powder, or something of the kind. Now our conversation had been carried on in broken English, for when he remarked at the beginning if I understood Flemish, (a sort of Flanders French), I shook my head and replied "nixey weeden." When the new customer demanded his attention, he opened a door back of the counter leading into a rear room, and shouted: "Janet!!"

In a moment a frowzled and freckled female, young in years with white hair, unkempt and sadly tangled, bounced into the room, to whom the elder jabbered in chain-lightning style for a few seconds, and then went off to attend to customer No. 2. Alas, I caught the gist of these few words. It was to keep an eye on me and watch me carefully, as I looked like a thief and would probably try to steal

some of the stamps. These are facts I am warranting. How my cheek burned for a minute, and how I longed to pull the girl's hair or punch the old rooster's head! That sickened me of Malines and of everything connected with it. I then turned on my heel, walked through the open door-way, struck out for the depot, and in a few minutes was seated in a 2d-class car speeding towards Antwerp. To get somewhat even with Malines or the Malinites, (we get the famous Mechlin lace from Malines), I am going to tell the following story about them, which is vouched to be strictly true by the guide books: Some years ago, one bright moonlight night, the fire alarm rang out, and their beautiful cathedral was said to be on fire. Out came all their pre-historic fire apparatus, original and unimproved since the days of the flood, and hauling up in front of the church, they began to squirt water on the brightly illuminated tower, which they vowed would soon be a mass of smoking ruins. A common sense Englishman or American happened to come along about that time who took in the situation at a glance.

"Go home, you fools!" said he, "and go to bed. It's nothing but the moon shining through the painted windows of the tower."

J. M. T. PARTELLO.

THE D. S. C. L.

Meeting of Sept. 4th was called to order by President Osgood; Messrs, Lewis, Carstarphen and Gorton being absent. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. The Executive Committee reported progress on the Exposition exhibit, and it was decided to make an assessment to defray all expenses thereof. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of our esteemed honorary member, Mr. L. W. Durbin, and the following was then presented and passed:

WHEREAS; It has pleased the Divine Providence, who doeth all things well, to call from our midst our honorary member, Mr. L. W. Durbin, be it

Resolved; By the Denver Stamp Collectors League in session that we bow in humble submission to His will. And be it further

Resolved; That we deeply deplore his death and that in Mr. Durbin the ranks of Philately lose one who has always occupied his position with honor and credit and that his place will be difficult to fill. And be it further

Resolved; That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Official Organ of this League and that a copy be sent to the Philatelic Press of the United States.

Many of our members have been rusticated during the summer, but all have now returned ready to begin the coming season. A lively interest is being manifested in our exhibit in the Colorado Exposition, which is the first one ever made by a philatelic society in this country, and it has proved itself a great success. All communications intended for the Secretary, should be hereafter addressed to Box 3081, and all matter for the Library may be sent to C. B. Lewis, room 8, Union Block.

H. A. BABB,
Secretary.

The following changes of color are noted in the present issue of postage stamps: The 2c will be printed in green, the 4c in carmine, the 30c in brown and the 90c in purple. The 5c stamp will contain the head of Grant in place of that of Garfield, and will be dark-blue in color.

The following changes will be made in the new stamped envelopes: The border around the 1, 2, 4 and 5-cent embossed stamps will be somewhat different from the border now used, the following being a description of the new design: On the upper portion of an elliptical band, between two serrated lines, are the words "United States Postage," in white letters; on the lower portion of the band are words in the same style of lettering, indicating the denomination, which is also shown by an Arabic numeral in a shield at the bottom.

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The only thing to mar the pleasure of our summer vacation was the sad news of the death of the best known and the most popular stamp dealer of America, Mr. L. W. Durbin. We have always looked upon Mr. Durbin with great respect, both as a stamp dealer and man, and the news of his death was a great shock to us. We cannot mourn for Mr. Durbin's sake, but for philately in general, we mourn the loss of one of its firmest supporters and advocates.

The A. P. A.

Through the death of Mr. Durbin the office of treasurer of the A. P. A. is vacant and the REVIEW presents as a candidate to fill the office, Lieut. J. M. T. Partello, of Fort Keogh, Mont. The West has but one officer in the Association and we feel entitled to one more. Our candidate is a well known philatelist of long standing and we are sure would acquit himself to the satisfaction of all as treasurer of the Association. The vote will probably be called very soon and we trust all will remember Lieut. Partello, when casting their votes.

EDITORIAL.

With this issue the COLLECTOR'S REVIEW completes its first volume in a manner that is fully up to our expectations. The year seemed a short and pleasant one to us, and slowly but surely another number has been added to our issues, and now the first year is ended. Let us for a moment look back upon the incidents of our career. Our first issue appeared in October, 1886, a four page sheet, and doubtless many *silent* fears were entertained as to our longevity. However for five months we appeared in the same form and with number six four more pages were added.

The appearance of our paper was greatly improved by the addition of a cover with number 7, and since that issue we have remained in the same form. Another great improvement also made its way into No. 7, in the shape of Lieut. Partello's very interesting contributions, which we trust have been as highly enjoyed by our readers as ourselves.

With No. 9 the publishers of the *Tag World* thought best to transfer his paper to us. Doubtless the *World's* subscribers greatly felt the loss of their hobby's leading journal, but we trust that the REVIEW has been acceptable to them as a successor.

Our appearance is greatly improved this month by our new cover and we feel sure that the philatelists who have favored us with subscriptions during the past year have nothing to regret and we ask that they signify their approval by a prompt renewal of their subscriptions.

The members of the Denver Stamp Collector's League will hereafter be recognized by a very handsome gold badge, which has been adopted by the League. This idea of a badge was started by our Librarian, Mr. C. B. Lewis, who presented the design and has perfected the arrangements for their manufacture. The badge consists of a bar inscribed "Org. July 23, 1885;" from this

is suspended a monogram, "D. S. C. L.," sawed out of metal.

Speaking of philatelic exhibits, the *Youths' Ledger* says; "Mr. C. H. Mekeel lately held an exhibit at the St. Louis fair. The Pomeroy Society of Toledo are preparing an exhibit for the State Fair to be held this month, and the Denver Stamp Collectors' League have, in preparation, one for the Exposition to be held in Denver in October."

Yes, to Mr. Meekel is due the credit of introducing this brilliant idea in this country and great credit is due him for it, but the way the *Ledger* puts it, Denver seems to occupy third place in the matter. The idea of a society exhibit was introduced in the D. S. C. L. in the early part of July by Mr. C. B. Lewis, a gentleman who had seen Mr. Meekel's exhibit and appreciated it, and since that time the members have been working to bring that matter about. The Exposition opened Sept. 13th and the League exhibit was in place at that time, thus, the D. S. C. L. is the first philatelic society to make such an exhibit in the United States.

This issue of the REVIEW will have a much larger circulation than usual, and it contains many new advertisements which will bear looking over. A number of bargains are offered.

We recently had the pleasure of a call from Mr. R. C. Surbridge, a philatelist who has been spending the summer in Colorado and is about to return to Harvard College. Mr. Surbridge, after meeting the "League boys," "took in" the Exhibit, with which he was much pleased, and left for the east on Sept. 20th.

The firm of Lyman H. Low & Co., Numismatists, has dissolved and Mr. Low will hereafter preside over the Coin Department of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

In presenting the Improved Stamp Album and Tiffany's History of the U. S. Postage Stamps, Mr. C. H. Mekeel has done a good work for Philately. The

"Improved" certainly fills a "long felt want," while the History is a work that is invaluable. We are pleased to find that both of these meritorious publications are meeting with general approval.

Mr. F. L. Mills writes us that owing to absence from Cincinnati during the summer, his stamp business has necessarily suffered. He has now returned, and collectors desiring a fine approval lot of stamps should communicate with him.

STAMP COLLECTING AND STAMP COLLECTORS IN COLORADO.

D. W. OSGOOD, JR.

At the present time, Denver, and by consequence Colorado, enjoys an enviable position in a number of respects. One of these respects is in the line of stamp collectors. While they do not claim to be better than others, yet they do claim, that all things considered, they are entitled to be proud of their efforts. And feeling thus entitled can they be blamed for feeling proud? Outside of this city there is little done. A few collectors at Pueblo, Silver Cliff, Longmont and possibly some at Leadville, are all that I ever heard of, but they do nothing to bring themselves into notice. There was some talk of starting societies at Pueblo and Longmont, but as yet Denver contains the only one in the State—The Denver Stamp Collectors' League, and I shall therefore use "Denver" throughout this article instead of "Colorado," as I might perhaps be expected to do in view of the comprehensive title of the same.

Denver collectors, like the rest of her citizens; are progressive, and are nothing if not original. They are enterprising as a body as well as individually. Every member of the society takes a great interest in it and in all matters pertaining to philately. They are never at a loss for plans to advance the society's interests and really devote a great deal of time to their hobby. The object, or rather one of the objects of this paper, is to give some of the prominent achievements of

the D. S. C. L. and also a brief sketch of the individual members.

Two years and a half ago Denver was as little known in philately as Podunk is now. Then there were a few scattered collectors, each imagining himself the only one in the State. But soon a change came over the spirit of their dreams and the general awakening felt all over the country at that time, was felt here also. Early in July, 1885, the Messrs. Feldwisch commenced to dream of a society. Now, in Colorado, when folks dream, it isn't long before they bring about a realization thereof; and when any one dreams of a silver mine, he goes out into the everlasting hills and finds one—frequently he puts more silver into it than he ever takes out. But to return to business; the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union was then in its zenith and societies were forming all over the Union. Two collectors could hardly make a respectable start so it was necessary to find others. The prospect for finding them not being overly bright the Messrs. Feldwisch determined to make some to order. Mr. J. T. Drysdale was selected as the victim of the first experiment and a concoction of 1,000 mixed, administered in allopathic doses proving efficacious he became possessed of the fascination for our hobby, which once experienced is seldom gotten rid of. By chance the writer's name attached to an exchange caught the vigilant eyes of the trio and communication was at once opened which resulted in the formation on July 23d, 1885, of The Centennial State Philatelic Society. The new society prospered and soon twenty-two names graced the roster. Not all of these proved desirable however, and to preserve the life and usefulness of the society the objectionable members were dropped until only nine remained. One of these fell out later and two more left the city, but their places were filled and for a long time the number remained eight. The recent election of Mr. C. G. Woodworth raises this to nine and the prospects are good for several more.

Nearly a year ago, the name of the society was changed to its present designation, Denver Stamp Collectors' League, and the constitution was also remodeled. At this time occurred the only approach to inharmony that the society has seen. The C. S. P. S. had been running down and it was felt that a strong effort must be made to save it from dissolution. This effort was made and proved successful. The society received such an impetus then that it will probably go on, "it may be for years and it may be forever." The squabble occurred over the proposition, to admit the fair sex to the meetings, but this question was settled by compromise giving one more illustration of the value of compromises. An auxiliary membership consisting of young lady friends of the members, was formed and during the past winter gave entertainments every two weeks, some of them being very elaborate affairs. The Auxiliary exerted a strong refining influence over the naturally wild and untamed philatelists and proved so popular that an effort will be made to revive these meetings next season.

Now for a brief statement of what was accomplished. The D. S. C. L. has brought Denver prominently before the philatelic world and gives the members here a certain standing in the A. P. A. that without it they would not have. It was directly instrumental in establishing *The Stamp*, which is its official organ, and the *Collectors' Review*, two papers that stand high in philatelic journalism and of which Denver has every reason to be proud. It has created a strong fraternal feeling amongst its members and an intense loyalty to the cause and to the A. P. A. It has brought itself before the public here and stamp collecting has considerable local standing, being recognized by the press as something more than mere child's play. The society is now preparing an exhibit of stamps, etc., for the exposition here and will doubtless do itself proud as usual. All this and much more has the D. S. C. L. done, much that cannot be written down on paper, but which each member can look at his collection and his store of knowledge and realize.

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Denver, Colo., October, 1887.

No. 1

UNCLE DAN'L TO YOUNG EDITORS.

Dear Uncle Dan'l:

I have made arrangements to issue a paper for collection and I send you a copy of my first number, knowing that you take a deep interest in all your young nephews. I would like to have you look over my little paper and give me your opinion of its good and bad points and any advice you may give will be gratefully listened to. Trusting you will give me an early reply, I remain as ever,

Your affectionate nephew,

GEORGE.

My Dear Nephew:—

Your letter surprised me greatly. Why only a year or two ago your highest ambition was to run a magic lantern, and you were among the first to watch your Uncle's pockets for candy, and now you have become a Journalist. Publisher and editor, compositor and devil. That is a lot of responsibility for so young a head to carry, but energy, vim and perseverance will bring you out in the end, and up near the top of the ladder. Your paper, "The Collector Trumpet," No. 1, has been received and read with great care, and since you ask for its weak points I will try and note some of them, and I trust you will take the criticism kindly and believe it is for your good.

First then the printing shows carelessness. I find one page printed very legibly and the other page can be read but the printing is very indistinct, while on the next the type looks like the leaning tower of Pisa. Perhaps this only occurred in the copy I received, even so, it should not be sent out. Bear this in mind my boy, never send out a poor specimen of your handiwork to any one. If you respect

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vacant spaces, take some of your patrons and enlarge their space and say nothing. Of course you need not do it, but for the time you are short. You advertisers will appreciate the courtesy, and instead of a lot of little half inch ads of your own, you will perhaps gain a steady advertiser who will stay in through the dull season, simply because you are a good fellow and have done some good turns. In regard to your articles, try and have them all original, no matter if you cannot afford to pay some of the leading writers. Get your friends to give you a lift, and you may be the means of bringing out some one who will take rank among the best. If not, at all events you will have nothing but what is original and it will help to build up your paper. When a paper commences to copy other articles, then you can depend upon its speedy downfall. Keep clear of this rock which will ship-wreck your (paper) bark. I suppose you have sent a copy of your paper to others whom you wish as exchanges and you will be looking for the comments upon your initial number. Some of your exchanges will comment good naturedly upon your errors, while others will be ill-natured and crabbed with their reviews. Take them all as they come, you can learn from all of them, but never if possible allow yourself to be criticised twice for the same fault. Remember always that *fair* criticism is far better than *faint* praise. In your editorials be not eager to take sides on any question no matter what your personal feelings are. Remember that you have more or less influence among your readers. When you take sides, some of your patrons will approve, others condemn, and you will find it unpleasant, to say the least. Upon a question of right and wrong, take the side of right, speak out kindly, but none the less firmly and boldly. If you should do any one an injustice, acknowledge your fault and you will be respected in the end. Do not criticise shortly or try to get off a good thing at the expense of a rival paper, when it will

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Your loving uncle,

DAN'L.

SWEDEN'S RAREST STAMP.

A stamp which is missed in many collections, and I dare say that there are very few albums that have even a space left for it is the 20 ore. (misprint) of the 1872 issue of the stamp of Sweden.

The stamps were sent out from the Post Office in Stockholm on the 15th of December 1879, and soon after the attention of the postal authorities was called to the fact, that there was *one* misprint stamp in each sheet, this stamp being

found the fourth to and the fourth from the top of the sheet.

At this time 6,000 sheets had been issued, 182 were immediately burned, thus 5818 being left of the lot, of which 1583 had been sent out to the different post offices.

The misprints were taken out of these sheets and confiscated, but still it is supposed that about 970 are in circulation.

The stamp is the common 20 ore., red, the center contains the numeral 20 but the value below, instead of being "tjuzo" is "trettio." The stamp is very scarce and I have seen but one specimen.

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Owing to a delay in the mails, Lient. Partello's "Observations" were received too late for insertion in this number. They will appear however, in our next, and succeeding issues as usual.

Advertisers will oblige us by sending in their copy for our November number immediately, in order to insure its insertion.

Just as we go to press we are in receipt of the following telegram, which explains itself:

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EDITORIAL.

In addition to the present contributors the REVIEW has a new one to announce. We have secured the services of a well-known and prominent philatelist who will contribute his interesting articles under the *nom de plume* of "Uncle Dan'l." Although "Uncle Dan'l" is known to all of our readers, he prefers for the present to remain unknown.

Our former contributors will continue to supply our readers with acceptable reading matter and we can promise that Volume 2 will be far ahead of Volume 1 from a literary standpoint.

We have received No. 1, Vol. 2 of our old friend the "American Philatelist" and the improvement in it has been so great since its last issue that we hardly recognized it. The October number appeared with sixteen pages and cover, edited by the literary board of the A. P. A. and printed by Messrs. MacCalls & Co. of Philadelphia.

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The "Texas Philatelic Journal" appears for October with eight pages and it promises a longer life than either of its ill-fated predecessors. The journal deserves greater credit for not being afraid to tell the truth. The circulation of a philatelic journal is usually its weak point and as a general thing the editor would prefer not to have the circulation of his paper investigated, not so with Mr. Neville, who bravely announces the fact that the circulation of the Journal is 500 copies. Now if the Journal will always stick to the truth as well as this, and use a little better quality of paper, we think it will come up to the expectation of all.

STAMP COLLECTING AND STAMP COLLECTORS IN COLORADO.

D. W. OSGOOD, JR.

SECOND PAPER.

JOHN C. FELDWISCH.

This gentleman is the happy papa of the society and to suit that exalted position is of course the oldest. He recently celebrated his 24th birthday, but as yet shows no signs of gray hairs—in fact looks younger than he is. Mr. F. began collecting soon after the year one, and has had numerous collections. He was born in Cincinnati, lived there for many years and his first collection was made while at school there. The exact fate of that collection will never be known; like many

others it was laid aside, its whereabouts forgotten and it was never seen again. Mr. F. bemoans the loss of many stamps which are now extremely difficult to obtain. His present collection is the best in the society and consists of over 3000 specimens. There are others larger in the city but their owners do not take an active interest in philately. Mr. F. was the first and also the second president of the D. S. C. L. and has just finished his second term. He now holds the money of the society, which is sufficient indication of the trust the members have in him. This trust is the more firm when it is explained that the treasurer is not compelled to give bonds. The subject of this sketch is the possessor of a large and bulging dome of thought and a good education, largely due to a thorough course of reading. He is an expert accountant and book-keeper and is at present employed in the real estate office of Crippen, Lawrence & Co., his principle duty just now being to boss the kid around. He is also indirectly connected with the *Times* of this city and does occasional literary work on that paper. He is also the prime mover in *The Stamp* and is one of its editors. His work on that paper is familiar to all and need not be dilated upon here. He wears a mustache and a look of guilelessness, both of which are very taking.

FRED. W. FELDWISCH.

Next in order of seniority comes Mr. F. W. Feldwisch, who is now twenty-one. He is of course the brother of the former and in many respects is "better than a brother." "Freddie" as all call him is very popular, as evidenced by his unanimous election as secretary of the D. S. C. L. for a third term. He has had enough of official life however, and after thanking the members, declined to accept the office, preferring to try the novelty of being a plain member. He is a hard-worker (so he says) and is at present in the counting room of the *Times*, where he draws his salary with exemplary regularity and enjoys the esteem of his

superiors. He also is a collector of long standing and has had more than one collection. His present one is very good both in numbers and in quality, including as it does several coveted rarities. He bears considerable resemblance to his brother and some of the girls have been heard to say that he is quite good looking, but I would only make him vain by continuing. He is one of the three owners of *The Stamp*, and is its business manager. The latter position is one of great delicacy, as one of his duties is to pacify the printer. He also was born in the city of pork and music, and is just about as musical as the rest of the members.

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ABROAD.

PART VIII.

Once more in Antwerp, I had other matters to attend to besides looking up stamps. My brother arrived on the big Red Star Liner, the *Westernland* and for two or three days I devoted myself strictly to him.

Together we visited the famous Zoological gardens, the galleries of paintings, Ruben's house and the violin virtuoso mentioned in part VII. One morning I strolled down the *Marche on Souliers*, and dropping into the telegraph office purchased a few telegraph stamps. At first they did not care to sell me any unless I sent a telegram to somebody, so I bethought myself carefully, scraped up a fictitious name which I addressed gravely to Rotterdam and then was able to make unlimited investment for all the telegraphs I wanted. Antwerp is a strange city. It has two different sides, possessing an ancient and modern character. It is Antwerp in English, Anvers in French, Amberes in Spanish, Antroff in German and Antwerpen in Dutch. The poor town has no particular name for itself in its own language, a Flemish French so we shall be compelled, perforce, to call it by one of the above titles.

The town was founded about the year 726. Along about the 15th century, this ancient old burg was in its prime, but then came "wars, pestilence and famine," and poor old Antwerp commenced to decline rapidly. When at the height of power there was something like 250,000 souls in the city. A short time ago the

population had dwindled to about 40,000, but lately it has taken a jump upwards and numbers now in the neighborhood of 190,000. My brother had been appointed U. S. Consul at Dusseldorf, so three days after his arrival we boarded a miserable, cheap looking cattle train and started for Dusseldorf. I say a cattle train, for the system of railroading in continental Europe, with one or two exceptions, is about on a par with the cheapest and most uncomfortable we have in the United States. At Dusseldorf we struck a most disagreeable rain storm, which had then been in progress for about a week, consequently I could do nothing of a tourist or philatelic nature there.

At Cologne, (which by the way is anything but a sweet smelling town considering its fragrant name), meteorological matters were no better. At Hotel du Nord, (a magnificent hostelry and unequalled anywhere in America), the proprietor courteously assigned us sumptuous apartments, the mere nominal cost of which surprised me considerably. In our own beloved country we would have been compelled to pay nearly ten times as much for the same accommodations. One of the principle attractions the Teutonic host insisted upon showing us were the lofty spires of the cathedral in sight from our windows.

"The grandest and loftiest on earth, constructed by mortal hands," said he.

"Steady old fellow," said I in my best German. "We have a little marble shaft standing on the banks of the Potomac in America from the top of which we can look down on that small sized building over yonder," "Nein! Nein! Nein!" he shouted in high strung German. "De spires of de dome are de highest in de

world, been building dem seence de 12th century,— 200 years before America was discovered."

Although the Cologne spires are 477 feet above the ground, and were, before the completion of the Washington monument, certainly the loftiest in the world, yet I could not, by any sort of argument, convince this patriotic son of the Rhine that we could give him 477 feet and still go him nearly a hundred feet better. I hadn't a quarter with me or perhaps we might have come to a bet. Wandering around Cologne for a day or two, I had an opportunity of picking up a few stamps. There was not much of the kind in town, but one day I chanced to run across a gentleman who, after learning pretty thoroughly my deep interest in the subject, considerably astonished me with a display of navy department stamps of which he was the fortunate possessor. He had a small tin box, similar to those in which a lawyer keeps important papers, secured with a small brass padlock, and one day he opened this for my inspection. I will try and not exaggerate its contents. In it were nothing but navy department stamps. Of the 1 cent value I should judge he had about four sheets, or 400 in all; 2 cent nearly 500; 3 cent, about 300; 6 cent, 50 more or less; 7 cent, about 40; 10 cent, in the neighborhood of 200; 12 cent, nearly 600; 15 cent, 150; 24 cent, possibly 450; 30 cent, about 400 and 90 cent, two sheets and a half, or 250. Where he got all these treasures I am unable to say. As to parting with any of them he would not think of such a thing. I offered him face value for the higher ones and as much as five times for the lower members, but not a single blue specimen would he part with. Being somewhat suspicious from having seen so man counterfeits abroad, (particularly of the U. S. and notably the periodicals at Bruxelles) I examined the "Marines" carefully and critically, but almost at the first glance my practised eye told me they were genuine. He would not

sell them and he was not a collector. Here is a lesson. No doubt many of our scarce Departmental stamps are held by parties abroad, and some day will turn up 'en masse' on the Philatelic Market. Possibly the Departmental vacancies so scarce at the present time, may be had in galore a few years hence. There is not so much surprize to find the navy stamps in the "other world" so to speak, as it would have been were the Wars, Interiors, Treasurys and the like lying around loose and so far away from home, for both States and Navies deal somewhat with foreign correspondence, but how on earth do they get there in bulk.

He would not tell me, and I can only surmise that some government vessel may have brought them over and this sharp witted son-of-a-Teuton had somehow secured them from attaches of the same. Before leaving Cologne and spinning south, I heard of another gentleman, a resident of Cologne, who is an advanced collector, but I did not have an opportunity to look him up, and so I left the wonderful Rhine city without paying him a call.

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THIRD PAPER.

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No. three, Mr. D. W. Osgood, jr. is some where in the neighborhood of twenty years old. He was born way down in Maine, but came more recently from the vicinity of Boston, which he says is a considerable village in Massachusetts. It was there, at the tender age of ten (no pun intended) years that he started the collection which now numbers about 2000, including some rarities and a very good showing of the U. S. Mr. O. is one of the four charter members of the D. S. C. L. and was treasurer for the first two years. He handled the funds with great prudence and rumor has it that he has attended the theatre more than once

on the strength of the society's wealth. At the last election he was chosen president and is now holding down the office. He lays claim to the only mustache in the club besides that of Mr. Feldwisch, and judging from the way he strokes it is very proud of it. It resembles the other in color but has a dizzy curl at each end. Mr. O. is a stenographer and is at present employed with Messrs. Cobb, Winne & Wilson, insurance and loans. He is a noted artist, can draw his salary with more grace and frequency than any other member. He makes the third member of the Stamp Publishing Company and is one of the editors of that paper. [Eds.

JOHN T. DRYSDALE.

Next is Mr. J. T. Drysdale. He is about twenty years old and is one of the four charter members of the D. S. C. L. J. C. and F. W. Feldwisch and myself making the other three. He, Mr. Drysdale was induced to become a collector by the Messrs. Feldwisch, and has a very good collection of nearly 2000. The place of his birth is a mystery but it is probably either Colorado or some foreign land such as Nova Scotia or New Jersey. He is the Sampson of the society and like *Koko* has a "big right arm." He attends church and Sunday School when in town and with one or two others equally devout represents the morality of the crowd. He is employed with the Colorado News Co., where he has been for a long time, as a valued member of their force. He is noted for seizing every opportunity of going to Palmer Lake and then coming back with hair-lifting tales of blood-thirsty Utes and mountain lions and things of that sort. Mr. D. was Vice-President of the D. S. C. L. from the beginning and served two terms. He is out now on ticket of leave. He is the sweet singer of the aggregation, but confines his efforts to hymns and selections from comic operas. Fortunately he does not favor us very often. He is the parent of the express stamps boom and is believed to have unloaded a lot on guileless eastern collectors.

D. S. C. L.

MEETING OF DEC. 3.

Meeting was called to order by President Osgood at 8 p. m. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Exchange Superintendent Woodworth reported that sheets had been received from the A. P. A. and sent out on the local circuit. Report adopted.

Adjourned.

MEETING OF DEC. 10.

In the absence of the president and vice-president the secretary called the meeting to order, and Mr. J. C. Feldwisch was appointed president *pro tem*.

The meeting opened with the roll call, which was followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes adopted.

The ex-superintendent presented a short report.

A communication was read from Mr. T. J. Mitchell, which was followed by one from the National Philatelic Society and one from Mr. J. J. Casey.

The secretary was instructed to make suitable replies.

Report of the first meeting of the Chalmers Society of Chicago was presented, a motion was then carried to the effect that we congratulate this society on its successful formation.

A committee consisting of Messrs. J. C. Feldwisch, H. A. Babb and C. G. Woodworth was appointed to draft suitable resolutions, presenting the feelings of the League, on the question of the issuing of "speculative envelopes" to private individuals.

The committee presented a report advising the League to endorse the resolutions of the St. Louis Philatelic Society as printed in the last issue of *The Stamp*.

The report was adopted and the resolutions were endorsed.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.

H. A. BABB,

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Owing to a number of unfortunate delays the REVIEW has not made its appearance of late as promptly as could be desired. We have had numerous communications inquiring as to the fate of our journal, but we still survive and will appear promptly hereafter.

In its last issue the *Curiosity World* published a plea for the old two-cent red stamp by Mr. T. C. Watkins. We think that the two colors, red and green, are equally popular as far as beauty goes, but a possible objection to the current green stamp is cited by a professional journal. It is said that the green ink used by the government contains a certain degree of arsenic, in this case bad results might come of licking a green stamp, such as the one in present use, which would make this stamp decidedly unpopular.

We are greatly crowded for space this issue, and if our advertising patronage continues to increase, our readers can count on our enlargement.

All active collectors should read the adv. of the Neville Stamp Co. which appears in this issue. Some excellent packets are offered.

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Mr. F. N. Massoth, Jr., of Hanover Centre, Ind., offers some bargains in another column. Read his adv.

We are in receipt of the December number of the *Stamp Collector's Figaro*. This issue contains 50 pages and cover and is the largest number of this journal that has yet appeared. We are pleased to notice the success of Brother Voute with his excellent paper.

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A PHILATELISTS OBSERVATIONS ABROAD.

PART IX.

Leaving Cologne one rainy, cheerless afternoon, we sped up the Rhine towards Heidelberg, and were soon located at the best hostelry the decayed old town could afford. To a tourist, Heidelberg presents more than ordinary interest. Here is to be seen the world-renowned castle of Mædival times, begun sometime during the 13th century, increased and enlarged by the successive electors as they continued to rise and fall until the introduction and improvement of artillery, rendered the famed fortress no longer impregnable as a stronghold.

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Hunting up this individual, I found the address led me to an art store, wherein were to be had fine photographs, paintings, artists' materials, etc., etc., in exchange for a suitable outlay of the current coin of the realm.

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"What! Have they become tired of collecting?" I questioned.

"No, not that; but times are hard in Germany now, you know, and these col-

lections were commenced many years ago when the owners were in better circumstances. But prices of stamps have advanced so much lately, and such good figures are offered for varieties, that my customers prefer the cash to holding on to their albums longer."

"I notice," said I, "that most of these books have no late issues later than 1875."

Upon looking over the different volumes, I saw, that for a fact, few if any of them contained stamps issued subsequent to about 1865 or 1876.

Upon asking the price of some of the stamps, the gentlemen referred to a catalogue which he had in hand; and I saw at a glance that it was Durbin's price list from Philadelphia.

Here, this enterprising teuton had sent all the way to the United States for his catalogue, and was selling his stock according to American prices. Opposite Durbin's figures in the book was marked in German, the price of each piece in pfennings and marks. I bought a few from him, and learned further that he, while not a dealer in the full sense of the term, yet kept himself thoroughly posted on Philatelic matters, and was constantly on the look-out for owners who had collections to dispose of.

To own the plain, unvarnished truth, I had an idea, that while he sold at modern prices, yet that the shrewd fellow remitted to the owners prices that were in vogue a dozen or more years ago. In that case, of course, he could make easily 400 or 500 per cent, and perhaps more; which is not a bad investment for any one to undertake in that line of business. One other matter bothered me considerably, and I made bold to inquire of him the solution of the difficulty.

"I see you have a very large number of stamps to dispose of. Now if not intruding too much with your private affairs, will you kindly inform me who are your customers? Do you advertise?"

"No; I don't advertise for two reasons. First, there is nothing to advertise in,

(only a stuffy old Journal that fills up with politics, the army and France), and again there is nobody who reads German papers much that would care for stamps. My principal buyers are students and strangers."

The great Heidelberg university was here, the world famous institution for duellists and duels, and there the students were were principally the buyers of stamps.

"Then you know," he went on, "a great many strangers inquire for stamps in Heidelberg, and I secure nearly all the trade. There is a '*domm fraud*' down the street a little ways who sells bad goods, and he catches some of the strangers. But don't you go near him," was his pleasant advice.

"What nationalities are your foreign customers," I asked.

"Principally Americans and Englishmen. No French. We don't like the French, you know."

I knew it very well indeed, without his reminder.

I left this interesting place, and strolled down the street, keeping my eyes wide open on the look-out for the "*domm fraud*." Notwithstanding the warning I had received, it was my determination to seek out the imposter.

Oh, ye shades of Washington, Lincoln, Stanton and Jefferson. I found him four blocks below, with his front window simply plastered with portraits and profiles of the above named distinguished Americans; and the whole lot simply spurious

His taste seemed to run to American forgeries. The 4 cent double envelope, 1857-60 issue, on buff and white were there; the 10 cent green, same dates, and papers; our carrier stamps, and the muchly counterfeited periodicals. I bought one or two for curiosity, also a set of 137 Hamburg locals for 35 pfennigs, or a little less than 9 cents U. S. money. I could fill a volume with accounts of this one establishment; but as my head is beginning to run away with my pen, I will stop before it is too late.

J. M. T. PARTELLO.

Stamp Collecting and Stamp Collectors in Colorado.

BY D. W. OSGOOD, JR.

JOHN B. GORTON.

The running mate of Mr. Drysdale is Mr. J. B. Gorton of uncertain age but somewhere about seventeen. He has a fair collection numbering between 1,500 and 2,000 specimens and including an assortment of unused Sandwich Island stamps that is the envy of the balance of the gang. He is probably a native of Colorado, at all events he's an old-timer and has been collecting for years. He officiates as the Apollo of the club, being the only member possessing a bicycle upon which to showoff his shapely legs. Envious members have been heard to remark that their calves were just as good as his if they could be shown off but such remarks are frowned down. Mr. Gorton is besides the only musician we have, though unlike Apollo he does not "strike his lyre." He is an expert on the harmonica and is always put forward to represent the club on musical occasions. Mr. G's. favorite resort is Wagon Wheel Gap and he is famous for the size of his fish stories. He works in the stationery department of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad and is much liked by his superiors. Since the Inter-state Commerce law went into effect he has walked rather more than he likes but on the whole is content.

CHARLES B. LEWIS.

Mr. Lewis was born and raised near St. Louis where he commenced collecting. He came to Denver not long ago and at once joined the society and has proved an exceptionally valuable member. He was chosen to the office of librarian last election, succeeding Mr. Babb. He has an average collection, besides which he has a number of philatelic curiosities in the shape of envelopes, etc., etc., for which things he has a taste. As to age he is hovering on one side or the other of seventeen and is very prepossessing as regards appearances, being the society's representative in the ball-room. Mr. Lewis is a mighty hunter and his

stories are at least as large as those of Mr. Gorton. He and Mr. Carstarphen will be the ones to uphold the honor of the D. S. C. L. on the field of battle in case of a muss with any of the country's foes. Mr. L. is an enthusiastic militiaman as well as stamp collector and glories in being a corporal in the Denver Cadets. The Society always turns out to see this company on great occasions and Mr. Lewis's sanguinary appearance when armed to the teeth at such times is much admired. He is employed with his father in the wholesale jewelry business, being Secretary of the Lewis Jewelers' Supply Company, and divides his time between Denver and his ranch on Cherry Creek.

FRANK E. CARSTARPHEN.

Next in point of age is Mr. Carstarphen who was born in Missouri about sixteen years ago and got out of it as quickly as possible so that he is more than half civilized. Before coming to Denver he lived for some time at Silver Cliff, this state, where he started his collection, which numbers about two thousand varieties. At Silver Cliff he was one of two or three collectors and when the Society was started in Denver, he with the others became corresponding members and when he came to Denver to reside, was welcomed with open arms. Mr. C. might be called the Adonis of the club and has yet to see the girl he's afraid of. Consequently when the crowd is cornered by the girls he is put forward on the skirmish line while the rest escape through the back window or down an alley. He attends the High School here and is an officer of the High School Cadets. He is a unit with Mr. Lewis in longing for an enemy's gore and spends much time polishing up his musket and whetting the bayonet. He hasn't set Cherry Creek on fire (though it is dry enough) by the rapid acquirement of knowledge but passes examinations with credit to his anxious associates. He is the tallest of the crowd and surveys his kingdom from under a sombrero perched

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EDITORIAL.

WITH this issue a slight change takes place in the management of the REVIEW, Messrs. Babb & Carstarphen having sold the paper to Mr. Chas. G. Woodworth, of this city. Mr. Woodworth will hereafter act as proprietor and business manager, while Messrs. Babb & Carstarphen will continue to act as editors. Advertisers and those intending to subscribe will please notice the addresses as given above.

MR. GEO. H. RICHMOND, of New York, has favored us with the prospectus of his "American Philatelic Press Directory" for 1888. He informs us that he is very busy with his compilation, and when issued, it will be a very interesting and valuable work. A new feature will be the "Personal Directory," which will contain the names of those who subscribe to the work before it is issued. The price will be 25 cents, and by remitting that amount now, you can have your name inserted in the Personal Directory.

MR. C. H. MEKEEL, of St. Louis, has lately purchased the stock of the Neville Stamp Co., of Paris, Texas, Mr. E. T. Neville, the proprietor, having left town. This looks as though the *Texat Philatelic Journal* has met with a sad fate, and Texas is once more without a representative in philatelic literature.

THE Dealers' Protective Association is rapidly progressing. A ticket has been presented, which includes many well-known dealers, and we hope to see the Association in working order soon.

THE Canadian Philatelic Association at present has 108 members and its ranks are continually filling up. The election of officers was recently held and resulted in the choice of an able set of men. The dues are one dollar per year.

IN the current issue of *The Stamp* will be found a cut of the badge of the Denver Stamp Collectors' League. The badge is very handsome and attracts much attention.

IN the last issue of the *Youth's Ledger* a name appears in its list of "reliable agents" who, as far as our experience goes, is anything but reliable as the person in question has defrauded a number of prominent dealers.

MR. H. A. BABB, one of the editors of this paper has issued a very neat and handy publication entitled "The Stamp Dealers of the United States." The work is a complete directory of the stamp dealers of this country up to the date of publication and is very useful to the collector, dealer and publisher.

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nearly six feet in the air. Mr. C. is associated with Mr. Babb in the publication of this paper and does considerable writing for it. The remarkable progress of THE COLLECTORS' REVIEW is sufficient testimony to the business ability of its promoters. He is Vice-President of the D. S. C. L. for the present term.

HENRY A. BABB.

Mr. Babb is the youngest and the smallest of the noble band called the Denver Stamp Collectors' League. He is famous for his rippling laughter which it is estimated can be heard five blocks on a clear day, and his fondness for Shakespeare. He was born in Maine from whence he came to Colorado about two years ago and is employed in the office of Congressman Symes. In a short time he will see his sixteenth birthday and the rest of us are preparing to spring "sweet sixteen" on him. Mr. B. has marked literary ability and his style of writing is singularly clear and forcible for so young a writer. His work on this paper all are familiar with. He is the Secretary of the D. S. C. L., having been unanimously elected at the annual meeting last June. As the Secretary is ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee and its Secretary, it will be seen that his associates have much confidence in him and have placed him in an important position.

CHARLES G. WOODWORTH.

"Last but not least" is Mr. Chas. G. Woodworth who was born about twenty-one years ago. He is the leading stamp dealer here and is very successful, having good business ability. He came to the state in 1873 and is therefore entitled to be called a barnacle. His particular hobby is revenue stamps and he has the only collection in the society. This collection is one of the best in the West and it will compare favorably with Eastern collections, including as it does innumerable varieties of paper, perforations, etc., etc. Mr. W. is now engaged in mounting these stamps and when the work is completed they will make a magnificent

showing. His collection consists of between 7,000 and 8,000 varieties including many U. S. He is Brand Recorder in the office of the Secretary of State and Exchange Superintendent of the Denver branch of the A. P. A. and fills both offices very creditably. He, like most of the rest of us, is a member of the A. P. A. and many other Associations.

The members of the D. S. C. L. are very clannish and injury to one would very likely be taken as an injury to all. A friendly rivalry exists in regard to each other's collections and the utmost good nature, accompanied by jokes of the most atrocious kind, reigns over all their gatherings. Stamp papers are extensively collected and read and the Library of the Society has received many donations. The rendezvous of the Society is at Pierce's book store though the meetings are held at the League's rooms. When off duty or temporarily absent from their offices the members steer for 1722 Larimer street, (Mr. Woodworth's stamp business is carried on at this number), and a visitor in town would either find one or more of them there or obtain information from Mr. Pierce as to their whereabouts. Mr. Pierce by the way is a person of no small importance in philatelic circles. He keeps a store something on the plan of Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop but books form the main portion of his business. He deals quite extensively in coins. Each and every member of the League regards him as a personal friend and the question is often asked "What would we do if it wasn't for Pierce and his bookstore?"

The badge of the Society has only recently been adopted and consists of the letters "D. S. C. L." arranged monogram like and pendant by chains from a bar on which is engraved "Org. July 23d, 1885." This is all in gold and is very effective.

The subject of albums has been discussed in the League. Most of the members use the International but all are loud in their complaints of it. J. C.

Feldwisch and the writer tried loose cardboard sheets but were very little pleased with them as the sheets being unbound were cumbersome and a suitable cabinet to hold them would be an expensive affair. Mr. F. used a blank book which he had made for the purpose but both gentlemen are about to try Mekeel's Improved Album as is also Mr. Woodworth.

Several of the members intend confining themselves to one or more countries and will dispose of the balance of their collections. A notable feature is the lack of interest taken in entire envelopes, no member paying any particular attention to them. The same is true of postal cards and there is only one revenue collector among us.

The tastes of a majority of the members take them to the theatre often and all are good amateur critics of a performance, and none are diffident about expressing their candid opinions of the same.

Nearly all attend church more or less, some of them regularly. As intimated above, association has proved beneficial and the members derive a great deal of pleasure and instruction from each other's society. The D. S. C. L. it is safe to say, is founded on the rock of mutual esteem and will be as enduring as it is possible for such an organization to be. The problem of keeping a society of this kind together has been practically solved by the League and the secret is, social intercourse, or in other words a judicious mixing of stamps, sentiment and sense.

CHRONICLE.

From the Philatelic World.

AUSTRIA—The 20 kr. is to be changed to brown, and the 5s. is surcharged 15 paras.

COLOMBIA—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates several new designs of official cubiertas, and we have received of the new issue with map, a 1c. black on green, and 5c. black on blue.

CONG FREE STATE—Both the old and new 5fcs. are surcharged in two lines "Colis Posteaux—Fr 3.50" in dark blue.

COSTA RICA—The new 5c. is surcharged "official."

CUBA—We have new stamps of current type, headed "Cuba-Impresos." Values $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 mills, all black.

DENMARK—The 5-ore card with inscriptions in Danish and French was issued November 25.

EGYPT—The piastre is now equal to 10 millimes, and the following novelties have been issued, Arab inscription at top; 1m. brown, 2m. green, 5m. red, 1pi. blue, 2pi. yellow, 5pi. gray. Unpaid letter stamps, 2m. green, 5m. red, 1pi. blue, 2pi. yellow, 5pi. gray. Post cards, 5m. brown 5x5m. red. Envelope, 1 piastre.

FRENCH COLONIES—There is a 15c. letter card, blue on gray.

HAYTI—We have the new 3c. blue.

MACAO—The fiscal stamps, green and buff, have had the top and bottom labels taken off, and have been surcharged in red, to do duty as 4, 10 or 40 reis.

MEXICO—The 4c. is vermilion (c. c. 120) as well as the 3c. and 10c. already noted. We hear that all the lilac stamps are to be changed to vermilion because the lilac color seems to be injurious to the plates.

PERAK—The 2c. rose of Straits Settlements is surcharged in black in three lines "1-Cent-Perak." Capital letters.

ST. CHRISTOPHER—*Le Timbre Poste* reports cards of 1x1d. carmine, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{8}$ d. brown on buff. They are perforated at the top and have the head of the Queen in a circle.

ST. LUCIA—Registry envelopes 2d. blue are reported.

TOLIMA—Two new stamps are noted in the *Ill. Br. J.*; 10c. green and 50c. blue. They are inscribed "Departamento del Tolima."

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AM I A PHILATELIST ?

It was during the winter of 1880 that the writer first became interested in philately, and from that time to this I have been an ardent champion of stamp collecting and philatelic matters. I had soon amassed a neat little collection of some 2,500 varieties, among which were many rarities I had found, myself, on old letters given me by friends. I was an active collector until about a year ago, when I disposed of my collection, but did not part with my knowledge of philately, however small it may be, nor with my interest in this most pleasant pastime. I call it pastime, although the discussions in the papers of late have conclusively proved it to be a science of no mean proportions. However this may be, I have never lost interest in philately, although I am no longer a collector. Am I, in view of this fact, justified in calling myself a philatelist, or must one be a collector of stamps to be called such? The mere fact of a person's collecting stamps regardless of their scientific value does not make him a philatelist, and such is too often the case with beginners; and I am unwilling to class speculators in stamps among the class of legitimate philatelists. True, the collecting of stamps *philatelically* is one of the most powerful proofs upon which to base your claim to that title, but can one not be a philatelist without collecting stamps? Of course every advanced collector has read a part or the whole of the recent Hill-Chalmers controversy; every advanced collector can enumerate the six leading papers of philatelic journalism in the United States; he is a subscriber to some, if not all, of these; he is

fully acquainted with the workings and the aim of the American Philatelic Association; he watches with eager interest any change in the postal laws of his country, and especially those changes or enforcements of laws affecting philately, and does not this knowledge and the pleasure afforded by such knowledge irrespective of the fact that he *collects* stamps, make him a philatelist? In my opinion, it does; and philately is greatly benefitted by such members. We constantly hear of large collections of stamps being sold, and too often it gives rise to the idea that the person selling his stamps is no longer among the ranks of philatelists. But he still remains there, if his former interest is unabated, and very often he has more time to devote to the advancement of his science by contributing to the leading magazines. Mr. E. B. Sterling has disposed of his large collection, and who dares say he is not a philatelist?

One of the most pleasant evenings I spend in the week is when, after all the cares and troubles of business hours have been laid aside, I can don my dressing gown and slippers, and lose all thoughts of the outside world in the delightful pages of the latest numbers of our philatelic magazines. I am much interested in Lieut. Partello's observations abroad; Major Evan's catalogue is no less interesting; "Men of Stamp" is looked for each month by me with eager expectancy, and Philo's effusions in his own paper are among the best I read. Such articles and works as these would be interesting to the people at large, but to the philatelist they are doubly so, inasmuch as they pertain to his science and he knows from whose pen they come, thereby

placing himself in perfect sympathy with the writer—his brother philatelist. It is my opinion that he is the true philatelist, the one of most benefit to philately, who takes some interest in philatelic literature and does not confine himself simply to the collecting of stamps. Scientific stamp collecting leads to the study of stamp issuing countries, then to the knowledge of the postal and other relations of this country with foreign ones *ad infinitum*. This is true philately, and although one may no longer collect stamps, he is a philatelist if he indulges in this study for the knowledge to be obtained therefrom. True, his first desire for such research came from a collection of stamps, and to a collection of stamps it may return. In my case, however, I am for the present satisfied to indulge in philatelic literature, to know and understand what is going on in the philatelic world, and to advance the cause in any way I may be able. The collecting of stamps I leave to my more energetic brethren, the study of stamps I enjoy myself; and in return I only desire to say I am a philatelist.

FRANK ARTHUR.

Communicated.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10, 1888

MR. EDITOR,

DEAR SIR: I have a question to place before your readers, that I consider of great importance for all philatelist's consideration, and that is, "Ought stamps imported from foreign countries, to be dutiable?"

I suppose that most of your subscribers are aware that a Baltimore dealer had his foreign mail held, and I believe, made to pay duty; and that of late, things philatelicly speaking, are also assuming a complicated state of affairs in San Francisco.

The fact is we (both dealers and collectors) are in an embarrassing situation, having considerable trouble with the U. S. Custom House officials in securing our

foreign mail, upon which they are demanding duty. The law stating that stamps are dutiable, I believe is an old one, but it seems it has never been generally enforced. In 1876, when in business at St. Louis, I had all my bulky mail matter from foreign countries seized by the St. Louis authorities, and for a long time I was obliged to pay 25 per cent *ad valorem*. Through strenuous efforts on the part of my esteemed friend, Mr. John K. Tiffany, and myself, we finally succeeded, after considerable delay and trouble, in securing our foreign mail matter without any further difficulty.

One great objection at the time was, that Eastern dealers were not made to pay any duties, as the law was not generally enforced by their postoffice officials. Had I therefore been obliged to continue paying duty much longer, I would have never been able to compete with my rivals.

Now I am convinced that there is a law to the effect that all used and unused stamps imported from foreign countries are subject to 25 per cent duty, at the present time, but why is this law not made general and only partially into execution?

Where it is *not* enforced I have observed dealers prefer to remain quiet, as they probably think it better for their own interest to do so, fearful that in expressing their views they might possibly call the attention of the postoffice officials to a law that really exists, but which they are negligent of; and, on the other hand where it is a strict law, one can not blame a person who is having custom house difficulties, in protesting against something, that to every intelligent stamp dealer, must prove to be as preposterous as it is unjust. Why should we be made to pay a tax of 25 per cent duty on foreign stamps which have only a fictitious value, when foreign coins which have an immediate marketable value are *free of duty*; when it is almost impossible to get any fire insurance on a stock of stamps,

owing to the great difficulty of adjusting; and lastly, when the new ruling mentions that stamps are *dutiable as printed matter*, (such a decision having been established in July last) and, at the same time, the government rejects the identical stamps admittance in the mails *as printed matter*?

Does not this add one more to the list of postal absurdities?

Yours respectfully,
E. F. GAMBS.

CHRONICLE.

From Philatelic World.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—The following additional values have been issued: $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue, with the head of Gen. Urquiza; 3c green, head of Juarez Celman; 6c red, with portrait of Col. Sarmiento. Also two envelopes, 5c carmine and 10c brown with stamps the same type as adhesives both on white laid paper, 152x95mm., and finally a letter card, 2c blue, with Pres't. Celman, on the stamp.

AUSTRIA—The 15 on 5 soldi, lately reported has not been issued.

BRAZIL—The 20 reis is now olive green instead of slate green.

BR. BECHUANALAND—There are £1 and £5 stamps, both green, of the same type as the 1sh. We should have stated that the value of the registry envelope was changed from 2d. to 4d. by cancelling the original value and printing the word "FOUR" below.

BR. HONDURAS—The 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. card is now surcharged 5 cents.

BULGARIA—A new series will be issued soon, with the head of Prince Ferdinand in oval, the Bulgarian lions at the sides and numerals of value in corners.

COLOMBIA—The heading of the current cubierta is changed to read "Republica de Colombia."

FRENCH COLONIES—The 15c letter card exists on both blue and gray card.

HUNGARY—The 5kr. letter card is now carmine on gray.

HYDERBAD—The $\frac{1}{2}$ a envelope has the stamp now printed in gold yellow.

MEXICO—*Der Ph.* notes the 5c stamp in gray green (c. c. 39.) The *Ph. R.* has an official envelope with "Servico Postal" in brown red script and Mexican arms in a circle of 4mm. diameter in upper left corner. "Republica Mexicana" above all *Le T. P.* says the official stamp is now dark-green, and perf. 7.

NEW SOUTH WALES—The post card mentioned last month is 1d. carmine on white.

PERSIA—The following stamps have appeared with the surcharge "Official" and a figure in black: 3 on 5 sh. green, 6 on 50c of 1882, and 8 on 50c of 1886. The 1 fc. has been seen in the colors of the 5f. and surcharged "5".

PHILIPPINE IS.—The 2 4-8c. blue of 1882 has been surcharged in oval "Union Gral—8 cent—Habilitado."

ROUMANIA—The 5 and 30 bani unpaid letter stamps are now green.

SANTANDER—The new 10c violet is inscribed "Departamento de Santander."

SHANGHAI—The 40 and 80 cash, are now surcharged "20 cash" in blue.

UNITED STATES—The envelope die mentioned last month has been found in green, on both white and amber paper. The 5c Garfield adhesive is now dark blue.

URUGUAY—The new 2c post card is blue on white; it is headed "Union Postale Universal" and the word "Tarjeta" is on a scroll crossing the top of the U of "Union."

VENEZUELA—The 10c noted in 1882 has at last been issued, and is *red*. The 25c Escuelas has been lithographed a second time and is rouletted, and the 1 bolivar Escuelas is also lithographed and perforated 11.

A mistake occurred in the advertisement of Anton Dworak in last issue. It should read 2,500 in place of 25,000 copies.

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EDITORIAL.

The Third Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association is now but four months off and we may say that the campaign has begun. This month the REVIEW presents its ticket and desires to call the attention of all A. P. A. members to it.

It will be readily seen that the ticket is a strong one, being composed of well known men throughout.

Mr. Tiffany has served the Association faithfully and well and his re-election is unanimously assured.

We desire to call particular attention to our candidate for Vice-President, Mr. John C. Feldwisch, of this city. During the past four years he has been quite prominent in the Philatelic world, having acted as President of the Denver Stamp Collector's League for the past two years. He is one of the Charter Members of the A. P. A., is a Trustee of the Association, and has also become well known as one of the editors of *The Stamp*. The West is entitled to an office on the elective ticket and Mr. Feldwisch, an active, able and prominent philatelist, is our candidate.

Mr. Henry O. Harris, our candidate for Secretary, has already been mentioned for the office. This is our most important office and it requires a man of ability. Mr. Harris will "fill the bill."

No opponent of Mr. Seagrave has been or will be found as his recent election shows him to be the majority's choice.

Mr. Clotz, who has won the thanks of all as Exchange Superintendent, refuses to serve in that capacity for a second term. Let us show our appreciation of his labors by electing him to the important, though less arduous office, of International Secretary.

We trust that all A. P. A. members will give this ticket careful consideration, and we think they will find it fully as acceptable as any ticket now in the field.

WE do not like Mr. Mekeel's idea of organizing a second Dealers Association. It seems to us that the Association advocated and under organization by Messrs. Mitchell, Woodworth and Bixby embraces all the points embodied in the Association advocated by Mr. Mekeel, and since his Association is essentially similar to the first one, it seems to us that whatever honor and credit there may be in it should rest with the committee mentioned. Besides, the number of American dealers is entirely too small to permit of two such Associations.

THE *Curiosity World* enters upon its third volume as a monthly magazine, consisting of sixteen pages and cover. We think the present form a vast improvement upon the old one and would commend the *World* to all as a representative journal of the several hobbies it represents.

OUR old friend, *The Stamp*, has adopted a new dress and with its "Men of Stamp," and interesting contents, it still ranks among the A 1's. The April issue contains an excellent likeness of Mr. Feldwisch, our candidate for Vice-President of the American Philatelic Association.

Dealer's Protective Association.

Some St. Louis parties are trying to organize a National Dealers Association. The plan of it seems to be copied from the organization now in existence. We must say that it would be more to their credit if they were to unite in organizing the present one. We cannot see the necessity of two organizations, while the first covers every point the latter brings up, only the new one proposes to have its members all over age. The only plan the new one does not propose to copy from the old one is in buying. One St. Louis party has quoted recently: "The S. D. P. A. will be composed of the small

dealers; *we* will be the principal one." While keeping his eye upon the mountains the traveler should not fail to watch his feet, for the stones and pitfalls in the path.

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Notice.

To the Readers of the COLLECTOR'S REVIEW:

As I have received many letters from subscribers requesting that I would date the REVIEW the month in which it is issued, and owing to the fact that it will require from six to eight months to gain this end by issuing two numbers per month, I have decided to date this number May in place of January, but will continue numbering the same.

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Yours truly,

CHAS. G. WOODWORTH.

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SORE-HEADS AND BIG-HEADS.

The honest philatelic writers of the day, who boldly attack the selfish schemes of unscrupulous persons and will not allow bluster to intimidate or frighten them, have had the title of sore-head writers conferred upon them, and those of their readers who have endorsed their views, are also stigmatized with the above name. The parties who are so eager to indulge their petty spite in insulting gentlemen, who are intellectually and morally their equal, are not sore-heads, oh, no! The only trouble is, their heads require a very large sized hat, not to cover brains, but *self-conceit*. One of these gentlemen (?) is a regular kicker. When the A. P. A. was started, after the principal work was done, he came forward with a kick. He was placed on the committee of organization and was rewarded by the first convention for his services by a vote for janitor. This year a new Dealers' Association was started, and, we understand, he kicked in that until the members were glad to have him go—at all events we notice he is organizing another Dealers' Association—and *this* man talks about *sore-heads*.

Another one is a dealer from New York. Listen to his *noble* defense in selling the Hamburg Counterfeits—"I ordered them for a *few* of my customers." He must of ordered a quantity when he placed them upon his wholesale list—this to his guarantee—all stamps genuine. He says, in defense, that "the character of the labels were so well known that any one who buys them knows they are not genuine." All right, Mr. Calman, but we wonder at this defense what is the

difference between you and Mr. S. Allan Taylor. Both of you put the stamps in the hands of unscrupulous persons to sell to the child or ignorant person who can be deceived, and you do so knowingly; a dealer with *any principle* would not be guilty of any such action. A dealer said to me the other day: "I buy my stamps from Calman, and he guarantees them genuine. As he is a member of the A. P. A. he must be trustworthy and reliable; and I guarantee my stamps in the same manner." How many dealers think the same? Read the advertisements in our papers and then judge for yourself.

This dealer points to the *Figaro*, and says, that the sore-heads are the only ones who can say anything against him. Certainly, every stamp collector, who does not think the same as the big-head set, are not worth considering as worthy of the name philatelist. But we must take the honor from the *Figaro*, as the first kick on these reprints, etc., as I have it from a gentleman who attended the Chicago Convention, that there were charges presented to the Board of Trustees, and which were hushed up. Why? Because, although they knew the charges were about right, Calman's representative held too many proxies to do anything, and the delegates sat there and said nothing for fear of marring the harmony of the convention; and they have felt so ashamed of their cowardice ever since that they never speak of it.

Apropos of this, Hamburg locals—there are three or four different sets of electrotypes—we understand that one set is owned in America, one in Germany and one in France. We do not

accuse the New York man of owning one set, but we wonder how he resisted the temptation to procure a set, especially as the International albums insisted upon having spaces for these labels for so many years. All right, sneer at *honest philatelists*, who are not afraid to let their opinions be known! Public sentiment is growing in their favor, and will continue—and all honor to the brave *boys* who have made their stand against a big firm of men—and all honor to the sore-head writers, who do not fear personally or otherwise the united power of the Calmans—and that of the intellectual giant at St. Louis—and honor the swarm of sore-heads, of which I want to be considered a part.

UNCLE DAN'L.

THE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.

There was organized last January an Association of the principal stamp dealers in the United States, and it comprised men who were known to be thoroughly honest and upright in all their dealings. This Society was known as the Dealers' Protective Association, but when the constitution was formed the name was changed to the American Stamp Dealers' Association.

Some three months later the Mekeel's or International Stamp Dealers' Association was proposed, and although they made a great spread of printer's ink, their organization existed largely on paper. The first named Association has elected its permanent officers, adopted a constitution and is now in perfect working order, while the latter is intended only to benefit Mr. Mekeel and will probably be run to a great extent in his private interest. We trust that Mr. M. will derive great benefit from his society, and there is no doubt but that he will as long as his followers will obey his commands, but when they discover that they have been duped and that their aid has been given to one who will do nothing in return, that organization will then not even be known on paper, and will

disappear into the obscurity from which it came. "The way of the transgressor is hard." The intention of the International Stamp Dealers' Association when it was started was to pick up such dealers as had not been asked to join the first organized and to provide an Association in which Brother Mekeel could demand any office he chose to, and then appoint himself without the necessity of an election.

Members of the American Philatelic Association can doubtless remember that Mr. M. attempted to do the same thing at the time that organization was in course of formation. He always waits until some good scheme is set on foot and then tries to cripple it by starting an opposition, but in his brief career he has never succeeded even once.

There is no comparison that can be made between the two societies. The A. S. D. A. was formed by picking dealers who were known to be strictly reliable, and who had the stamina of character to resist the sale of COUNTERFEIT and REPRINT stamps, even though it was a loss to them in a financial way—men who were willing to make an honest living in preference to growing rich through the ignorance of the younger collectors. It is true they have overlooked a few, but not a sufficient number to start a new society, and have it as exclusive as the first one is. From what was given out by the committee on organization, we take it that their intention was to form a society of some of the large and respectable dealers and then permit others to join, as they considered that a society would be better able to judge who would be desirable than a smaller committee.

We can see no need of two Associations, and, as the first is composed of Dealers whose reputation and integrity stand high among Philatelists, we cannot see on what ground the newly formed can flourish.

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CHRONICLE.

From Philatelic World.

AFGHANISTAN—The *Ph. R.* notes the following changes in colors: 1 abasy, black on magenta wove, purple-brown on orange wove, and green laid batonne paper, purple-black on lavender laid batonne and pink laid batonne; 2 abasy and 1 rupee, both purple-black on pink laid batonne paper—

ANAM AND TONQUIN—There are several varieties in the surcharge on these stamps, and there is a 5c. on 2c. which is probably an essay.

ANTIOQUIA—In April the following were issued of the current type: 1 cent red on purple, 2½ cent lilac on pale lilac, 5 cent carmine on buff, 10 cent brown on green.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—There is a 4 cent letter card with head of President Celman, red-brown on white.

AUSTRIA—The *W. B. Z.* states that the *soldi* stamps are to be replaced by the *kreuzer* series surcharged with the equivalent in Turkish money, also the 5 *soldi* and 5-1-5 *soldi* cards and 10 *soldi* letter card. The pneumatic card 10kr. now measures 144x85mm., and the list of stations at the left is omitted.

BRAZIL—*Der Ph.* illustrates a new 1,000 reis, with figures of value in center, above which is a view possibly of the port of Rio de Janeiro, slate-blue (c. c. 50), and we have a new 100 reis with figures of value in color on white ground.

BRITISH HONDURAS—The 2c. on 6d. is stated to have been an error. The greater part of the 2c. are on the 1d. This latter and also the 3c. on 3d. have been superseded by similar surcharges evidently made in England: the 3d being watermarked C A. We have also the 50c. on 1sh. with second surcharge TWO in red. We hear that some of the 1sh. were surcharged 5c. in error for 50c.

CANADA—*Le T. P.* illustrates a new stamp on the post card. There is a waived line inside the oval.

CASHMERE—The 1-4a. card is on very pale buff.

CEYLON—Both colors of the 2c. on 4c. come with inverted surcharge.

COCHIN CHINA—The 30c. has a diagonal line running from right upper corner to lower left, and each half is surcharged "15."

COLOMBIA—The 5c. 1881 with head of Liberty has been found on green paper (error). *Der Ph.* notes the 5 pesos brown on white, perf. 11 of the type of the 1c. 1887.

CONGO—There is a new post card, 15c. orange on salmon. The stamp is rectangular with palm tree and star in center. The arms are in the left corner.

FARIDKOT—The ½a. envelope with black surcharge in two lines, has the arms also in black.

GREAT BRITAIN—The 6d. of 1887 is surcharged "Govt.—Parcels."

GRENADA—The sheet of 4d. on 2sh. has one stamp with "d" not italic, and another spelled "Postag."

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The *Collector* of Gambier, O., has been consolidated with *The Mohawk Standard*.

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Mr. C. E. Bird of New York has been appointed button-maker for the A. P. A., and will supply buttons to members after June 10th.

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A new farce-comedy entitled "A Postage Stamp" is to be put on the stage next season. It will doubtless receive the patronage of the stamp collecting public.

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The Stamp Collector, a new philatelic paper, will appear on July 1st from Ottawa, Ills.

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Librarian Lewis of the D. S. C. L. recently made a trip to Texas, where he met some kindred philatelic spirits. He informs us that the *Texas Philatelic Journal* is to be re-issued.

 OUR TICKET.

For President,
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For Vice-President,
JOHN C. FELDWISCH.

For Secretary,
S. B. BRADFORD.

For Treasurer,
H. B. SEAGRAVE.

For Int. Secretary,
THEO. Y. CUNO.

EDITORIAL.

Mr. H. O. Harris' refusal to run for Secretary of the A. P. A., practically leaves no competition for that office, as well as those of President and Treasurer, thus the only contests in the election will be for the Vice-Presidency and the office of International Secretary. Members seem to be agreed upon the point that the winning ticket will be composed of collectors.

We beg to call attention the fact, that the Eastern candidate for Vice-President, Mr. Van Derlip, has only been a member of the Association about *three months*, having been admitted on March 10th. On the other hand, the Western candidate, Mr. Feldwisch, is a charter member of the Association, and is Chairman of the Board of Trustees. While the former gentleman is an advanced philatelist, and would doubtless fill the office acceptably, still we should elect members who have aided the Association in its infancy in preference to those so recently admitted.

THE approach of Summer seems fatal to philatelic papers. In addition to the *Western Philatelist*, the *Philatelic Herald*, *Witch City Philatelist* and *Buckeye State Collector* have suspended.

WE regret to chronicle the suspension of the *Western Philatelist*, which occurred with its May issue. This journal was one of our leaders, and was published a year and a half. Its last issue consisted of eight pages and a cover, and contained a likeness of Mr. S. B. Bradford, the popular candidate for Secretary of the A. P. A.

IT will be noticed that a change has been made in our ticket, having inserted the name of Mr. S. B. Bradford for Secretary, in place of Mr. H. O. Harris, who declines to run for office, as he expects to make a European trip within the next two years. Mr. Bradford is an active and popular philatelist, centrally located, and is fully qualified to fill the office of Secretary.

The Manhattan Journal, a four-page sheet, forming a poor successor to the *Empire State Philatelist*, issued a few numbers in the early part of this year. The *Western Philatelist* stated that the *Journal* was given to plagiarism or cribbing, which we found to be the case when we received a copy of the February issue, containing an article under the title of "J. B. Moens," a *verbatim* copy of part VI. of Lieut. Partello's Observations.

The article was first published in the July, 1887, issue of this paper, and describes the author's visit to the celebrated philatelist.

Such a case of downright, literary theft, shows the character of the *Journal*, and is good evidence of a limited existence.

DENVER has been fortunate in receiving visits from two philatelist within the past two months. Mr. A. L. Holman, of Chicago, was with us in May, and Mr. W. Shellschopp, of Hamburg, Germany, made a day's visit on his way to San Francisco.

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2c Bank Check, blue	01	6c Inland Exchange, orange	01
2c " " orange	01	6c Proprietary, "	10 00
2c Certificate, blue	1 00	10c Bill of Lading, blue	05
2c " " orange	15	10c Certificate, "	01
2c Express, blue	05	10c Contract, "	01
2c " " orange	05	10c Foreign Exchange, blue	15
2c Playing Cards, blue	15	10c Inland "	01
2c " " orange	25	10c Power of Attorney, "	01
2c Proprietary, blue	02	10c Proprietary, "	50
2c " " orange	50	15c Foreign Exchange, brown	15
2c U. S. Inter. Rev., orange	01	15c Inland "	08
3c Foreign Exchange, green	01	20c Foreign " red	10
3c Playing Cards, green	2 50	20c Inland "	01
3c Proprietary, "	05	25c Bond, "	10
3c Telegraph, "	05	25c Certificate, "	01
4c Inland Exchange, brown	01	25c Entry of Goods, "	03
4c Playing Cards, "	2 50	25c Insurance, "	01
4c Proprietary, "	05	25c Life Insurance, "	15
5c Agreement, red	01	25c Power of Attorney, "	02
5c Certificate, "	01	25c Protest, "	15
5c Express, "	03	25c Warehouse Receipt, "	25

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30c Inland " "	01
40c Inland " "	01
50c Conveyance, blue	01
50c Entry of Goods, blue	01
50c Foreign Exchange, blue	15
50c Lease, " "	25
50c Life Insurance, " "	05
50c Mortgage, " "	03
50c Original Process, " "	01
50c Passage Ticket, " "	10
50c Probate of Will, " "	1 00
50c Surety Bond, " "	03
60c Inland Exchange, orange	03
70c Foreign " green	01
\$1.00 Conveyance, red	10
1.00 Entry of Goods, red	03
1.00 Foreign Exchange, red	01
1.00 Inland Exchange, " "	01
1.00 Lease " "	03
1.00 Life Insurance, " "	05
1.00 Manifest, " "	15
1.00 Mortgage, " "	2 00
1.00 Passage Ticket, " "	2 00
1.00 Power of Attorney, " "	05
1.00 Probate of Will, " "	25
1.30 Foreign Exchange, orange	05
1.50 Inland Exchange, blue	03
1.60 Foreign " green	25
1.90 " " brown	25
2.00 Conveyance, red	02
2.00 Mortgage, " "	02
2.00 Probate of Will, " "	10
2.50 Inland Exchange, purple	02
3.00 Charter Party, green	03
3.00 Manifest, " "	03
3.50 Inland Exchange, blue	25
5.00 Charter Party, red	05
5.00 Conveyance, " "	05
5.00 Manifest, " "	25
5.00 Mortgage, " "	25
5.00 Probate of Will, " "	25
10.00 Charter Party, green	50
10.00 Conveyance, " "	1 00
10.00 Mortgage, " "	50
10.00 Probate of Will, " "	50
15.00 Mortgage, blue	2 00
20.00 Conveyance, orange	1 50
20.00 Probate of Will, orange	15 00
25.00 Mortgage, red	2 00
50.00 U. S. Inter. Rev., green	2 00
200.00 " " " "	10 00

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1c blue and black	\$0 03
2c " "	01
3c " "	03
4c " "	03
5c " "	01
6c " "	15
10c " "	01

SECOND ISSUE.

15c blue and black	\$00 10
20c " "	05
25c " "	01
30c " "	05
40c " "	05
50c " "	01
60c " "	05
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\$1.00 " "	05
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1c claret and black	\$0 03
2c orange " "	01
4c brown " "	03
5c orange " "	01
6c " " " "	10
15c brown " "	03
30c orange " "	05
40c brown " "	05
60c orange " "	05
70c green " "	05
\$1.00 green " "	03
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3.00 green " "	35
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SECOND ISSUE.

1c green and black	\$0 01
2c " "	02
3c " "	05
4c " "	02
5c " "	02
6c " "	15
10c " "	25
50c " "	2 00
\$1.00 " "	3 00
5.00 " "	8 00

THIRD ISSUE.

1c green	\$0 01
2c brown	01
3c orange	02
4c red	03
5c black	10
6c purple	10
10c blue	1 50

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CONSTITUTION, A. S. D. A.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

"This organization shall be known as the "American Stamp Dealers' Association."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects for which this society is formed, are:—

1. *To protect* of its members against dishonest collectors and dealers.
2. *To keep books* of reference showing the standing of collectors and dealers in all parts of the world.
3. *To take charge* of the collection of doubtful and long-standing claims.
4. *To facilitate* the purchase of newly-issued and other desirable stamps at the lowest possible prices.
5. *To establish*, as far as possible, a uniform market value or standard of prices.
6. *Finally*, to use all means for the suppression of the sale of counterfeit and doubtful stamps, and to discourage the collection of reprints and stamps cancelled to order, by selling them only as such.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES.

SEC. 1. Any reputable stamp dealer, established in business for one year or more, and having a capital of at least two hundred dollars invested in business, may become a member by applying to the Secretary, such application to be signed by a member as reference, and accompanied by an admission fee of \$1.00, said fee to be returned if the candidate is rejected. The Secretary shall notify each member of all applications, and if no objection is made within thirty days, the applicant shall be declared elected and notified by the Secretary. He shall qualify within sixty days by payment of

his annual dues and receive a yearly membership card; otherwise his name shall be dropped and the admission fee forfeited to the association.

SEC. 2. The annual dues shall be two (\$2.00) dollars payable in advance. In case of objection to an applicant the case shall be referred to the *Trustees*, whose decision shall be *final*. A *rejected* candidate cannot be again proposed during the period of *six months* following his rejection.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this association shall be a *President*, *Vice-President*, *Secretary*, *Purchasing Secretary*, *Treasurer* and *Three Trustees*.

SEC. 2. *No member* shall be eligible to any office who has not attained the age of twenty-one years.

SEC. 3. The election of *officers* shall take place on the first Monday in *April* of *every other year*.

SEC. 4. The *officers* shall be elected for *two years*, and shall serve until their successors have qualified. They shall be chosen by *ballot* under the direction of the board of *Trustees*, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

SEC. 5. In case of a vacancy in any of the offices, the *President* shall call for an election to fill such vacancy, and appoint a temporary officer until election is held.

SEC. 6. The *President*, *Vice-President*, *Secretary*, *Purchasing Secretary* and *Treasurer* shall constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. *The President* shall preside at all meetings of the association. He shall submit an annual report. He shall sign all warrants on the *Treasurer* for moneys, *except* those required by the

Purchasing Secretary. By and with the consent of the Executive Board or at request of twelve members, he shall call for a general vote of the members upon any desired question. The majority of all votes cast shall determine the question submitted. He shall keep a duplicate book of reference, and furnish any information in his possession when requested by members.

SEC. 2. *The Vice-President* shall act in case of vacancy in the office of President, or in his absence.

SEC. 3. *The Secretary* shall keep a record of the proceedings of this association; he shall receive all moneys paid by members, *except* deposits for the purchase of stamps, and issue cards of membership. He shall pay over to the Treasurer all moneys received, taking receipts for the same. He shall keep a book of reference containing all information obtained relating to the standing of dealers and collectors, and keep the President supplied with a duplicate copy thereof. He shall keep a record of all counterfeits, reprints, remainders, etc., thrown on the market. He shall issue an official circular as often as required, giving information of interest and value to the members. He shall give a bond to the Trustees in the sum of \$100.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the *Purchasing Secretary* to procure for the members any desirable stamps that may be offered, or can be obtained in any way, at a low price, paying for the same by warrant drawn on the Treasurer. He shall avoid all risk of mailing purchases, and pay for stamps only on actual delivery or when the delivery is guaranteed to his satisfaction. He shall *promptly notify* every member what stamps have been purchased, and sell the same to those members desiring them. *Every member* is entitled to an equal share of all stamps purchased, but if the *Purchasing Secretary* fails to hear from any member within fifteen days of the date of the notice, his share or any portion of it may be sold to other members. Members taking their full share of stamps are entitled to them at actual cost; those taking less shall pay a premium, as follows: one-half or over, 10 per cent.; one-quarter and less than one-half, 20 per cent.; less than one-quarter, 25 per cent. The *Purchasing Secretary* shall deposit all moneys received with the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall give a bond to the Trustees in the sum of \$500.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys of the as-

sociation. He shall pay all warrants drawn on him by the President or *Purchasing Secretary*. He shall receive deposits from members desiring to take part in the *Purchasing Department* and issue his certificates for the same in denominations of one, two, five and ten dollars, said certificates to be receivable by the *Purchasing Secretary* in payment for stamps and receivable by the *Treasurer* on deposits from the *Purchasing Secretary*. He shall submit a statement of account when requested to do so by the President or twelve members in writing. He shall give a bond to the Trustees in the sum of \$500.

SEC. 6. The Trustees shall supervise all elections. They shall investigate all charges against any member or applicant for membership, and if said charges are proven to their satisfaction, they shall have the power to expel or reject as the case may be. They shall perform such other duties as may be required of them by the executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

This Constitution can be altered or amended only by a vote of *two-thirds* of all the members. No action thereon shall be valid unless *one month's notice* shall be given.

By-Laws may be adopted by the unanimous vote of the Executive Board and shall remain in force unless objected to by one-half of the members of the association in good standing.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. }

GENTLEMEN:— Chicago, Ill., July 9, 1888. }
I take pleasure in announcing the election of Mr. Fuelscher as Trustee, Mr. W. F. Greany having withdrawn his name. The constitution has also been unanimously adopted and the COLLECTOR'S REVIEW been selected as the official journal. The Treasurer is about to have printed a number of certificates of deposit ranging in value from \$1.00 to \$5.00; these will probably be ready for issue in a few weeks. The *Purchasing Secretary* makes a few offers to members of the association this month. We expect to have our membership cards also ready for distribution this month. I will urge upon the members the necessity of sending in to the Secretary all doubtful or suspicious persons, both dealers and collectors. In many cases we can collect the entire sum due. The P. O. Department has promised all the assistance in their power and when we have a case they will prosecute it. Your President is in correspondence with the English society for an inter-exchange of lists and information to the trade. The dues for the year are now asked for by the Secretary. We are on a good footing and have carried out all our promises, and have made it plain that our scheme is practical and can be carried out.

Yours fraternally,

T. J. MITCHELL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

GENTLEMEN:— Denver, Colo., July 12, 1888. }
 The 15th of this month I mail you another secret circular and the black list for that date. You will find quite an increase in the number of applicants this month, and from the number of inquiries received in regard to our intentions, I am firmly convinced that by the time the next circular is issued we will have enough applications to nearly double our present membership, which, by the way, is not small, as it greatly exceeds what I expected we would have when the society was a year old.

Fraternally yours,
 CHAS. G. WOODWORTH.

PURCHASING SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
Baltimore, Md. }

GENTLEMEN:— I offer the A. S. D. A. the following, which are now on hand:

2,000 B. Honduras 2c on 1d, at \$2.50 per 100.
 2,000 " " " 3c " 3d " 3.50 " "
 1,000 sets, or more, Saxony arms, 5 var., at \$3.50 per 100 sets.
 100 sets or more, Heligoland, 21 var., at \$1.50 per 10 sets.
 1,000 sets Porto Rico, 1c to 8 mills, at \$3.75 per 100 sets.
 Any B. N. Borneo, ½ to 10c., @ 25 per cent. above face.

More to offer soon. Cash to be sent in advance for the above. All are on hand now. I can procure the following by the latter part of September; orders can be sent in now for quantities; no cash before they arrive:

Peruvian stamps, all unused, at \$1.50 per 100.
 1c yellow Chilean arms.
 1c " triangle, No. 4.
 1c green, without surcharge.
 1c " with horseshoe.
 1c " " and triangle, No. 4.
 1c " oval Plata Lima.
 1c " do horseshoe and Chilean Arms.
 The following, \$3.00 per 100.
 2c purple with Chilean arms.
 2c carmine without surcharge.
 2c " with horseshoe.
 2c " " oval Plata Lima.
 1c green with oval Plata Lima and triangle, No. 4.

Yours truly,
 WM. v. d. WETTERN, JR.

THE D. S. C. L.

The Denver Stamp Collectors' League held a meeting on the evening of July 12th to make arrangements for the banquet to be given on July 23d, the date of the Third Annual Anniversary of the organization of the League.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President Osgood. Roll-call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Woodworth stated that as the date of our anniversary was approaching, the meeting had been called to appoint and instruct the committees having the banquet in charge.

Mr. J. C. Feldwisch moved that committees be appointed on invitation, arrangements and banquet. Carried.

The members of the committees were chosen by ballot and are as follows:

Invitation—John C. Feldwisch, F. E. Carstarphen, F. W. Feldwisch.

Arrangements—C. G. Woodworth, H. A. Babb, D. W. Osgood, Jr.

Banquet—C. B. Lewis, J. T. Drysdale, J. B. Gorton.

After the transaction of some minor business the meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

H. A. BABB, Secretary.

As the active philatelic season is over, the League has adjourned for the summer, and no regular meeting will be held until the first Saturday in September.

THE ELECTION.

Regarding the office of Vice-President of the A. P. A., the *Stamp Collector* says:

"W. C. Van Derlip has been the subject of much unfavorable criticism, chiefly on account of his not being a charter member of the A. P. A. This is amusing. What difference can it make in the management of the office whether he be an old or a new member? His ability is not questioned."

To our mind the difference is simply this: The office of Vice-President of the A. P. A. is more of an honorary than an active one, and for this reason we should elect a man who by his work for the Association is entitled to some recognition for his services.

As we have before stated, Mr. Feldwisch is a charter member and an active worker, and he is at present holding probably the most arduous and disagreeable office in the Association, that of Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Feldwisch is the only Trustee who has staid with the Board for the full term of office. For these reasons and as "his ability is not questioned," we claim that our candidate is entitled to an honorary office in recognition of his services.

OUR TICKET.

For President,
JOHN K. TIFFANY,

For Vice-President,
JOHN C. FELDWISCH.

For Secretary,
S. B. BRADFORD.

For Treasurer,
H. B. SEAGRAVE.

For Int. Secretary,
THEO. F. CUNO.

EDITORIAL.

MR. JOHN C. FELDWISCH, the well-known editor of *The Stamp*, has lately accepted the position of dramatic editor of the *Denver Times*.

MR. H. S. HARTE, the New Brunswick Vice-President of the C. P. A., is preparing a history of the various philatelic societies of the U. S. and Canada.

WE have received the first issue of *Philo's Monthly*, hailing from Grand Crossing, Ills., with S. B. Bradt as publisher. The *Monthly* consists of eight pages and its contents are notes, new issues, and a directory of philatelic societies and publications.

THE first issue of the *Stamp Collector* of Ottawa, Ills., has made its appearance, and in the contents and general make-up of the journal one is forcibly reminded of the *Western Philatelist*. It strikes us that a new cover design would be an improvement as the present one has outlived *The Stamp Collector* (No. 1.) and the *Western Philatelist*.

MR. C. A. TOWNSEND of Akron, Ohio, has lately issued a very creditable and deserving publication in his "American Stamp Collectors' Directory," which contains the names and addresses of some 1,250 collectors residing in the United States and Canada. It is unusually perfect and complete for a first issue, and we trust that the publisher will receive sufficient support on this excellent work to continue its publication in the future.

OUR third philatelic visitor this year was Mr. G. W. von Utassy of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., who made a short stay in Denver on July 6th and 7th. Mr. von Utassy is a prominent Philadelphia philatelist, and is a member of the Quaker City, Germantown and Dresden societies, as well as the A. P. A. He is also the publisher of the *Philadelphia Philatelist*, but owing to his absence, this journal will not appear during the summer. It is seldom that we have the pleasure of a philatelic visitor and an active philatelist like Mr. von Utassy is particularly welcome. During his short stay he gave us a great deal of information and gossip concerning the "City of the Kickers," and left for San Francisco and the far West on July 7th. He expects to return to Philadelphia about Sept. 1st.

THE A. S. D. A.

The American Stamp Dealers' Association on the first ballot for officers elected only two trustees, as no third candidate received a majority of votes cast. Another ballot was ordered and resulted as follows:

DECATUR, ILLS., June 23, 1888.
Result of election ordered May 24th:
Total number of votes cast,.....11
For Trustee—
W. F. Greany, 5
C. J. Fuelscher,..... 6
For the constitution as presented,....11
For official organ—
COLLECTOR'S REVIEW,..... 9
Eastern Philatelist,..... 3
Against any organ,..... 1
Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) JOHN S. BIXBY,
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1c Express, red	\$0 01	5c Foreign Exchange, "	\$00 03
1c Playing Cards, red	35	5c Inland "	01
1c Proprietary, red	01	5c Playing Cards, "	75
1c Telegraph, red	02	5c Proprietary, "	75
2c Bank Check, blue	01	6c Inland Exchange, orange	01
2c " " orange	01	6c Proprietary, "	10 00
2c Certificate, blue	1 00	10c Bill of Lading, blue	05
2c " " orange	15	10c Certificate, "	01
2c Express, blue	05	10c Contract, "	01
2c " orange	05	10c Foreign Exchange, blue	15
2c Playing Cards, blue	15	10c Inland "	01
2c " " orange	25	10c Power of Attorney, "	01
2c Proprietary, blue	02	10c Proprietary, "	50
2c " " orange	50	15c Foreign Exchange, brown	15
2c U. S. Inter. Rev., orange	01	15c Inland "	03
3c Foreign Exchange, green	01	20c Foreign " red	10
3c Playing Cards, green	2 50	20c Inland "	01
3c Proprietary, "	05	25c Bond, "	10
3c Telegraph, "	05	25c Certificate, "	01
4c Inland Exchange, brown	01	25c Entry of Goods, "	03
4c Playing Cards, "	2 50	25c Insurance, "	01
4c Proprietary, "	05	25c Life Insurance, "	15
5c Agreement, red	01	25c Power of Attorney, "	02
5c Certificate, "	01	25c Protest, "	15
5c Express, "	03	25c Warehouse Receipt, "	25

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30c Foreign Exchange, brown.....	\$00 15
30c Inland " ".....	01
40c Inland " ".....	01
50c Conveyance, blue.....	01
50c Entry of Goods, blue.....	01
50c Foreign Exchange, blue.....	15
50c Lease, ".....	25
50c Life Insurance, ".....	05
50c Mortgage, ".....	03
50c Original Process, ".....	01
50c Passage Ticket, ".....	10
50c Probate of Will, ".....	1 00
50c Surety Bond, ".....	03
60c Inland Exchange, orange.....	03
70c Foreign " green.....	01
\$1.00 Conveyance, red.....	10
1.00 Entry of Goods, red.....	03
1.00 Foreign Exchange, red.....	01
1.00 Inland Exchange, ".....	01
1.00 Lease ".....	03
1.00 Life Insurance, ".....	05
1.00 Manifest, ".....	15
1.00 Mortgage, ".....	2 00
1.00 Passage Ticket, ".....	2 00
1.00 Power of Attorney, ".....	05
1.00 Probate of Will, ".....	25
1.30 Foreign Exchange, orange.....	05
1.50 Inland Exchange, blue.....	03
1.60 Foreign " green.....	25
1.90 " " brown.....	25
2.00 Conveyance, red.....	02
2.00 Mortgage, ".....	02
2.00 Probate of Will, ".....	10
2.50 Inland Exchange, purple.....	02
3.00 Charter Party, green.....	03
3.00 Manifest, ".....	03
3.50 Inland Exchange, blue.....	25
5.00 Charter Party, red.....	05
5.00 Conveyance, ".....	05
5.00 Manifest, ".....	25
5.00 Mortgage, ".....	25
5.00 Probate of Will, ".....	25
10.00 Charter Party, green.....	50
10.00 Conveyance, ".....	1 00
10.00 Mortgage, ".....	50
10.00 Probate of Will, ".....	50
15.00 Mortgage, blue.....	2 00
20.00 Conveyance, orange.....	1 50
20.00 Probate of Will, orange.....	15 00
25.00 Mortgage, red.....	2 00
50.00 U. S. Inter. Rev., green.....	2 00
200.00 " " " ".....	10 00

SECOND ISSUE.

1c blue and black.....	\$0 03
2c ".....	01
3c ".....	03
4c ".....	03
5c ".....	01
6c ".....	15
10c ".....	01

SECOND ISSUE.

15c blue and black.....	\$00 10
20c ".....	05
25c ".....	01
30c ".....	05
40c ".....	05
50c ".....	01
60c ".....	05
70c ".....	05
\$1.00 ".....	05
1.30 ".....	2 00
1.50 ".....	15
1.60 ".....	2 00
1.90 ".....	2 00
2.00 ".....	15
2.50 ".....	25
3.00 ".....	30
3.50 ".....	75
5.00 ".....	30
10.00 ".....	2 50
20.00 ".....	10 00
25.00 ".....	5 00
50.00 ".....	7 50
200.00 ".....	20 00
500.00 ".....	75 00

THIRD ISSUE.

1c claret and black.....	\$0 03
2c orange ".....	01
4c brown ".....	03
5c orange ".....	01
6c ".....	10
15c brown ".....	03
30c orange ".....	05
40c brown ".....	05
60c orange ".....	05
70c green ".....	05
\$1.00 green ".....	03
2.00 vermillion ".....	15
2.50 claret ".....	25
3.00 green ".....	35
5.00 vermillion ".....	25
10.00 green ".....	1 50
20.00 orange ".....	5 00

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2c blue.....	01

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1c green and black.....	\$0 01
2c ".....	02
3c ".....	05
4c ".....	02
5c ".....	02
6c ".....	15
10c ".....	25
50c ".....	2 00
\$1.00 ".....	3 00
5.00 ".....	8 00

THIRD ISSUE.

1c green.....	\$0 01
2c brown.....	01
3c orange.....	02
4c red.....	03
5c black.....	10
6c purple.....	10
10c blue.....	1 50

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DENVER, COLO., AUGUST, 1888.

No. 7.

THIRD CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Reported for THE COLLECTOR'S REVIEW.

The preliminary meeting was called to order by President Tiffany at 10:45 a. m., Monday, August 13, forty-five members being present. Upon calling the roll 327 members responded in person or by proxy. As 304 constituted a quorum the President declared the Convention open.

The President appointed as Committee on Credentials, Messrs. Sterling Clotz and Mekeel.

On motion, the proceedings were declared open to the public and the Literary Board empowered to engage a stenographer. The President appointed Messrs. Scott, Dejoue and MacCalla a Committee on Standing Rules, and Messrs. Holton and Hobby as tellers to assist the Board of Trustees in counting the ballott for officers.

At 11:45 an adjournment was taken to 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. AUG. 13.

Called to order at 4 p. m. by President Tiffany. The Committee on Credentials reported favorably on 289 proxies. S. B. Bradt holding 58, C. B. Corwin 43, J. K. Tiffany 43, C. H. Mekeel 26, W. A. MacCalla 23, A. Dejoue 19, H. E. Deats 17, W. C. Stone 17, and a number of others ranging from 1 to 8. The Committee reported adversely upon 15. One of the later, that of Mr. W. P. Brown, was made the occasion of the first vote, and upon a call of the roll was accepted by a vote of 174 to 144.

Committee on Standing Rules reported the same as used by the last convention. Adopted.

The President appointed the following committees:

Finance—A. Dejoue, W. D. King, C. W. Sparr.

Library—H. E. Deats, G. Aue, W. H. Bodine.

Exchange and Purchase Departments—C. B. Corwin, A. C. Hobby, E. L. Schumann.

Official Journal—W. A. MacCalla, W. L. Emory, A. Davison.

Branch Societies—J. N. T. Levick, J. M. Hubbard, G. H. Richmond.

Constitution and By-Laws—The President, *ex-officio*, Chairman, H. L. Calman, C. H. Mekeel, J. H. Ross, W. C. Stone.

The report of the Board of Trustees on the ballott for officers was read as follows:

Total number of votes cast.....	286
Necessary for an election.....	280
For President:	
J. K. Tiffany.....	284
Scattering.....	2
Total.....	286

For Vice-President:	
W. C. Van Derlip.....	195
E. B. Sterling.....	41
J. C. Feldwisch.....	41
Scattering.....	9
Total.....	286

For Secretary:	
S. B. Bradford.....	183
H. O. Harris.....	69
R. S. Hatcher.....	32
Scattering.....	2
Total.....	286

For Treasurer:	
H. B. Seagrave.....	281
Scattering.....	5
Total.....	286

For Int. Secretary:	
Jos. Rechert.....	197
T. F. Cuno.....	65
H. Clotz.....	15
Scattering.....	9
Total.....	286

Messrs. Tiffany, Van Derlip, Bradford, Seagrave and Richert were declared elected, the announcement being received with prolonged applause.

The annual reports of most of the officers were read. The Librarian's

report showed that the Library contained seventy-one bound volumes, 1528 periodicals, seventy photographs and 345 pamphlets, catalogues, etc.; also a large amount of duplicates. The Purchasing Agent reported purchases made for members to the amount of \$1,107.91. The Exchange Superintendent's receipts for the year were \$255.36; expenses, \$240.30; filled sheets and covers received, 4,103; value, \$18,739.80; sales, \$3,790.37. The Library Board had issued eleven numbers, or 18,600 copies, of *The American Philatelist*—an average of 1,691 copies monthly; average cost per month, \$116.50; receipts, \$7,204, leaving the expense to the Association \$44.52 per month.

At 5 p. m. an adjournment was taken to the following day at 10 a. m.

MORNING SESSION. AUG. 14.

Called to order at 10:40 a. m. by Vice-President Bogert. President Tiffany delivered his address, which was frequently interrupted by applause; its delivery consumed about three-quarters of an hour and the President was greeted with great applause as he resumed his seat. On motion of Mr. Corwin a vote of thanks was tendered President Tiffany.

A communication from the Treasurer was read, showing \$304.84 in the treasury. Urgent business affairs having prevented that officer from supplying a detailed report to the convention, he promised to furnish such to the official journal.

The Secretary's report showed the actual membership to be, on July 31, 544 members numbered up to 606. During the year 330 new members had been admitted and sixty-two had dropped out; thirty-five applications were reported on hand. Of the 544 members 440 are qualified voters, sixty-seven are below the voting age, and thirty-seven reside abroad. The membership is distributed as follows:

East of Ohio.....	283
East of the Mississippi and including Ohio.....	114
West of the Mississippi.....	78
South.....	19
Canada.....	13
Foreign.....	37
Total.....	544

The report of the Committee on Exchange and Purchase Departments was read by Mr. Corwin. It embodied a number of recommendations and was considered in sections, most of the recommendations being referred to the Committee on Constitution. A resolution that the thanks of the Association be tendered Third Assistant Postmaster-General Harris for the rescinding of

Rule 3,200, provoked some discussion and was voted down by 197 to 154.

The report of the Committee on Official Journal was accepted *in toto* and referred to Committee on Constitution.

The Committee on Library reported and the Convention placed \$50 at the disposal of the Librarian for binding, etc.

The Trustees report was read and showed one objection to an applicant, W. S. Kinzer, and charges against three members, J. C. Alderson, N. E. Carter and J. C. Jay. On motion of Mr. Calman, it was agreed to consider this report after recess, in secret session.

The Secretary requested, as the two preceding conventions had failed to take any action regarding the salary of his office, that this Convention adjust the matter. Referred to Finance Committee.

A recess was taken at 1:20 to 2:30 p. m.

After recess the Convention was called to order promptly at 2:30 by the President. Mr. Corwin was on hand with a number of resolutions, as follows:

"That no dealer shall hold the office of Trustee," lost. "That the Trustees shall be either residents of the same city or separated by not more than thirty miles,"—amended to 100 miles and adopted. "That only citizens of the U. S., twenty-one years of age or over, shall be eligible for office," lost. "That Branch Societies shall contain no members who are not members of this Association,"—laid on the table. "That the Assistant Counterfeit Detector brand with the word 'Counterfeit,' on the reverse, all stamps of that nature passing through his department,"—lost. A number of others were referred to the Committee on Constitution.

Mr. J. H. Houston sent in a resolution that *all* members resident in the U. S. and Canada be entitled to vote; seconded by Mr. Stone in behalf of his Denver proxies,—lost.

Finance Committee reported in favor of making the office of Secretary a salaried one; also in favor of settling with the outgoing Secretary,—referred to Committee on Constitution.

Mr. Rechert introduced a motion that the dues of new members be computed from the half-year instead of the quarter in which they join,—referred to Committee on Constitution. The same member moved that the International Philatelisten-Verein of Dresden be made a corresponding society,—carried unanimously.

Mr. Bogert presented a resolution regarding reprints, which was in fact a rep-

etition of the one adopted at the first convention. It was adopted.

Mr. MacCalla introduced a resolution that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the Chalmers-Hill controversy. By a unanimous vote the resolution was laid on the table.

The question of the next place of meeting being brought up, Mr. Corwin nominated New York City, Mr. Bradt St. Louis, Mr. H. T. King Niagara Falls, Mr. Bogert Washington. Mr. Corwin then withdrew New York in favor of Niagara Falls. After some little discussion the roll was called, resulting as follows:

St. Louis.....	208
Niagara Falls.....	132
Washington.....	4
Philadelphia.....	1
Not Voting.....	2
Total.....	347

The announcement of the selection of St. Louis was greeted with applause, as were the votes of Messrs. Dejoue and MacCalla when given for St. Louis. The date of the next convention was set for the Monday of Fair week, which will be early in October.

On motion of Mr. Calman, seconded by Mr. Mekeel, the Convention went into secret session at 4:25 p. m. At 4:50 Mr. Bogert, Chairman of the secret session, reported to the Convention as follows: "That member Jas. C. Jay be summarily expelled from the Association for conduct unbecoming a gentleman; and that the case of member J. M. Douglas, Jr., be referred to the Trustees for immediate action." The report was unanimously adopted.

At 4:55 an adjournment was taken to 10 a. m. of the following day.

SESSION OF AUG. 15.

Called to order at 11:15 a. m. by Pres. Tiffany. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with and the President authorized to certify to the report. The Committee on Constitution reported various changes, as follows:

"That ART. II., Sec. 1 be amended so that applicants for membership be obliged to deposit \$1, on account of dues, with their applications; and that applications be signed by at least two members,"—adopted. "That a Fourth Purchasing Agent be created,"—adopted. "That the President appoint for each convention a Committee of Arrangements, and that the expenses incurred by it be defrayed from the general fund,"—adopted. "That the General Secretary receive a salary of \$150 a year,"—adopted. "That the office of Superintendent of

Literary Exchange be created,"—adopted. "That members and branches be allowed two instead of three days to keep exchange sheets,"—adopted. "That a circuit shall not consist of less than six branches or less than twelve individuals,"—adopted. "That the value of each sheet sent in shall not be less than \$1,"—adopted.

Much discussion was aroused over a motion made by Mr. Corwin. It provided for the purchase by the Third Purchasing Agent of, in fact, all stamps not provided for in the other departments. The motion failed through the manner in which it was presented, but after some tinkering it was adopted unanimously.

The limit to the amount of advertising space in the official journal to be sold to one person was increased to a page.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Aue, Stone and Scott was appointed to make arrangements for aiding Dr. Diena in his index of periodicals.

Mr. Calman moved that the present Secretary be paid \$150 for his services during the past two years, and that a vote of thanks be extended him,—adopted; that a vote of thanks be extended the officers of the Association,—carried; that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Holton for his efforts in making the exhibition a success,—carried.

Mr. Levick read the report of the Committee on Branch Societies.

Committee on Constitution recommended that reprints be removed from exchange sheets,—adopted. Mr. Bradt moved that the ballots cast in the five general elections be destroyed,—carried. Mr. Mekeel moved that government reprints be excepted from the rule requiring removal from exchange sheets,—carried. Mr. Mekeel moved that the Constitution and By-Laws be ordered printed, also list of members' names, with non-voting members indicated by a star. Amended by Mr. Bacon, that the Constitution and By-Laws be separately printed. Adopted as amended.

Mr. Bradt moved a reconsideration of the action taken on the resolution in regard to branding counterfeits as such. After some discussion, motion prevailed that the Counterfeit Detectors be instructed to place the word "Counterfeit," in indelible ink, on the backs of all counterfeits officially passing through their hands.

The following verses were contributed by Mr. Wm. Selissberg:

TO THE PRIZE EXHIBITORS.

When the Hub's fair maidens at your exhibit gaze,
Methinks I see the smile on Dejoue's face;
And friend Clotz, with perspiration on his brow,
Will not stop to think of his distant frau;
While amid the noise of the Convention's din,
I hear the silver-tongued oratory of friend Corwin.
So, as you are all singing philatelic hosannahs,
I send by mail the long promised bandanas;
And hoping that up there all strife did end,
Accept sincere regards from your philatelic friend.

On motion of Mr. H. F. King, the Convention, at 1:45 p. m. Adjourned *sine die*.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Everybody seemed well pleased with the results attained. So far as we know there was no one who was disappointed in any respect. There is one thing, though, that all seemed unanimous in: That the proper place to hold a convention is where there is a local society. Mr. Holton did wonderfully well, but what will one man's effort's avail in looking after the accommodation and entertainment of sixty? We think it will be difficult in future to get a convention to any city not having a local organization.

The legislative work of the Convention was of the best order. The government of the Association has been strengthened, differences of opinion adjusted, and smooth sailing provided for the next year.

As a presiding officer it would be difficult to equal President Tiffany. His conduct called forth the encomiums of all present—many even going so far as to affirm that as long as he can be persuaded to remain in office there shall be no change. So be it, say we.

All the members of the Official Board were present except Treasurer Seagrave; and three of the newly-elected Board were present. Mr. Van Derlip, although he was not brought forward conspicuously, produced the impression on all he met as being the right man in the right place.

A few of the constitutional changes require special mention. In elections in future a plurality of votes cast will elect, no matter how few participate in the election. This is correct, for if a number of members do not take enough interest to participate it is hardly fair the election should go by default. The election just closed barely succeeded in attaining a result, as there were but six more votes cast than the constitutional limit.

Applicants for membership must now have their applications signed by two members; they must also deposit \$1 with their application—the money to apply on dues, if elected, or to be refunded, if rejected.

The system of purchasing has been completed, and members may now procure anything through the Association. The Agent to purchase at auction sales is a very desirable addition.

The Exchange Superintendent now receives ten instead of five per cent commission. Exchange sheets can be retained but two days, and no sheet will be accepted that has a value originally of less than \$1.

The library has been placed on the free list, that is, the fee previously charged has been withdrawn. Advertisers in the official journal now have the privilege of using a page space, if they wish to.

The most conspicuous person at the Convention was Mr. C. B. Corwin of New York, known of late as the "boss kicker." Yes, he's a kicker, sure enough, but there's a "method in his madness." When he kicks there usually something follows—some result is attained that otherwise would not have been. Sometimes he kicks against a stone wall, only to be served as we all are under the same circumstances.

Some prophesied a hard struggle between collectors and dealers. Happily, these were disappointed. It never was more clearly proven, and as President Tiffany has all along contended, that the interests of collectors and dealers were too closely allied to cause a strict drawing of lines.

The exhibition was a grand success, too grand, in fact, to say much about it in a brief space. The value of the exhibit was variously estimated at from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Many saw specimens there for the first time, and the longing glances were sometimes pitiful to behold.

The Boston press did fairly well in reporting the convention. Of course they made the usual amount of blunders, but on the whole gave us very good treatment.

The greatest exhibit of philatelic nerve ever known was displayed by S. Allan Taylor. He was in constant attendance on the convention and devoured the exhibit with greedy eyes—on the lookout for points, presumably, therefore look out for a fresh batch of rarities "on the original envelopes."

The total number of members who attended one or more of the sessions was sixty-seven. Their names are as follows:

J. Adman	W. D. King
Gustar Aue	J. N. T. Levick
W. H. Bodine	W. A. MacCalla
R. R. Bogert	H. G. Manchester
S. B. Bradt	C. H. Mekeel
G. A. Burger	H. C. Moody
W. H. Bacon	C. W. Pearl
H. L. Calman	G. E. Peters
E. F. Chisholm	F. B. Perry
Henry Clotz	F. H. Pinkham
L. E. Curtis	H. E. Pratt
G. P. Coffin	Jos. Rechert
C. B. Corwin	I. W. Ridsen.
W. J. J. Culross	L. C. Richardson
C. E. Davis	G. T. Rockwell
A. Davison	J. H. Ross
Dr. W. H. Danforth	G. H. Richmond
A. Dawson	J. P. Schmitt
H. E. Deats	E. L. Schumann
A. Dejouge	J. C. Shayer
W. L. Emory	Jas. B. Smith
R. C. Fagan	C. W. Sparr
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A. O. Hobby	J. W. Scott
E. A. Holton	H. N. Terrett
J. M. Hubbard	J. K. Tiffany
H. D. Humphrey	F. Trifet
A. B. Hubbard	W. C. Van Derlip
W. K. Jewett	J. B. Vreeland
J. W. Jones	P. van der Walligen
W. B. Jackson	G. B. Woodward
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1c Telegraph, red	02	5c Proprietary, "	75
2c Bank Check, blue	01	6c Inland Exchange, orange	01
2c " " orange	01	6c Proprietary, "	10 00
2c Certificate, blue	1 00	10c Bill of Lading, blue	05
2c " " orange	15	10c Certificate, "	01
2c Express, blue	05	10c Contract, "	01
2c " " orange	05	10c Foreign Exchange, blue	15
2c Playing Cards, blue	15	10c Inland " "	01
2c " " orange	25	10c Power of Attorney, "	01
2c Proprietary, blue	02	10c Proprietary, "	50
2c " " orange	50	15c Foreign Exchange, brown	15
2c U. S. Inter. Rev., orange	01	15c Inland " "	03
3c Foreign Exchange, green	01	20c Foreign " " red	10
3c Playing Cards, green	2 50	20c Inland " "	01
3c Proprietary, "	05	25c Bond, "	10
3c Telegraph, "	05	25c Certificate, "	01
4c Inland Exchange, brown	01	25c Entry of Goods, "	03
4c Playing Cards, "	2 50	25c Insurance, "	01
4c Proprietary, "	05	25c Life Insurance, "	15
5c Agreement, red	01	25c Power of Attorney, "	02
5c Certificate, "	01	25c Protest, "	15
5c Express, "	03	25c Warehouse Receipt, "	5

FIRST ISSUE.

30c Foreign Exchange, brown.....	\$00 15
30c Inland " "	01
40c Inland " "	01
50c Conveyance, blue.....	01
50c Entry of Goods, blue.....	01
50c Foreign Exchange, blue.....	15
50c Lease, "	25
50c Life Insurance, "	05
50c Mortgage, "	08
50c Original Process, "	01
50c Passage Ticket, "	10
50c Probate of Will, "	1 00
50c Surety Bond, "	08
60c Inland Exchange, orange	08
70c Foreign " green	01
\$1.00 Conveyance, red	10
1.00 Entry of Goods, red.....	08
1.00 Foreign Exchange, red	01
1.00 Inland Exchange, "	01
1.00 Lease "	08
1.00 Life Insurance, "	05
1.00 Manifest, "	15
1.00 Mortgage, "	2 00
1.00 Passage Ticket, "	2 00
1.00 Power of Attorney, "	05
1.00 Probate of Will, "	25
1.30 Foreign Exchange, orange	05
1.50 Inland Exchange, blue	08
1.60 Foreign " green.....	25
1.90 " " brown.....	25
2.00 Conveyance, red	02
2.00 Cortgage, "	02
2.00 Probate of Will, "	10
2.50 Inland Exchange, purple.....	02
3.00 Charter Party, green.....	08
3.00 Manifest, "	08
3.50 Inland Exchange, blue	25
5.00 Charter Party, red	05
5.00 Conveyance, "	05
5.00 Manifest, "	25
5.00 Mortgage, "	25
5.00 Probate of Will, "	25
10.00 Charter Party, green.....	50
10.00 Conveyance, "	1 00
10.00 Mortgage, "	50
10.00 Probate of Will, "	50
15.00 Mortgage, blue	2 00
20.00 Conveyance, orange.....	1 50
20.00 Probate of Will, orange.....	15 00
25.00 Mortgage, red.....	2 00
50.00 U. S. Inter. Rev., green	2 00
200.00 " " " "	10 00

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1c blue and black.....	\$0 08
2c "	01
3c "	08
4c "	08
5c "	01
6c "	15
10c "	01

SECOND ISSUE.

15c blue and black.....	\$00 10
20c "	05
25c "	01
30c "	05
40c "	05
50c "	01
60c "	05
70c "	05
\$1.00 "	05
1.30 "	2 00
1.50 "	15
1.60 "	2 00
1.90 "	2 00
2.00 "	15
2.50 "	25
3.00 "	30
3.50 "	75
5.00 "	30
10.00 "	2 50
20.00 "	10 00
25.00 "	5 00
50.00 "	7 50
200.00 "	20 00
500.00 "	75 00

THIRD ISSUE.

1c claret and black.....	\$0 08
2c orange "	01
4c brown "	08
5c orange "	01
6c " "	10
15c brown "	08
30c orange "	05
40c brown "	05
60c orange "	05
70c green "	05
\$1.00 green "	08
2.00 vermillion "	15
2.50 claret "	25
3.00 green "	35
5.00 vermillion "	25
10.00 green "	1 50
20.00 orange "	5 00

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2c "	02
3c "	05
4c "	02
5c "	02
6c "	15
10c "	25
50c "	2 00
\$1.00 "	3 00
5.00 "	8 00

THIRD ISSUE.

1c green	\$0 01
2c brown	01
3c orange	02
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