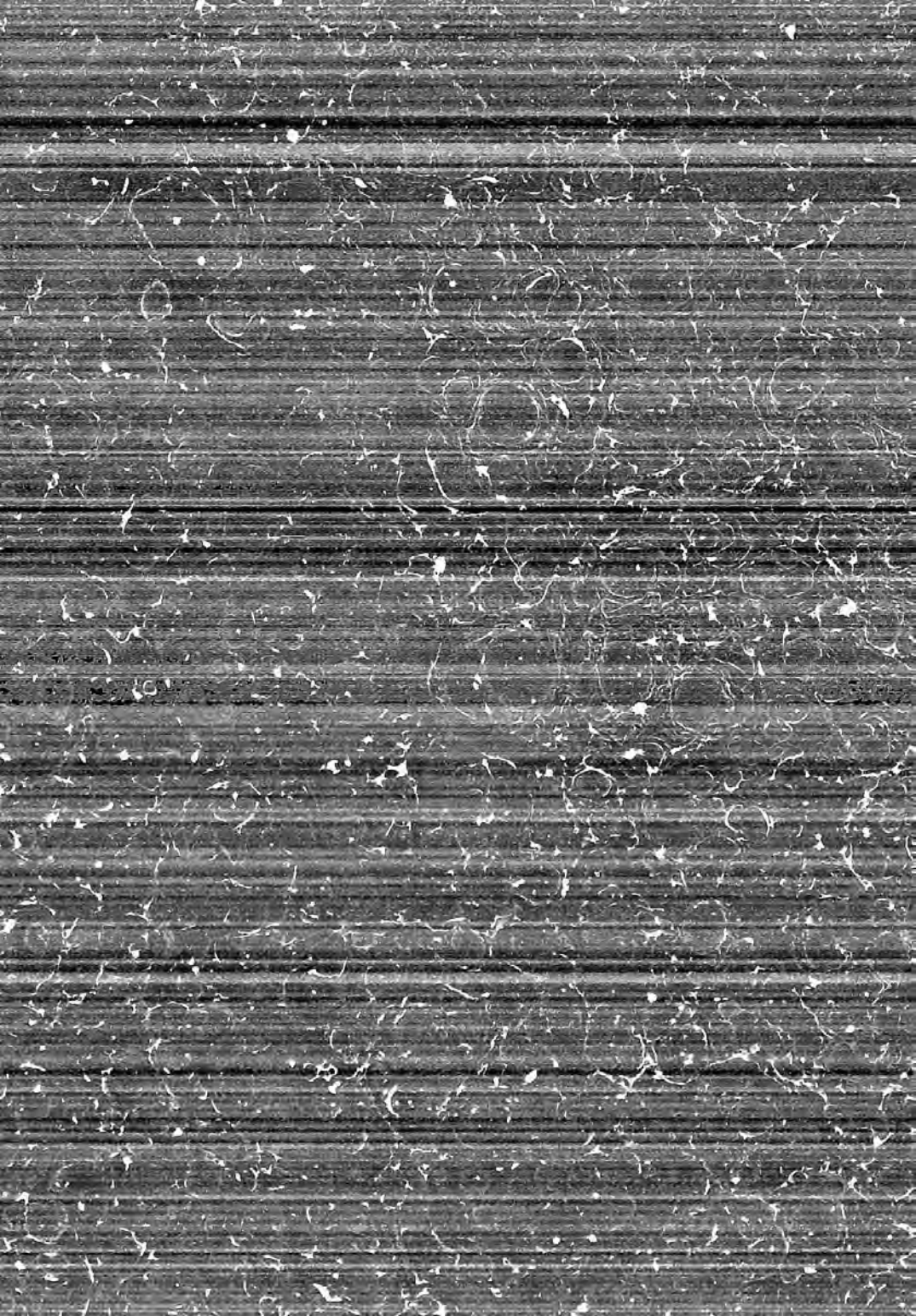


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as I did several others. The reason it commanded such a price, was on account of it being a stamp most extensively advertised.

There are at present, as far as I know, only nine of these in existence. Four are in Baron Ferrary's collection in Paris which, by the way, is far, the most complete collection in the world. Being valued at half a million dollars. Two are in the British Museum and two in the Duveen collection in New York.

The two which are the property of Mr. Duveen were discovered several years ago, and the proceeds from their sale which amounted to between \$4,500 and \$5,000 were utilized for the erection of a church in British-Guiana.

Among the stamps which he valued the most were city stamps, issued personally by the post-masters of various cities and sold at a slight advance. These were 5 c stamps, issued in 1845 and 1846. Nineteen were sold for a dollar. To reimburse the post-master for his trouble and expense in their issue, these stamps were used on mail going anywhere in the United States.

Errors on the stamps. The value of most of these stamps, is due to the fact of some error of the printer, which was usually discovered after a few stamps had been issued. For instance, a stamp of the city of Baltimore in his collection, brought \$255 because it was printed in red and blue and the colors by mistake were inverted.

From the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., there was an expression of pleasure at the result of the sale. It was thought

however that nearly double the price might have been secured at a private sale. One of the stamps that went for a high price, was that of the city of Brattleboro, Vt. 5 c stamp issued of 1845 black on buff, brought \$330 and the city of New-Haven 5 c stamp issued in 1846 went for \$330. This stamp was originally printed as an envelope. The only envelope of its kind which is now extant brought \$1,800 a few years ago.

## † THE GENERAL † COLLECTOR:

BY E PLURIBUS UNUM.

The general collector is truly philately's strongest champion. He generally specializes in nothing, but collects everything including "Seebecks" etc. "Whats the difference" he says, "they were regularly issued by a government, and many were used for postage". "But" you say, "they were only issued to sell to the collector, and many nearly bankrupt countries depend a great deal on the generosity of the philatelic public to keep the coffers of their treasury from being empty. "Yes" says Mr. G. Collector, "but they are a very handsome addition to my collection and as there are hardly any reprints, or more correctly speaking, counterfeits among them. I think they're a better investment than stamps that are extensively reprinted." The general collector hardly ever pays any attention to Die A's and B's etc. He collects anything that comes handy. No matter if its

cut-square postals or envelopes, or telegraphs, "Seebecks", foreign revenues or in fact, any old gummed label as long as it was issued by a government.

He is generally one of the most posted of philatelists. takes a good many stamp papers and in fact is the leading spirit of our hobby. He is also a good customer to the dealer and is a source of much pleasure and profit to the publishers and dealers everywhere, and taken altogether is the main-stay of Philately. Long live the General Collector.

## ↔ MEDALS FOR ↔ STAMPS!

BY F. HALLER:

Brooklyn Institute is going to give gold, silver and bronze medals, for the best showing collections of stamps.

Philately, or the study, collection and preservation of stamps. Has been greatly stimulated and number of devotees largely increased by the public patronage accorded it at the International Exhibition in Manchester, England and Brooklyn. The latter being visited by more than 10,000 persons.

The great benefit to the advancement of Philately through its scientific classification by the Brooklyn Institute about a year ago, has been recognized on the Globe, as is evidenced by their handsome and substantial contributions of stamps to the Institute's collection.

The institute seeks to encourage the

study of stamp collecting, fully realizing its educational advantages.

Like collections of other kinds. philately has its financial features in no small measure. The highest price ever paid for a single specimen of a U. S. stamp, was \$4,400 which was paid for the 10 ct. Baltimore issued in 1845, the design showing the autograph of President Polk. The celebrated 20 ct., St. Louis brought \$3,000, while there are many U. S. stamps worth from \$500 to \$2,000 each. Such as the Beaumont, Uniontown and Madison, Confederate provisional, And the Brattleboro, Vt. Millbury, Mass. and New Haven, post-master stamp.

## SPAIN'S FORMER \* COLONIES; \*

BY R. I. ELLIS.

Poor "Al", He's only got one stamp issuing country left. That one is Fernando Po.

Prior to 1898, Spain had four stamp issuing colonies. But, alas, through her stubbornness and hot-headedness, she has lost all but one.

Before 1898 she had Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines and Fernando Po.

That is not to say that those were her only colonies, for in old times she was, THE nation of the earth and possessed nearly half of the world. During the past two or three centuries she has lost and lost until she cannot lose much

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## IT IS SAID-

That South Africans are good things to  
hold on to.

That Chicago CAN support a stamp pa-  
per.

That philatelic poetry is dying out.

That an ad in this paper reaches the ph-  
ilatelic public.

That the collecting of foreign revenues  
is growing in popularity

That the stamps of Finland are in great  
demand at present.

That the Prairie State Philatelist is now the only monthly stamp magazine in Ill. That sample copy fiends are busy again, That new societies are springing up like mushrooms.

That we are doomed to more speculative and unnecessary issues.

That Moline Stamp News is numbered among the "has beens",

## CHICAGO NOTES:

By C. H. Ioago:

Philatelic Chicago seems to be waking up at last. During the last four years, there has been very little doing in Philately, Stamp papers were started, but vol. 1 no. 1 was as far as they ever got. It became a standing joke among the philatelic writers that "Chicago could not support a stamp paper, 1893 was a memorable year for philately in Chicago, as many people bought sets of Columbian stamps as souvenirs. During the fall of '99. Interest in stamps started anew and Chicago is now ready to take her place among the foremost philatelic cities of the world.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hold an Auction sale in the parlors of the Tremont House at 7:45 P. M. sharp. There are 498 lots to be sold, and no reserves. It will be held on March 3d. under the direction of Mr. F. N. Massoth. 651 Marquette Building., Chicago, Ill.

Two new societies have their origin in Chicago. The "United States Philatelic Association" and the "Northern Philatelic Association.

## OMAHA NOTES;

By our regular correspondent:

S. P. Mortenson is back from Denver where he went on account of his health.

He reports having sold during his stay there, nearly \$ 500.00 worth of stamps

Nearly all the stationary stores in town carry sheets and packets of either St. Louis stamp firms or W. C. Estes of this city Mexican revenues, Seebecks etc. sell to the collector who has from 300 to 1,000 varieties, at 3 to 4 times face value.

In fact everything does, as advanced collectors never visit them, except to get hinges now and then.

An Omaha stamp collector has got the name of "Robie Junior" by picking up at a small drug store here, a 6c blue 1878 proprietary, rouletted cat. at \$6.00

The Postal Telegraph frank for 1900 is out. It is blue.

In January last, the sales at the Omaha post office were \$ 31,000

Mr. Brown of the old firm of Parmlee & Brown, has set up in business again. His office is at 13th and Farnum Sts.

Mr. S. P. Hughes of Howe, Nebr, has at last located here. His sisters run the stamp business while he works as advertising manager in W. R. Bennett's department store.

The new cancelation machine in the post office is not working as well as it should

Several complaints have been received of letters that have been torn open by the machine, and in one instance a valuable was very nearly lost. An effort will be made to remedy the defect as soon as possible.

The Omaha correspondent of the Nebraska Philatelist says, "The N. P. S. has won it's way into the hearts of Omaha collectors". I wonder when it will win the way to their purses.

The United States Philatelic Association A new stamp club for the general collector, has it's auction dep't. here. It is a promising club. Application blanks can be secured from any member.

## NEW ORLEANS NOTES:

By Thos. J. Renaud:

At present, the school-boy approval sheet trade is at its best.

Since the war with the Boers, the stamps from South Africa have become quite popular. When a sheet is shown to a customer, he at once looks for a "Boer Stamp" and if there are none to be seen, he is very much disappointed.

Quite a novel card party was given here not long ago. The "tally-cards" were in the shape of a big stamp. Each game won, was scored with a foreign stamp. The prizes consisted of Sets and packets of stamps.

Your paper has the very best wishes of the writer.

## ↔ COIN DEP'T. ↔

Edited by A. P. Wylie:

To the readers of the Prairie State Philatelist, and more especially to those interested in numismatics. Yours Truly has been recently informed by the Editor that he is about to issue the P. S. P. for the benefit of numismatists, as well as philatelists. He desires that I should take charge of this department., after carefully considering the matter, I have concluded to do so.

To make this department a success we want every one interested in coin collecting, to give us all the assistance they can., and tell us about the old money they have., or have seen. Don't be afraid to ask questions pertaining to our hobby. To all such, we will cheerfully give all the information possible, upon the condition that they must be subscribers of the P. S. P., and inclose a stamp for return postage.

### HOW TO START COLLECTING COINS.

We will suppose you are about fifteen years old, have not started, have little surplus cash to spend, and want to start a collection. You know what a collection is, having seen a Friend's.

You decide that you shall have one, too. But how will you begin. To such we would say, Go slow at first, don't try to collect everything. For instance, you might make the foundation copper cents, one of every date which you can easily obtain, from the flying ea-

gle cent of 1857 up to the cent of the present coinage at a cost of face value only. Then by looking around, very likely you may obtain from some friend, a few of the large cents preceding 1858. You will obtain duplicates which you can easily trade for others you have not got.

In this way you can get quite a collection and not spend a cent. When you get all you can obtain in this way, you can buy some of the cheaper dates now and then to fill in the vacancies. Thus as time rolls on your collection will grow and become more valuable.

## SPAIN'S FORMER COLONIES;

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more. That 1898 affair was a hard blow to Spain. Three colonies gone at one time is too much. Spain commenced to issue stamps for Cuba and Porto Rico in 1855, for Cuba alone in 1874, and for Porto Rico alone in 1873.

Nearly every year from 1874 to 1892 was represented by a separate issue of stamps for Cuba. In some cases surcharges were used instead of special issues as in 1883 and 1898.

Spain commenced to issue stamps for Fernando Po in 1868 and still continues. She commenced issuing stamps for Philippines in 1854. Now summing all up I should think that the colonial issues of Spain are quite interesting as any other country, and the time will most likely come when all her colonial and even her national issues will be back numbers. In a few years the Spanish stamps

will be considered not real rare - but hard to get.

## NOTICE.

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tion thorough, or even approximately so, as in seeking out the stamps of any other part of the world. He will also find that some of the specimens which he must have are as rare as anything of their kind elsewhere and will cost him quite as pretty sums. In the end however, he will have a collection that in uniqueness, general attractiveness and display of pure artistic quality will compare favorably with the best that any of his competitors working on other lines can have possibly secured.

Philately proves that it is a science by a knowledge it gives to the collector of the various conditions of the fine arts in the many stamp-issuing countries of the world. It proves that many have progressed while others have retrograded in designing, engraving, lithographing, and printing. This is particularly seen in the stamps of the Orient. It is well known that Mohammedan, like the Mosaic, law, forbids the reproduction of any living thing, be it beast, bird, fish, or human being, in or on any substance, be it stone, metal, wood, or paper. It is to this law that art is indebted for the beautiful forms of the arabesques of Arabia, Spain, Turkey, Hindoostan, Persia, and Morocco. For to keep within the bounds of these laws the designers of the Middle Ages were obliged to twist and turn the objects at their command into every conceivable form and position; thus domes were formed of the chalices of flowers, many times repeated; geometrical figures were employed to decorate the floors, walls, and ceilings of palace, temple, tomb, and court. Lines

that have no apparent beginning or end were the beginning of the Arabesque, Mooresque, Hindoo, and Persian styles of art were created.

TO BE CONTINUED IN NO. 3.

## JUST A FEW \*SHORT NOTES.\*

By A STAMP COLLECTOR.

It is expected that Holland will issue new stamps for her colonies.

During 1900, almost every country will issue new sets of stamps. Collectors be on the watch. You are likely to secure some fine stamps.

The U. S. has decided to issue a set of stamps for the Buffalo Exposition. The denominations are 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 10 cents. This will increase stamp collecting and will launch many a person into this instructive amusement. The reason for the boom in the stamp business in 1899, was the issuing of the Omaha stamps.

It is said that Turkey will issue a new set of 29 values.

Canada is to have four and seven ct. values soon.

A good article appears in the 'Philatelic West' about buying stamps. The contents of the article may be summed up in a few words. Buy the cheaper sets and leave out the high priced stamps. You may pay a big price for a single stamp, while for the same amount you can buy ten or twenty low price stamps.

## \* COIN DEP'T. \*

Edited by A. P. WYLIE.



The coin collection of Leopold Gans, Chicago, Ill. was sold in New York City, Wednesday, March 14 th. There were 517 lots comprising U. S. gold, silver and copper coins, also ancient, medieval and modern, foreign gold and silver coins. 31 of the lots contained Queen Isabella quarter dollars, of which there were 300 pieces in lots of 1 to 100 each. Mr. Gans had a splendid collection.

The Lafayette Dollar was authorized by act of Congress, and is legal tender for its face value but as only 50,000 are to be coined, it will not come into general circulation. They are of the same weight and fineness as the current silver dollar. They are sold at \$2 each and the money is appropriated for the benefit of the Lafayette monument fund which is to be used in the erection of an equestrian statue of Lafayette in Paris. The coinage was commenced on the date of the 100th anniversary of the death of Washington. The obverse side bears the heads of Washington and Lafayette. Coin experts consider it very artistic in design. \$5000 was offered for the first coin struck but refused, and it was placed in an elegant case and given to President M' Kinley who presented it to the President of France. President Loubet accorded the bearer of the coin, after the presentation a grand reception.

Don't buy poor coins. In buying common coins try and get good ones. Remember quality not quantity. 100 good ones are worth 500 poor ones. The first may cost more but they will be the greater admired by your friends and give more genuine satisfaction. Poor ones unless rare are mere rubbish. They may do to fill up the gaps in your collection but get rid of them as soon as possible, and be honest about it, don't sell a poor coin for the price of a good one just because the purchaser is uninformed.

1,453,000 of the old design five-cent pieces were coined in 1883. A large number of the new design V without "cents" were coined, but as they were plated with gold and passed as \$5.00 pieces by sharpers, the most of them were called in and destroyed.

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## EDITORIAL.

The dull season for Philately is now ahead. The only way to coax business to your door during dull times, is through the liberal use of printer's ink. An ad in

the Prairie State Philatelist brings RESULTS

That new society, the U. S. Philatelic Ass'n., is making quite a stir. It looks like a winner.

This paper is published by a philatelist that knows what kind of news a philatelist wants. So this paper will contain news that IS news.

One of our agents, Mr. R. C. Miller of Valley Junction, Ia; made a lucky find in a collection that he bought from a friend. It consisted of an extra fine specimen of Boyd's City Post. Scott's 2324 cat. at \$ 10.00. This shows that it pays to keep on a watch for scarce stamps.

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Peter C. Swartz. Box 119 Waukesha.

\***OMAHA NOTES.**\*

BY CLAUDE ROTHERY.

S. P. Mortenson is now on the second floor of the Paxton Block.

W. C. Estes recently found a 5c 1890 imperforate. The margins were rather large.

F. S. Parmlee the Omaha collector and formerly of the stamp firm of Parmlee & Brown is the best pigeon shot of the world.

August H. Hennings, one of Omahas philatelists, was elected City treasurer as a republican candidate.

S. P. Hughes, who on the death of his mother, came to Omaha, has now left W. R. Bennett's, and is with Sheverick's Furniture Co.

A. C. Daily has resigned the office of Sec'y. Treas. of the N. P. S.

The Prairie State Philatelist has just come. To say the least it is a neat, reliable and readable paper.

R. L. Sheppard announces that he is about to put the old Omaha Philatelist on the market again.

Mr. F. Brown also intends to publish a paper here. It was to be out in January but it has not yet made its appearance.

F. W. Rothery of this city is thinking of selling his collection. The U. S. postage and revenues are practically complete. Mr. Brown wants him to auction it off in Omaha.

The Omaha post-office has but one clerk to look up wrong addresses, and consequently nearly all letters addressed

wrong, are delayed from two to six days.

There is an attempt being made here, to start a stamp society with clubrooms down-town. This will hardly succeed on account of the expenses.

A young collector here the other day while looking in a trunk found papers of different kinds, with about a thousand Rebellion revenues on, most of them were 2c Bank-checks.

While looking through a box of 2c 1894-5 U. S. stamps, the writer found at least 50 triangles II and III to every triangle I.

A firm here has received 2c doc. on letters with 2c due, and have had letters addressed by them, with a 2c doc. on, returned to them. But this is the first time they have received one without 2c due.

\***NEW ORLEANS**\*  
**NOTES.**

BY THOS. J. RENAUD.

New Orleans dealers report business very good, especially the approval sheet trade. The packet trade is starting to pick up. The dealers have at last found printers ink a necessity, and the result is that their mail order trade is proving satisfactory.

The revenue stamps are beginning to be gathered in, especially the one and two cent surcharged I. R. Their collectors seem to think they will be worth money in a short time.

I got drift the other day that an up-to-date stamp paper was going to be published in this city soon. I learned who the interested parties were, and called on them for an interview. I am sorry to say that I gained no particulars whatever. I was told to wait, watch and see.

On Madri Gras day quite a novelty in stamps was seen on the streets. Two young ladies in costumes made of postage stamps. Your correspondent being interested approached the young ladies and to his surprise found that he knew them both well. They were both dressed alike. Their hats were of a lamp shade pattern and made of the one cent blue. The waists were made of the one cent green and their skirts were covered with the two cent red. Over three months were spent in collecting the stamps and neither one of them had any idea how many stamps they had used. Last year only one costume had stamps on it, and that was very poorly gotten up, but these were very pretty and quite a novelty. Wherever they were seen, they caused great admiration to be expressed.

I was informed to-day that the Books of Postage Stamps will be placed on sale in this city on May the first.

Your No. 1. paper was first class. It has my very best wishes.

## ↔ NEW YORK ↔ NOTES.

BY C. R. TARVER.

A well known collector and Special-

ist that was present at the Hunter Auction Sale, said that the same collection in ten years from now, would bring twice if not thrice as much as that one did if stamps continued to come in favor as they have the last five years.

The prospect for stamps is good. For without doubt the Buffalo issue will attract as much attention as the Omaha's. Especially if they do not go above the ten cent denomination.

It is said that Miss Hetty Green the richest woman in the U. S. is a stamp collector and has some of the rare Brattleboro's,

There have been two new stamp Companies opened on East 23 rd St. N. Y. in the last three weeks. So there must be some demand for stamps. There are about 50 per cent more stamp collectors in New York now than before the Columbian and Omaha stamps were issued. Coin collecting is getting to be a thing of the past here and stamp collecting is getting more the fashion.

There are to be several more large auction sales held in N. Y. in April:

The new set for France will be issued about April 15th.

Argentine Republic has a complete new issue of fifteen values.

New York is to have a new stamp paper but the name has not been decided upon yet.

The Post Office, and Stamps, of N. Y. have ceased publication.

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## CHICAGO NOTES.

By C. H. ICAGO.

Dealers report business very good for this time of the year. Spring is here and the time for out-door sports is at hand but stamps seem to be holding their own. The principal trade is in sets and approval sheets.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held another auction sale in the parlors of the Tremont House. It was held on April the 7th at 7.45 P. M. There was quite a good attendance and good prices were realized on many stamps.

Mr. Cobbe announces that he is about to publish a stamp paper devoted entirely to the young collector. It is the "Chicago Junior" and scheduled to appear on May the first. Success to you Bro. Cobbe.

A new society—the "Prairie State Philatelic As's'n" has lately been organized in Chicago. It is a state society and is meant only for collectors residing in Illinois. The Sec. and Treas: is F. Haller, 1456 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.

It is proposed to construct a pneumatic tube line for the conveyance of mail between the main post-office and the Union Stock Yards station.

The Books of Stamps will soon be on sale at the post-office here.

All the stations have lately been re-named and will hereafter be known by the name of the vicinity in which they are situated.

A model of the new Chicago Post-office has been sent to the Paris Exposition.

## NOTICE.

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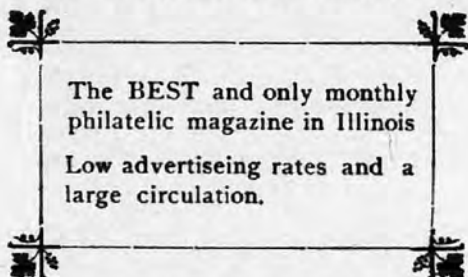
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| 27 | "    | Canada              | .60    |
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| 12 | "    | Ceylon              | .35    |
| 7  | "    | Cyprus              | .45    |
| 4  | "    | Dominica surcharge  | .60    |
| 5  | "    | Fiji                | .27    |
| 6  | "    | Gold Coast          | .18    |
| 8  | "    | Hong Kong           | .35    |
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|    |      |                     |        |
|----|------|---------------------|--------|
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Too much cannot be said of the honest collector. If a person sends you a selection on approval, do not substitute and when you take any stamps, make returns as soon as possible. You yourself may sometimes send stamps on approval. The Beginner as a rule, is honest in all his dealings, yet we often hear of those who not only substitute selections sent them, but perhaps through forgetfulness do not make any returns at all. Undoubtedly he is young yet, but will learn by experience that it is always best to be upright and honest in all his dealings with fellow collectors.

There are some things which are of vital importance to the beginner and young collector. Two of the most important are, a good stamp catalogue and plenty of stamp literature, both of which can now be had with but a small expenditure of money, and the benefits derived from these two sources will more than cover the expenditures.

From the catalogue he can get a great supply of knowledge upon, watermarks, paper, perforations, cancellations, surcharges, etc, all of which help to make stamp collecting more interesting. It is impossible to tell all the benefits of stamp literature, but by carefully perusing the articles in the different philatelic magazines, he keeps posted on all the late issues, workings of the different societies and keeps in contact with collectors in general. In this way he not only helps

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## NUMISMATIST'S

➔ DEP'T. ➔

Edited by A. P. WYLIE.

### COINS OF THE TIME OF CHRIST.

There are at least three coins that every miscellaneous collector, of coins should have in his collection. They are the coins used during the time Christ was on earth. The one known as the holy shekel and mentioned in the Bible, was the sacred money of the Jews and given as a tribute to the Sanctuary.

Every Jew 20 years old or over was required to pay this coin for the maintenance of the temple, and all Jews scattered throughout the world sent one to the holy city, Jerusalem each year. The coin was struck by order of Simon Mac-cabeans about 140 B. C., and was equal in value to two dinarii of the Romans or two drachma of the Greeks. The coin is of silver and weighs about as much as four of our dimes. The design on the obverse, shows a sort of cup or large goblet and is supposed to represent the sacred pot of manna. This side has also in hieroglyphics the inscription "Shekel of Israel" while on the reverse is a figure which looks like a spray of Canada thistle. This is supposed to represent Aaron's rod that budded and bears the inscrip-

tion "Jerusalem the Holy". All money given for the support of the Temple, had first to be changed to this the "Holy money of the Sanctuary".

The dinarii bearing the figure or bust of Tiberius, was also of silver and in size nearly identical with the half shekel. Our Lord was speaking of this coin when he said "Whose image and superscription is this." This coin was the regular money and is rendered by translators as penny in the New Testament. It was worth about 15 cents of our money and weighed a little more than a dime.

At that time it would purchase nearly ten times as much as it would now. It was the regular pay for a days work. Let us take some satisfaction that we are on the same standard of value as our ancestors 2,000 years ago, or in other words a man could earn 15 cents and buy \$1.50. Now he earns the \$1.50 a day and buys with it the same amount.

The last but not least in size at any rate, is the sestertius or the "First brass of Vespasian." This massive coin was struck by order of the grand old Roman Senate, in memory of the awful destruction of Jerusalem under command of Titus in the year 70.

The obverse side has the inscription "Judea Capta" or the capture of Jerusalem, and stands as a monumental record of the fulfilling of Christs prophecy. The reverse has a large bust of some personage I do not know of accurately. It is of brass and almost as large as a silver dollar and is mentioned in Luke 19' 4.

There are many others especially the Caesars. I have a number including

bronze and silver, but many closely resemble each other. There are very few found that have not the pronounced Roman nose and wearing armor, at least on the head.

Byron H. Walker.

## CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

By CLAUDE ROTHERY.

### AUSTRIA.

Adhesive, Postage Due.

1 heller, brown.

2 " "

3 " "

4 " "

5 " "

6 " "

10 " "

12 " "

15 " "

20 " "

50 " "

100 " "

Adhesive, Provisional Issue.

Offices in the Levant.

1 piastre on 25 hellers, dark blue.

2 piastres on 50 hellers, blue.

10 piastres on 2 crowns, gray violet.

20 piastres on 4 crowns, light green.

Wrapper, Regular Issue.

2 hellers, green

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50 reis on 10 reis, rose and blue.

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## EDITORIAL.

Well, it is now about time to use that stereotyped expression "We have come to stay," for we have. The P. S. P. has been entered at the Chicago postoffice as second-class mail matter, and so the

last obstacle is now removed. So far we have made few promises, and what we have made, we have fulfilled to the letter. Subscriptions are now rolling in steadily, as it needs no talk to convince the up-to-date collector that in this paper, he gets a variety of all the best and latest news obtainable.

Advertisers, notice the ads in this issue and compare with No. 1. Do you think that if their ads didn't pay them, that dealers would keep right on advertising and enlarging their ads?

We would call attention to the 2nd auction sale of the U. S. Philatelic Ass'n. advertised in this issue. The last sale was a grand success and this one promises to be even better, so send in your bids,

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CENTRAL AFRICA.**

Adhesive, Regular Issue.  
2 shillings, olive and black.  
BRITISH HONDURAS,  
Double Postal card, Provisional Issue.  
2x2 cents on 3x3 cents, carmine and blue

BRITISH GUIANA.  
Adhesive, Regular Issue.  
2 cent, carmine and lilac.

BOSNIA.  
Postal card, Regular Issue.  
5 hellers, green and buff.

CAROLINE ISLANDS,  
Old issue Germany surcharged—  
"Karolinen Inseln" or "Karolinen".  
Adhesive, Provisional Issue.

3 pfennig, brown.  
5 " green.  
10 " carmine.  
20 " blue.  
25 " orange.  
50 " red brown.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.  
Postal card, Regular Issue.  
1 cent carmine on buff pictorial set.

CEYLON.  
Adhesive, Regular Issue.  
3 cents, green.

CHINA. Surcharged "Chine".  
Adhesive, Provisional Issue.  
5 centimes, yellow green.

COREA.— The 1895 issue has a  
surcharge obliterating the words "King-  
dom of Corea". The surcharge signifying  
"Empire of Corea".  
Adhesive, Provisional Issue.  
5 poon, green, red surcharge.  
10 poon, deep blue, "  
25 poon, brown carmine, "  
50 poons, red purple, "

Adhesives. Provisional Issue.  
Japanese Offices.  
5 rins, gray, red surcharge.  
1 sen, lilac brown, red surcharge.  
2 sen, green, red surcharge.  
3 sen, brown violet, black surcharge.  
4 sen, carmine, black surcharge.  
5 sen, orange yellow, red surcharge.  
8 sen, olive, red surcharge.  
10 sen, blue, black surcharge.  
15 sen, violet, black surcharge.  
20 sen, red orange, black surcharge.  
25 sen, blue green, red surcharge.  
50 sen, violet brown, black surcharge.  
1 yen, carmine, black surcharge.

CURACAO.— Doubtful.  
Adhesive, Provisional Issue.  
10 cents on 10 cents, gray lilac.  
12 1/2 cents on 12 1/2 cents, blue.  
15 cents on 15 cents, yellow.  
20 cents on 20 cents, yellow green.  
25 cents on 25 cents, green and brown.  
50 cents on 50 cents, carmine and buff.  
1 gulden on 1 gulden, bronze green.  
1 1/2 guldens on 1 1/2 guldens, brown lilac.  
2 1/2 guldens on 2 1/2 guldens, brown lilac.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.



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### Color changed.

Adhesive, Columbus Mem. Issue.

1 centavo, gray green.

DUTCH INDIES.— Surcharged on current Netherlands.

Adhesives, Provisional Issue.

10 cents on 10 cents, gray lilac.

12½ cents on 12½ cents, blue.

15 cents on 15 cents, yellow brown.

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50 cents on 50 cts. bronze green & brown.

1 gulden on 1 gulden, bronze green.

1½ gulden on 1½ gulden, brown lilac.

2½ gulden on 2½ gulden, brown lilac.

### ECUADOR.

Adhesives; Official Issue.

1 centavo, orange and black.

5 centavos, orange and black.

1 sucre, orange and black.

5 sucre, orange and black.

GOLD COAST.— Change in colors.

Adhesive, Regular Issue.

5 shillings, green and mauve.

10 shillings, green and brown.

FRANCE.— Current French surcharged "Alexandrie" for offices in Egypt.

Postal card.

10 cents, black on pale green.

Letter card.

15 cents, black on rose.

### HONG KONG

Halves of the 4x4 on 3x3 cards are being issued as single cards.

### ICELAND.

Adhesive, Regular Issue.

4 aur. gray center, rose frame.

INDIA.— Postal card, Local.

5 cash, rose red on buff.

Adhesive, Regular Issue.

¼ anna, black on orange, with oval seal in black.

JAPAN.— Adhesive,

3 sen, violet.

3 sen, violet. Envelope.

LABUAN.— Double surcharge of the word cents.

Adhesive Provisional Issue

4 cents on 18 cents, with "cents" doubly surcharged.

### LIBERIA.

Adhesive, Regular Issue.

1 cent, green.

2 cents, carmine and black.

5 cents, blue and black.

Adhesive, Official Issue.

1 cent, green, surcharged "O. S." in red.

2 cts. carmine and black, "

5 cts. blue and black, "

### MARSHALL ISLANDS.

Surcharged "Marshall Inseln".

Adhesive, Regular Issue.

3 pfennig, brown.

5 pfennig, green.

25 pfennig, orange.

50 pfennig, red brown.

MALTA.— Newspaper, Local.

1 farthing.

### MOROCCO.

Adhesives, Local.

5 centimos, yellow-green and red.

10 centimos, ultramarine and red.

20 centimos, claret and red.

25 centimos, violet and red.

40 centimos, yellow-brown and red.

50 centimos, brown and red.  
1 peseta, reseda and red.

MARIANCE.— The surcharge is either "Martanen Inseln" or "Martanen.

Adhesive. Provisional Issue.

3 pfennig, brown.

5 pfennig, green.

10 pfennig, carmine.

20 pfennig, blue.

25 pfennig, orange.

50 pfennig, red brown.

**NEW CALEDONIA.**

Adhesives. Provisional Issue.

5 centimes on 4 cts. claret on lavender.

15 centimes on 30 cts. brown on bistre.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**

2240 envelopes issued with 1 d. impression, another added to make up value

Envelope 1 x 1 d., on wove paper.

**NEW ZEALAND.**

Envelope. Official Issue.

No value, black on white laid.

Adhesive, Unpaid Letter.

3 d. green and carmine.

PORTUGAL.— Postal Card

25 reis, rose and buff.

**ROUMANIA.**

Wrapper, Provisional Issue.

1 bani on 1 1/2 bani.

SALVADOR.— 1898 issue surcharged "1900". Adhesive. Provisional Issue.

1 centavo orange vermillion.

SAMOA.— Adhesive. Provisional

2 1/2 d. on 2 1/2 sh. mauve. surch in black.

Adhesive. Local Issue.

5 paras, black on bluish.

10 paras, black on bluish.

20 paras, black on white.

1 grosion, black on white.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.— color changed. Adhesive. Regular Issue. 5 cents, blue black.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Adhesive. Official Issue.

1 sh. brown, surcharged "O. S."

**ORANGE FREE STATE.**

Official Stamp.

No value, black on yellow.

**SURINAM.**

Surcharged on new Netherlands. same as Dutch Indies and Curacao in values and colors

**TRINIDAD.**

Color changes, adhesive, regular issue. 5 shillings, mauve.

**TRAVANCORE.**

Postal card, Local Issue.

5 cash, rose red on buff.

U. S. Adhesives. Prop. Revenues.  
2 1/2 cents, carmine. Antikamnia,  
2 1/2 cents, carmine. Ad Chemical Co.  
1 1/4 cents, carmine. Dr. Williams.

U. S. Protectorate, Cuba,

Envelopes. Regular Issue.

1 centavo, green on blue.

2 centavo, carmine on blue.

SWEDEN, adhesive. Regular Issue,

1 krona, carmine frame and gray center

Victoria,— adhesive, regular issue.

4 pence, red brown:

Wurtemberg,— adhesive, regular issue.

30 pfennig, orange and black.

40 pfennig, orange and black.

\* **NEWSY NOTES.** \***FROM OMAHA.**

By Claude Rothery.

S. P. Mortenson and F. Brown are now putting stamp ads in the daily papers.

The thirty and fifty dollar revenue stamps have not as yet been offered for sale here.

F. W. Rothery has sold his collection to a local party. The newly elected city treasurer bought several hundred dollars worth from the buyer.

The site for the new postoffice at Blair, Nebr. has been chosen, and work will begin this summer.

The druggists of this city never sell goods with p. p. on. As soon as they reach the wholesale houses the p. p. are removed and unused ones of the regular issue put on.

It is announced that Judge Carland of Sioux Falls, of the United States court, has asked the Circuit Court of Appeals to designate some other judge to conduct the trial of Joe Kirby a prominent attorney, who is under indictment in the United States court for receiving a quantity of postage stamps, knowing them to have been stolen from the government.

W. C. Heckman, assistant superintendent of railway mail service at Washington, was in the city the latter part of March. Speaking of the defects in the transfer system, he said that the government had at length come to recognize that the service must be improved. When the present contracts expire, the new

contracts will be let only to those who can give their personal attention to the transfers of mail in each city.

Mr. Heckman said, "In 1898 the government received 245,000 bids for less than 5,000 transfer districts. The war tax being in force, the bidders were compelled to place a 50c stamp on each bid and the government made the amazing sum of \$122,000. This year the tax was still in force when the bids were received, but the contractors had instructed their agents in Washington to agree to bid only on certain sections and thus divide up the business. The government, therefore, netted only about \$25,000 this year.

**FROM BOSTON.**

By B. O. Stone.

On Monday, April 23, the booklets of stamps were put on sale at the Boston Post-office, and the small lot was immediately snapped up by the public. The first consignment consisted of 1,000 of the 25c books and at the end of the day not one remained.

If indications have anything to do with the state of affairs, the stamp business must be booming in Boston. During the last two months the Boston Stamp Co., has removed from 43 Milk St. to a larger and better office at 26 Bromfield St., B. L. Drew & Co. have removed from their old Court St. office to the Winthrop Building, Water St. and the New England Stamp Co. now has the entire office at 292 Washington St. of which they formerly occupied the rear section.

The new set for Crete has appeared and presents a striking appearance with

its artistic coloring and engraving. The set consists of eight values, from 1 lepta to 2 drachmae, and it is stated that a 5 dr. stamp is to follow. The designs, with the exception of the 10 and 25 l. are taken from Greek Mythology, the 10 and 25 l. bearing the likeness of Prince George.

The higher values are surcharged "Provisional"

It is said that the  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. green Queensland is to be withdrawn.

The Brazilian stamps in Postal Union colors are now appearing in the mails.

The  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. documentary revenue is a stamp which is really scarcer used than unused. The only documents on which they are used are insurance policies, on which they represent the tax on one dollar or fraction.

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### FROM NEW YORK.

By C. R. Tarver.

The Deats large collection of revenues will be sold this month.

The Sun says of the Buffalo Exposition Stamps. "Some of the designs already adopted by the Post Office Dep't are as follows. In the issue are included, one cent, two cent, three cent, four cent, five cent, eight cent, and ten cent. On one stamp will be engraved a picture of an American lake steamer, another will include a picture of some modern express train, a third is to depict a bridge over Niagra Falls, and the Falls themselves if a suitable picture can be obtained. A fourth will include a view of the canal locks at Sault de Sainte Marie. The Automobile is to be made the subject of the fifth. It has been suggested that the

colonial desire for pictures of the American flag might be gratified by a reproduction of the national colors as the sixth stamp, if the Department can determine whether the flag is or is not an artificial aid to commerce, this idea will probably be adopted.

It is rumored that the stamp books are on sale at the N. Y. Post Office but I have not seen any of them. It is thought that there will be a good sale for the twenty-five cent books but not much for the fifty cent books.

Iceland has added a 4 ore stamp to the regular set printed in two colors, gray and rose. British Guinea has changed the color of the current two cent 1889-1891 to lilac and rose instead of lilac and orange.

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### FROM PHILADELPHIA.

By D. C. Evans.

"The Philatelic Review of Reviews." the much touted and heralded philatelic paper which appeared here on April 21, has given up the ghost after one number on account of lack of time. It is a pity that these people can't think before beginning and thus save themselves lots of ridicule and other people's money.

C. H. Cummings of Germantown made quite a find the other day. In looking over some merchandise from Barbados he came across 89 wrappers, all in good condition of the surcharged type of 1898  $\frac{1}{2}$  p. on 1 p. carmine, Cat. \$ 15.

One of those booklets of stamps surcharged "Sample" has been seen by the

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writer: the owner would not sell it at any price and guarded it with a jealous eye.

The orange envelope which is making such a wild sensation is a fake in my opinion, as quite a number of perfect specimens have been shown here which were made solely by the action of the sun.

This city has a very unsavory reputation among dealers for our want of honesty. This is due in a great measure to the fact that we have no philatelic magazines and very few advertisers and subscribers here, the natural result is, we hear very little about one another and consequently many frauds exist of which we are not aware but for which we are held responsible. The best remedy that I can think of is "Printers Ink", 1 dose a month.

One of Phila's prominent collectors is Mr. W. T. Du Hadway whose U. S. collection is complete: including a Brattleboro and Millbury. He has a Boyd local on green paper, the only one known to exist, and many other gems. His greatest purchase however was of the remainders of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia from the Canadian government.

### FROM CHICAGO.

By C. H. Icano,

The Booklets of stamps were placed on sale at the Chicago Post Office about April 25. There did not seem to be a very great demand for them however.

The "Chicago Junior" has appeared and comes under a one cent stamp. It contains quite a few items of interest for

beginners. It has a Review also, but in a Junior's paper an elaborate review of stamp papers which the reader never receives, is of no interest whatever. All papers devoted to the Junior should have notes on the happenings of stamp societies devoted to their class, give hints etc. on cleaning, mounting, classifying, give information on what stamps to avoid, how to tell the easily told counterfeits etc. In fact it should contain nothing that is not strictly of interest to the Junior.

Mr. P. M. Wolfseiffer is the only Chicago dealer who advertises in the daily newspapers.

Stamp business is picking up at a great rate in the "Windy City".

Joseph Brychta a money order clerk in the Pulmann Station has disappeared. It was discovered that over 100 money orders of which there was no register had been made out. It is feared that he has made them payable to himself for the full amount of \$100 each. In this case the government will lose over \$10,000.

Nothing has as yet been seen of the "New Illinois Philatelist" scheduled to appear here several months ago. The "Editor" probably discovered that "he had no time to devote to such a money-making business". Humph.

By the way. What's the matter with Chicago's hoodoo anyway. Two new papers started and one of them has already secured 2nd class rates. Wonder of wonders, she must have lost it.

The "Open Window Club", a society for boys and girls, and having over 65,000 members, numbers over 20,000 philatelists on its membership roll.

## \* JOTTINGS. \*

By Ye Editor.

Italy is essentially the land of post-cards. To the collector it is at once a joy and a terror, for the ordinary postcard of every-day use bears the date of the year of issue, and so every year a new card looking exactly like all the old must be added to the album. The latest invention in this way is a postcard shot with various colors, so that the hues change if the card is regarded from different angles. The colors, moreover, are made of sensitive chemical ingredients, which are affected by changes in the weather to the extent of altering the colors. It is probable that this system will be extended and in the end we shall have painted landscapes which present a sunny appearance in the summer and put on the hues of winter in the cold dark days.

An exhaustive exhibit of United States postage stamps will form a part of the Paris exhibition. It is said to be one of the most complete ever made, embracing every variety issued since the inauguration of the postal service.

### AN AGENT

whose name was omitted from the regular column through an error in printing.

**C. R. TARVER.**

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## REVIEW.

Owing to lack of space we were compelled to leave out an interesting review. In next month sure.

## Question Box.

All persons wishing any information in regard to stamps, etc, should send questions to be answered through this column to "Editor of Question Box", H. J. Davish, 712 N. 37th St., West Phila., Pa.

## ↔ PICK-UPS. ↔

By W. Eyers.

A Boston publisher recently compiled a list of stamp dealers in U. S. and Canada that advertise in stamp and boy's papers. He finds that there are over 1,000 dealers in U. S., New York heads the list with 150 dealers, while Oregon has but 3. Canada has about the same number as New York.

Ceylon has issued a new 3 cent stamp and Japan is expected to issue a 3 sen stamp to commemorate the marriage of the Crown Prince.

Mr. M. H. Lombard of Boston, at Brooklyn Institute exhibit held last month, received the Gold Medal and 3 inferior prizes for the best display of stamps.

In almost every stamp paper you pick up, you will find something about the books containing 12, 24, and 48, 2 cent stamps interleaved with paraffine paper.

Many new stamps are being issued. Canada and France are soon to issue new stamps. Canada expects to have a 7c st'p.

Another stamp paper was supposed to come out on May 1. It is called "Grant's Monthly Philatelist". It claims it will have 25,000 circulation. Probably.

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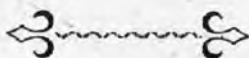
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| 6 Centimes, Hayti                             | .15    |
| 1-24 Shilling, Jersey                         | .15    |
| Cartwheel penny, England, 1797                | .25    |
| Penny token                    "              | .06    |
| 1 Penny                            "          | .07    |
| ½ "                                 "         | .06    |
| 1 Farthing                         "          | .05    |
| ½ Penny, Bermuda 1793                         | .15    |
| 1 Farthing, Ireland 1806                      | .15    |
| 5 Centesimi, Italy                            | .10    |
| 8 Maravs, Spain                               | .15    |
| 5 Centimos, "                                 | .10    |
| 10 Centimes, France                           | .12    |
| 5     "                             "         | .10    |
| 1     "                             "         | .10    |
| 8 Doud Lournois "                             | .15    |
| 1 Pfennig, Germany                            | .05    |
| 3     "                             "         | .08    |
| 2 Cents, Belgium                              | .07    |
| 1 Quarto, Gibraltar                           | .25    |
| 1 Cent, Straits Settlements                   | .15    |
| 5 Kopecks, Russia                             | .15    |
| 3     "                             "         | .12    |
| 1     "                             "         | .10    |
| 5 Centimes, Sardinia                          | .12    |
| 4 Soldi, Roman States                         | .15    |
| 1     "                             "         | .12    |
| 1 Melree, Hong Kong                           | .12    |
| 4 Leptas, Greece 1833                         | .12    |
| 40 Reis, Portugal                             | .15    |
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## Are the U. S. Colonials Speculative?

D. C. EVANS.

The general opinion of the majority of philatelists on this question is in the affirmative, and I think it is high time for the defenders to contradict the disparaging remarks which are made about these stamps.

Many of the instances used by my contemporaries to show that the stamps are speculative are false and I will spend my time disproving.

When the surcharged stamps for Guam were first announced, people looked aghast, and a prominent philatelic writer said that the first issue was for postage and the second for revenue, which statement he has yet to prove, as none of the stamps have been received by the dealers despite the fact that many are advertising the same, and none are likely to be obtained except through the ordinary channels.

Gov. Leary may have over-estimated the needs of the Guam business men at present but as the country is undeveloped how can we tell the result of a ten years regime of an energetic American.

The stamps surcharged "Puerto Rico" were issued to show the world that the P. O. D. recognized that as the official spelling. This is proved by the fact that only the stamps which are most used were those surcharged.

The reason that some of the 50c stamps surcharged "Philippines" are on water-marked paper is due to the laziness of one of the supply dept' clerks. A large shipment of stamps were sent back by the San Francisco office for credit including some of the 1894 issue, at the same time the Bureau of Printing and Engraving sent for some of the 50c sheets to be surcharged. This clerk rather than trouble himself, ran the risk of dismissal and substituted the returned sheets for the ones required by the Bureau. The people at the Bureau took these in good faith and so turned out stamps which the world said were speculative but which were errors through no fault of Uncle Sam.

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## Are the U. S. Colonials Speculative?

D. C. EVANS.

The general opinion of the majority of philatelists on this question is in the affirmative, and I think it is high time for the defenders to contradict the disparaging remarks which are made about these stamps.

Many of the instances used by my contemporaries to show that the stamps are speculative are false and I will spend my time disproving.

When the surcharged stamps for Guam were first announced, people looked aghast, and a prominent philatelic writer said that the first issue was for postage and the second for revenue, which statement he has yet to prove, as none of the stamps have been received by the dealers despite the fact that many are advertising the same, and none are likely to be obtained except through the ordinary channels.

Gov. Leary may have over-estimated the needs of the Guam business-men at present but as the country is undeveloped how can we tell the result of a ten years regime of an energetic American.

The stamps surcharged "Puerto Rico" were issued to show the world that the P. O. D. recognized that as the official spelling. This is proved by the fact that only the stamps which are most used were those surcharged.

The reason that some of the 50c stamps surcharged "Philippines" are on water-marked paper is due to the laziness of one of the supply dep't clerks. A large shipment of stamps were sent back by the San Francisco office for credit including some of the 1894 issue, at the same time the Bureau of Printing and Engraving sent for some of the 50c sheets to be surcharged. This clerk rather than trouble himself, ran the risk of dismissal and substituted the returned sheets for the ones required by the Bureau. The people at the Bureau took these in good faith and so turned out stamps which the world said were speculative but which were errors through no fault of Uncle Sam.

The reason that the Philippine due stamps are on sale at Washington is to save the Dep't the trouble of sending un-

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paid letters and notices on bricks etc., from the island to America, since our energetic dealers would try and get them in this way. But by selling them at Washington it saves everybody a lot of trouble and the poor scribes a chance to commiserate.

Due stamps were issued because mistakes were bound to occur owing to the change in postal affairs, and not for revenue. They will be discontinued as they were in this country just as soon as the people become familiar with the rates of postage.

And in concluding, it is well to remember that the Colonial issue was a hasty one, upon which no one had time to ponder or arrange the small details, and the entire issue stands out as a credit to American brains and shows what we can do when forced. And the one who calls it "Speculative" or slanders it in any way, deserves the name of Pessimist—nothing more nor less.

### ☼ Private ☼ Proprietaries.

CLAUDE ROTHERY.

Few dealers seem able to supply a fair list of the new private proprietaries, that is of the firms that refuse to sell them. Of those now issued Johnson and Johnson, Centaur Co., Piso Co., and Branca Bros., are the only ones that can be bought of the firms. The writer wrote to both the Antikamnia Co., and Dr. Williams for some of their stamps as soon as

they were issued. The former sent a PRINTED letter informing me that Mr. Robie would sell me some as he was their agent, for above face, the latter sent a letter to the same effect. WHY did these two firms issue stamps? The new private die stamps are sure to be scarce and desirable in good condition. Although they issue them in small quantities, 40 per cent are off center and only 5 per cent of all, ever reach the hands of collectors. All collectors would do well to buy these stamps. The much desired 1¼c, Lanman and Kemp is used on their Oriental Hair Tonic and Bristol's Sarsaparilla. Johnson & Johnson sold up to January 1, 1900, 25,000 J. and J. stamps, unsolicited orders from dealers.

The following is the cost of the private proprietary plates for some of the firms.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Hostetter Co.,             | \$ 250. |
| Chas. Marchand, 7 plates,  | 700.    |
| Warner Safe Cure Co.,      | 200.    |
| Radway and Co.,            | 100.    |
| Piso Co.,                  | 125.    |
| Branca Bros.,              | 100.    |
| Johnson and Johnson,       | 75.     |
| Centaur Co.,               | 100.    |
| Lanman and Kemp, 3 plates, | 250.    |

The quantity of these stamps printed up to July 1899 was as follows.

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Hostetter Co., 2½c  | 400,000   |
| Piso Co., ½c        | 640,000   |
| Centaur Co., 1¼c    | 1,600,000 |
| Lanman and Kemp, ½c | 380,000   |
| " " " 1¼c           | 10,000    |
| " " " 1½c           | 80,000    |
| Chas. Marchand, ¾c  | 8,000     |
| " " 1¼c             | 54,000    |
| " " 1¾c             | 1,600     |
| " " 2½c             | 32,000    |

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|                      |   |     |         |
|----------------------|---|-----|---------|
| "                    | " | 3½c | 8,000   |
| "                    | " | 4¾c | 1,600   |
| "                    | " | 7½c | 2,200   |
| Warner S. C.         |   | 3½c | 128,000 |
| Radway and Co.,      |   | ¾c  | 320,000 |
| Johnson and Johnson, |   | ¾c  | 960,000 |
| Branca Bros.,        |   | 4c  | 50,000  |

Until the catalogue is out the following is, in my judgment, the right cat. value for exchange etc. 50 per cent dis. for cash

|       |      |                  |        |
|-------|------|------------------|--------|
| 3601, | 4c,  | Branca Bros.,    | \$ .25 |
| 3602, | 1¼c, | Fletcher,        | .05    |
| 3603, | 2½c, | Hostetter,       | .30    |
| 3604, | ¾c,  | J. and J.        | .04    |
| 3605, | ¾c,  | Lanman and Kemp, | .15    |
| 3606, | 1¼c, | " "              | .35    |
| 3607, | 1¾c, | " "              | .20    |
| 3608, | ¾c,  | Chas. Marchand,  | .25    |
| 3609, | 1¼c, | " "              | .15    |
| 3610, | 1¾c, | " "              | .45    |
| 3611, | 2½c, | " "              | .20    |
| 3612, | 3¾c, | " "              | .35    |
| 3613, | 4¾c, | " "              | .60    |
| 3614, | 7½c, | " "              | 1.25   |
| 3615, | ¾c,  | Piso,            | .04    |
| 3616, | ¾c,  | Radway,          | .10    |
|       | 1¼c, | Pink Pills,      | .10    |
|       | 2½c, | Antikamnia,      | .20    |
|       | 2½c, | Od Chemical Co., | .30    |

Johnson and Johnson, Warners Safe Cure Co., and Lanman & Kemp, are the only firms cancelling their stamps.

## Stamps of the Far East.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

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How many persons other than stamp collectors have learned much about these money values, and yet rupees, cash, annas, novcicas, pennias, leptas, mons, krans, stotinkis, tangas, bajocchis, etc are familiar terms to the philatelic enthusiast. And the collector can probably name, with very little trouble over fifty States or countries of which the average intelligent man has not even heard.

It takes a stamp collector to tell where are Ancash, Antobogasta, Chiapas, Diego Suarez, Bamra, Yca, Whadwan, Golihad, Holkar, Jhino, Lalpoura, Mazar, Nabha, Nossi Be, Scherif, Sungei, Ujong, Tegucigalpa, Piura, Talcher, Faridkot, Cuzco, Obock, and Bhole.

In 1871 postoffices were opened in every large city of Japan and stamps issued for the prepayment of postage on letters and parcels. Subsequently, in 1875, a set of stamped envelopes were issued. They were: One sen, blue., two sens, yellow., four sens, rose., six sens, brown. The design of the stamp is the same as the adhesive of 1871. The next year another set was issued. They are the same as the preceding, except that the inscription in the center is different. The stamps of 1875 say "Yubin-kitty," meaning postage stamps, while those of 1876 read "Yubin-hoki," which means postal envelope. "Yubin" means mail. "kitty" a ticket., therefore "Yubin-kitty" is, literally, a mail ticket. "Hoki" means, literally, a skin for covering, here, of course, it is put for paper for covering a letter—an envelope. It is a curious fact that the right-hand side of our envelope is the top of the Japanese envelope, and hence the stamped impression on the latter is on the



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left-hand corner and the name and address of a person are written from top to bottom.

Shanghai is one of the seaport towns of China, occupying about the same latitude as New Orleans. Its situation is very fine from a commercial standpoint, having the Yangtse-Kiang River and the Yellow Sea at its command. It is one of the largest cities in China, having about 500,000 inhabitants. Many Americans, French and Japanese reside in the city and are doing a prosperous business. To such a city as this the issue of postage stamps seems to be very important as well as beneficial. Hence Shanghai comes forth with a tolerably well-executed set of stamps earlier than any other country in all Asia except British India.

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### Juniors' Notes.

CLAUDE ROTHERY.

Use good stamp mounts. The large peelable ones are preferred as they amply repay one.

Do not buy any stamps whose genuineness is doubted. Use your own judgment in collecting speculative and Seebeck issues and pay no heed to philatelic writers. It's a poor musician who cannot toot his own horn.

As you pass more and more out of the ranks of the juniors, you should subscribe to several up-to-date publications, like the P. S. P. which deal in more interesting topics than junior papers do. Join a philatelic society and partake of the ad-

vantages offered by the different departments.

Every Junior should have a perforation gauge and millimetre scale. A little difference in grill or perforation may mean a big difference in value. Dealers sell packets of stamps which have never been looked over for the lack of time. If these are thoroughly examined, as well as all stamps common or rare, which pass through your hands, you will be well repaid for the time spent in such employment.

For the beginner, the following terms are puzzling.

Watermarks., Various designs that can be seen in a stamp when held to the light or dampened with benzine.

Laid Paper., Some stamps have parallel lines close together in the substance of the paper, this is known as laid paper.

Bogus Stamps., These never had originals but were made to rob collectors. Counterfeits are sometimes known by this name.

Error., Mistakes are often made in the making of plates for stamps. In the coloring, printing, surcharging, and perforating, errors are commonly made and some are very valuable.

Government Reprints., Stamps that are reprinted after they have become obsolete, if they are printed from the original plates. If new plates are made with same designs, they are called government counterfeits.

Albino., Is a stamp or more commonly envelope, which has received the impression of the plate but not the color. The central part of the early issues of Italy are this way. The late envelopes

have been discovered this way.

Seperation is the general term applied to the means provided for the seperating of stamps. The earliest issues did not have any means provided for seperating them. These were cut apart and known as imperforates. As they now separate them by little holes or cuts between the stamps, they are known as perforates and

roulettes. Rouletted is the dividing space between the stamps cut partly or wholly through without removing any of the paper. Perforated., By this process the paper between the stamps is cut away in a line of holes, usually round, having little bridges of paper to hold the stamps together.

## NUMISMATISTS' DEP'T.

....A. P. WYLIE, Editor....

### CLASSIFICATION OF COINS.

Coins are classified according to the state of their preservation. Proofs are those having a brilliant surface made by burnishing., They are made specially by the mints for collectors. Uncirculated coins have the mint lustre and should be as perfect as first coined., Fine coins have everything fine, and are not worn or corroded., Good coins are those in which everything shows well, the date and lettering being quite distinct., Fair coins are those that show the date more or less but are considerably worn., Poor coins have indistinct date and are badly worn, pierced, or battered.

#### U. S. COINS.

Gold Double-eagle, eagle or \$10, \$5, \$3, \$2½, \$1. Silver \$1, 50c, 25c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 3c. Nickel 5c, 3c, 1c. Copper ½c, 1c, 2c. These comprise all of the coins that have been or are now issued by the U. S. government.

#### U. S. CENTS.

U. S. cents were first coined in 1773 and have been coined every year up to the present time with the exception of 1815 when none were coined. The two rarest dates are 1799 and 1804, and hazarding a guess upon how many were coined these two years, would say 2,000 to 2,500 each. There are no known uncirculated 1799 cents and but several such 1804 cents., The great majority of either of these dates are in poor condition. Some dates of U. S. cents have a number of varieties., for instance the 1793 cent which has chain and period., no period after "Liberty", wreath instead in place of chain., wreath and lettered edge., Liberty cap, etc. Many have small & large dates., small and large letters., perfect and broken dies, etc. In 1857 the last large cents were coined. In 1856 the flying-eagle nickel cent was first coined, of which there are not a large number.

Coins of this date in proof condition are

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## ✠ EDITORIAL. ✠

We greet our readers this month with a double or combination number. We are sorry for this, but as we were rushed and the hot months are here we beg our

subscribers to pardon this as they lose nothing by it. Subscribers pay for 12 consecutive numbers, not 12 months.

We would advise all honest collectors to steer clear of F. Haller, 1456 Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, Ill., formerly agent for this paper. He has swindled us out of advertising space etc., and other complaints were received. He also, as Sec. & Treas. of the Prairie State Phil. Ass'n., got away with the contents of the treasury. His case is now in attorney's hands.

By the way. We want an energetic, hustling agent to represent the State of Illinois. Particulars for stamp.

We would like to exchange an inch ad with numerous publications. See our ad in exchange column.

According to reports, the 2d Auction Sale of the U. S. Philatelic Ass'n., was a grand success. Next is the Prairie State Philatelic Ass'n's 1st Auction Sale. Watch for this.

Send 10 cents for six months trial subscription to the P. S. P. and one 30 word exchange notice. This offer is limited to Sept., 1.

Well we can expect some "Imperial Allied Powers" stamps from the land of the "heathen Chinese". Better fill up on these stamps before Father Scott's new catalogue appears. To get posted on these stamps, you should read that fine serial now running in the P. S. P. entitled "Stamps of the Far East", which will be continued for several months yet.

Capt. Wurtele, publisher of the Montreal Philatelist, says that the P. S. P. is first-class. This, coming as it does, from

Canada's leading stamp paper, is gratifying to us.

Are you looking for private proprietaries? If so, don't forget to look up the ad of Mr. Rothery. Robie "isn't in it". But perhaps your speciality is coins? Here's where Mr. Wylie comes in. Look all ads over carefully.

A small obscure writer who furnishes what he calls "Chicago Notes", for the "West", says that the P. S. P. "has followed the other stamp papers that were started in Chicago". This would-be writer probably is a sample copy fiend who concludes all papers are "busted" if he does not receive them gratis each month.

Owing to various reasons we have decided to drop our "New Issues" for the present.

## **BRANCH OFFICES.**

The following is a list of our branch offices where subscriptions and advertisements are taken at regular rates.

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R. C. Miller, Box 6, Valley Junction, Ia.  
H. W. Legg, 26 Hancock St.,  
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W. Eyers, Negaunee, Mich.  
Claude Rothery, 2621 Davenport St.,  
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C. R. Tarver, 143 St Anns Ave; N. Y. C.  
D. C. Evans, 1502 Gratz St., Phila., Pa.  
P. C. Swartz, Box 119, Waukesha, Wis.  
The above agents want sub agents

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worth \$6. Eagle cents were also issued in 1857 and 1858. These two dates are common and not difficult to obtain. Since then the 1877 cent is the rarest date but it is not difficult to obtain one yet. The largest coinage of large cents was in 1851 when 10,000,000 were coined.

We have heard from several collectors who have made inquiries regarding coins that they have. We are always pleased to hear from collectors and stand ready at all times to give all the information we can regarding any coin. Let us hear from you.

Coins of quaint and obsolete design and almost forgotten coinage have begun to circulate in some of the worst famine-stricken districts of India. Some of these have reposed for 200 years beneath a family tree. The modern native of India has no more fate in the security of banks than his great-great-grandfather had. He invests his savings in jewelry, or hides his spare rupees in a bank of his own—usually a brass pot buried under a tree. Before he dies, he imparts the knowledge of its whereabouts to his sons who in turn deposit their savings in the same hiding place. When a Hindoo dies suddenly his "pot" is diligently searched for by his relatives, but the search is often fruitless. After the Mohammedan empire began to wane each petty chief and rajahette coined his own rupee, and put his individual variation on value and weight. Some of these designs are curious, though most of them bear, in addition to the eccentric fancy of the native who struck them, the name and titles of the reigning emperor.

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### NEWSY NOTES—

#### FROM OMAHA.

CLAUDE ROTHERY.

\$500,000 has been appropriated for an addition to the Omaha postoffice.

While looking over the correspondence of a Omaha Lead firm, a letter was found in one of the much talked of 2c orange envelopes.

Among stories which dealers delight to tell against stamp frauds there are some worth repeating. A dealer sent a young collector in Iowa a sheet of common stamps. In due course of time they were returned with a remittance of 4c. In the place of a stamp cat. 1c, an 8m Porto Rican cat \$10.00 had been substituted. Another dealer sent a sheet of cheap U. S. to a collector, when returned, he discovered that in place of a stamp cat. 8c, one worth \$35.00 had been substituted.

If one would look over the daily papers he would find much to interest him. The following was taken from an Omaha paper. "It is of interest to stamp collectors to know that the most valuable stamp in the world is one lately discovered—a one penny postoffice Mauritius, for which recently 1,000 pounds was paid in London. W. H. Beckitt bought it from a stamp dealer who placed a value of \$7,500 on it at first. It will be of further interest to know what prices have been paid for stamps of this class, which are very rare and are at, long intervals on the market. A Mr. Tapling, whose collection is now owned by the British Museum, paid \$425. for a one penny postoffice in 1882. In 1890 \$1,000. was asked and obtained for a two

penny stamp of the same class at the London exposition. In 1893 Stanley Gibbons paid \$3,400. for a pair of unused ones, and twopenny stamps. In 1897 Jules Bernicher paid 49,000 francs for a pair of these stamps in Paris.

#### FROM PHILADELPHIA.

D. C. EVANS.

The summer dullness has struck us in full blast and as yet shows no signs of abating. A prominent dealer told me the other day, that he had not sold enough in the last two weeks to pay his carfare.

But this dullness does not seem to affect stampic-journalism, as we have 3 new papers announced, one of which will have appeared by this time. As yet I have been unable to find out anything concerning them or their backers. Their names; Phil. Gazette, Universal Phil. and Quaker City Phil.

An entire edition of an evening paper, was suppressed here recently because it contained a picture of a postal card.

Mr. F. F. Christy, 777 N. 27 St; informs me that he has been robbed of some valuable U. S. stamps by a would-be customer. The most valuable was a set of Executive, all of which were postmarked April 13, and he offers the reward of \$10. for their return.

J. Ellwood Lee and Co., are the newest acquisition to the private prop. ranks. The values of their set are as follows.  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and 5 cents. Buffalo Robie has been appointed agent for their sale to collectors. The two high values will be rare indeed.

A state society is in the hands of capa-

ble projectors and should soon blossom out in full bloom. The genial Claude T. R. is president pro tem.

It is being whispered around that the Phil. Monthly and World will soon be discontinued on account of lack of support. 'Tis a pity to lose such a good paper.

**FROM NEW YORK.**

CHAS. TARYER.

The sale of the general collection of Mr. Herrick was a surprise, and also somewhat of a disappointment, as he did not seem to have the stamps that the average collector desires, such as British Colonies etc. Mr. Herrick seemed to take more interest in the stamps from countries not so well known to the ordinary collector such as Portugese Indies etc. But taking it all in all, the collection sold for a pretty fair price, realizing about \$3,500. There was not a very large audience but what there was, did some very lively bidding.

Mr. Lehmann has moved from No. 176 Broadway to 111 Nassau St.

The Bogert & Durbin Co. have moved from the Tribune Bldg., to the Morton Bldg., 116 Nassau St. They have also secured the services of Mr. George R. Tuttle who has been so long and favorably known in the business and who at all times will be ready to serve their N. Y. patrons.

A letter carrier has been arrested here but was bailed out. The charge was for stealing letters from the mails.

J. C. Morgenthau and Co., seem to be making a speciality of new issues and are advertising them at very reasonable prices. Any one desiring new issues ought

to write them.

Smith Merritt, a contractor of Bellmore, N. Y., while excavating for a boat-house near Bellmore Dock, unearthed what appeared to be a number of foreign coins of old dates. Mr. Merritt is unable to tell their value but intends to have them examined in the City. The remnant of a tin box was found near them.

**FROM BOSTON.**

B. O. STONE.

The writer has seen the 1c, 2c, 10c, and \$1.00 Documentary revenues part rouletted. The ½c, 4c and 5c have also been found in this way.

The new Crete set is now appearing in the mails.

The surcharge "Provisional" on the higher values of the new Crete set comes in two colors: red and black.

Messrs. B. L. Drew and C's. 51st sale occurred on Tuesday evening, May 22nd. The stamps offered were the Elliott Woodward stock and brought good prices. U. S. 1851, 5c strip of 3 on cover, \$27.75., 1 sh. Nova Scotia, fine copy brought \$47., and the 1898 Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine sets brought \$8.00, \$8.20 and \$7.40 respectively.

There are two distinct shades of the \$50.00 Documentary revenue, one a light yellowish brown and the other a dark bistre brown. The lighter shade seems to be the scarcer.

Scott lists the 8m, bistre 1890 Porto Rico at \$10.00. In looking over a file of Meekels Weekly of 1896, the writer noticed the same stamp advertised by a Boston dealer for 50 cents.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Members—

I am sorry we have not a better report this month but as all departments are now in good running order, I expect a much better showing in the next report. Approval Books with spaces for 100 stamps, and full instructions, may be had off the Exchange Supt for 5c each. Send for one. Mr. Rothery offers to give a U. S. 1874, 1c dark blue, entire unused envelope-cat, \$2.50 to the member securing the most new members before Oct. 1. Trusting that all members will do their best to advance the society I remain

Yours Fraternally

Geo. Dold, Pres.

### SEC. & TREA'S. REPORT.

Fellow Members—

I am pleased to submit

the following report.

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Receipts. Received for Fees, \$     | .70       |
| "    "    Dues                      | 1.00      |
| Total                               | 1.70      |
| Expenditures. O. O. 1 yr. to 4 mem. | .48       |
| Postage, stationary, etc.           | .18       |
|                                     | .66       |
|                                     | <hr/>     |
|                                     | \$1.70—66 |
|                                     | <hr/>     |
|                                     | \$1.04    |

F. Haller has disappeared with .65  
Balance in treasury .39

I am sorry to see such a small report but I had only been appointed four days when called upon for a report. Every-body work for new members.

Claude Rothery, Sec. and Treas.

## EXCHANGE NOTICES.

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Yours Fraternally

Geo. Dold, Pres.

### SEC. & TREA'S. REPORT.

Fellow Members—

I am pleased to submit

the following report.

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Receipts. Received for Fees, \$ | .70  |
| " " Dues                        | 1.00 |
| Total                           | 1.70 |

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Expenditures. O. O. 1 yr. to 4 mem. | .48 |
| Postage, stationary, etc.           | .18 |
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| F. Haller has disappeared with | .65 |
| Balance in treasury            | .39 |

I am sorry to see such a small report but I had only been appointed four days when called upon for a report. Everybody work for new members.

Claude Rothery, Sec. and Treas.

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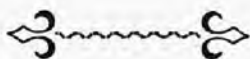
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- c. On white paper.
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- e. "Post Office" and "x" at right side, doubly struck.
- f. Line from outer marginal to inner oval line, on both sides in center of stamps.

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10 cents, black on blue.

It shows the same defect in the initial as the 5 cents. On the reprints the eyes have a sleepy look, the line of the mouth is straighter and in the curl of hair near left cheek is a strong black dot, while the original's have only a faint one.

## Stamps of the Far East.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Continued from No. 4 & 5.

The stamps are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, and 16 candareens, all imperforate, their size being a trifle smaller than the five-shilling of Great Britain. The two words on each corner are Chinese characters for Shanghai; the one on the right hand is "Shang" and means upper, and the one on the left is "Hai" and means sea. Therefore Shanghai means the upper sea. The two words on each corner at the bottom mean the art or manufacturing department, which leads us to infer that the stamps are made by the Chinese Manu-

facturing Department. The three words on the right side signify Postoffice Department; or, literally "The Letter-Dispatching Office." Those on the left are values. The first word changes according to different stamps, but the second and third words remain the same in all the stamps of the set. The second word is for candareen and the third for silver.

The center has the picture of a dragon, an emblem of national power. The Chinese and Japanese have a strange superstition in regard to a dragon. If a serpent lives 1,000 years in the land and another 1,000 in the water then he ascends to heaven and changes the name to dragon. The superstitious people believe that it was this dragon that sends down the torrents of rain. The picture on the stamp represents the serpent which had passed 2,000 years on the land and in the sea and which is now ascending the sky through mists and clouds to be made a dragon and to be glorified.

These stamps were used for a short time only, hence used specimens are very rare. Even the unused ones are hardly ever met with in Shanghai or any other dominion of China. But large quantities were shipped to England and America for stamp collectors, so they are not so rare after all.

The first issue did not meet with general approval, and early in the next year, 1866, they were superseded by another set, composed of 2 cents, rose., 4 cents, lilac., 8 cents, blue., and 16 cents, green; The value this time is in cents, and from this time stamps are all perforated. The second issue is altogether quite an improvement over the first.

To be continued in next number.

# Numismatists' Department.

.... A. P. WYLIE, Editor....

## U. S. GOLD DOLLARS.

How many readers of the P. S. P. have one of these beautiful little coins, the standard of value of our monetary system? Very few I am afraid. They are now out of general circulation and getting more difficult to be obtained yearly. There are thousands of people without any pretension of being called coin collectors who have each one or more of these beautiful coins, prized as keepsakes.

Gold dollars were first coined in 1849. In 1889 the government stopped issuing them. Ordinary dates in fine condition are worth from \$1.75 to \$2.50 each. The rarer dates are 1863-4-5 and 1875 which are worth from \$10.00 to \$20.00 each according to condition. These coins are bound to increase greatly in value in the course of ten years.

## U. S. HALF-CENTS.

Half cents were first coined in 1793 and their coinage was stopped after 1857. There are none of 1798 99, 1801, 1812 24 inclusive, 1827, 1830-37-38-39. In the years 1796, 1831, 1836, 1840 to 1848 inclusive, and 1852, none were issued for general circulation, only a few pieces each year being coined for the benefit of collectors. These pieces are called proof pieces. The original proof half cents in the forties are worth about \$25.00 each.

At a later date restrikes were struck off which are not worth as much as the originals. The restrikes are distinguished from the originals by having larger ber-

ries on the reverse than the originals. Good 1793 half cents are worth about \$15. each. Common dates are worth from 10 to 25 cents each in fine condition. Some dates have a number of varieties as the 1804 for instance which has plain 4 stemless wreath., plain 4 stem wreath., crossed 4 stemless wreath; crosslet 4 stem wreath; and crosslet 4 protruding tongue and chin.

\$6,885,558.00 worth of U. S. fractional currency is still in existence, which has not been redeemed by the government and destroyed. The most of this money is found in the cabinets of our coin collectors. During the recent hard times some of the holders of this money got hard up and passed it into circulation. A good deal of this currency has been lost or destroyed and the government will be ahead just so much.

1413 dies were used the past year for the coinage of U. S. coins.

This is the dull season of the year for the coin business the same as that of stamps. The hot weather makes the collector indifferent. But when the fall arrives we expect greater interest than ever in coin collecting.

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Quack! Quack!

A stranger entered the postoffice the other day and approaching the ladies' general-delivery window said:

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## EDITORIAL.

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We have concluded to discontinue the "Boston Notes," as the readers of that city did not seem to take much interest in them.

Mr. D. C. Evans of Phila., has resigned his position as agent and correspondent for the P. S. P. on account of too much work in getting his "Quaker City Phil.," launched on the stormy sea of Philatelic Journalism. We wish you success Bro. Evans.

The May number of the P. S. P. contained 37 inches of advertisements., Miss "Eccentric" L. Swift to the contrary.

We notice in a stamp paper recently received, that we are quoted as the "Prairie State Philatelist." Beg pardon but we are not Spanish, Mr. Wimmer.

This is some of the "stamp" news seen in a stamp paper of recent date., War news, stamp news, political news, matrimonial ads, and the rest of the catalogue thrown in for dessert, and they call it a stamp paper.

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## NEWSY NOTES-

### FROM OMAHA.

CLAUDE ROTHERY.

The Nebraska Philatelist is now issued under new management. It was formerly published by J. A. Kennedy of Hastings, Nebr. Mr. Kennedy finding that he could not publish the N. P. on account of his business which needed close attention, disposed of it to R. L. Shepard of this city, who has just issued the June number.

J. F. Negreen, an Omaha stamp dealer was arrested in the early part of June charged with using cancelled 2c stamps on letters. Although Negreen says he bought them of a New York dealer, the Postoffice Inspectors assert that he is guilty and that they found as many as 15 letters at one time with the cancellation showing plainly. He was released without bail on his own recognizance and his examination was set for the next day. He left town that night and was arrested in New York July 9. He will now have to answer to the charge of being a fugitive from justice, making two charges.

The following clipping was taken from a paper the day of his arrest.

#### STAMP COLLECTOR IS ARRESTED.

J. F. Negreen, a stamp dealer on South Seventeenth street, was arrested this morning by Deputy Marshal Moore for using cancelled stamps for postage purposes. Negreen claims that he had bought the stamps in New York and that they had not been used. The inspector says evidence is to the contrary. Negreen carries quite a stock of stamps of different varieties, and claims to have \$4,000 worth on hand. He showed a one cent stamp

that he says is worth \$125, and had the photograph of another that is listed at \$10,000.

An examination of his books by the inspectors, show that financially his stamp business was a great success. His age is only 18 years.

### FROM NEW YORK.

C. R. TARVER.

Mr. Chas. S. Sheldon of Oswego, N. Y. has sold his entire stamp business to Mr. E. B. Rice of Oswego, N. Y.

The Fulton Stamp Co., 85 Nassau St., N. Y. have purchased the collection of Mr. N. B. Seebeck. The collection is estimated to be worth about \$40,000 and contained nearly all the stamps cataloged between \$1.00 and \$35.00 each.

On June 7, the Standard Philatelic Society held a meeting at 326 W. 44th St.

A curiosity was recently seen in the shape of a Ceylon 2c red brown which franked a letter through the New York Post Office.

At the last meeting of the National Philatelic Society, it was decided not to hold any meetings during July and August.

The Universal Stamp Co; have moved to the sixth floor of the Morton Building on Nassau Street, where Bogert & Durbin Co., recently located.

The American Philatelic Ass'n., has sent out blanks to the members in regard to the convention to be held August 28.

Another stamp company has opened on East 23rd St. There are now four stamp companies on East 23rd St., N. Y.

Stamp business is dull in New York, the same as the rest of the country.

## ✠ SALARIES OF ✠ POSTMASTERS.

The annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries lately completed in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General, shows that the Presidential offices now number 4,270, an increase of 256 over last year, and 868 over 1894. There are 207 first class, 942 second class, and 3,121 third class.

In the adjustment just completed, 15 second-class offices have been advanced to the first class, 110 third class to second class, and 275 fourth class to third class, while only one of the first class has been relegated to the second class, seven from the second to the third class, and twelve from the third to the fourth class. Eight offices were discontinued during the year and made stations of others.

Owing to the increased receipts at Presidential offices during the year, 1,914 postmasters will receive increased salaries on July 1, the individual increases ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. The latter amount will be allowed the postmasters at St. Paul, Minn., whose salary will be increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and Milwaukee, Wis., increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The aggregate increase to the 1,914 postmasters is \$236,100, or \$22,300 in excess of the increase last year, which was \$28,300 in excess of anything allowed prior to that year.

One hundred and seventy-one postmasters will receive a reduction in salary ranging from \$100 to \$300 each. The net gain to postmasters is \$213,800.

The average salaries of postmasters

has gradually increased each year since 1894. At present it is \$1,734. The salaries of clerks in postoffices have not increased so uniformly. This year it has reached the maximum, \$822.

The increased appropriation for clerk hire this year, has made it possible to promote from 4,500 to 5,000 clerks in postoffices. These promotions have been generally confined to the lower grade clerks, and have in most cases been limited to \$100 each. About 900 additional clerks have also been provided for from July 1, 1900.

The offices advanced from second to first class are: Norwich, Conn., Moline, Ill., Muncie, Ind., Ottumwa, Ia., Tuanton, Mass., Ann Arbor, Mich., Bay City, Mich., Port Huron, Mich., Nevada, Mo., Montclair, N. J., Charlotte, N. C., Raleigh, N. C., Winston-Salem, N. C., Fargo, N. D., Johnstown, Pa.

Tampa, Fla., was relegated from the first to the second class,

### IMPROVEMENTS IN MEXICAN POSTAL SERVICE.

The Mexican postal department has just ordered a territorial division of the republic for the purpose of postal inspection. The service is to be divided into eighteen zones to cover the 27 states and two territories., also three divisions for railroad train service. Upon the completion of railroads now in the course of construction the postmaster-general will arrange to have them handle the mail now sent out at great cost by special carriers and thus also do away with a great deal of irregularity in the mails. A good feature of the service will be the watching of the mail intended for the internat-

ional border between Mexico and the United States. Owing to the fact that persons to whom mail matter is sent in the United States are not in good position to look after mail that goes astray, this part of the service will be of immeasurable importance.

**F**resh impetus will be given the pictorial postcard craze by the ingenious invention of an Italian who has hit upon the novel scheme of producing a card which not only depicts a scene in colors, but likewise serves as a sort of barometer. According as the atmosphere varies the colors change on the cards, and the inventor has so contrived as to give each scene the color effect as it would have in nature under that condition of the weather. It is an ingenious idea.

**T**he mint mark collection is the latest thing in the line of numismatics. It is the fad of the specialist and has little attraction for the amateur. The object is to secure complete sets of perfect specimens of all the coins issued from the different mints.

A great many people are scarcely aware that there is any way to distinguish the coins issued from the different mints. They may not have noticed the small "S" or "CC" beneath the eagle or under the wreath, showing that the piece was coined at San Francisco or Carson City, or if it bears an "O" at New Orleans. And they may not know that if it has no mint mark it comes from the "mother mint" in Philadelphia. But the mint mark collector will see these little letters in an instant and is very apt to know just how many dimes, quarters, dollars, or half dollars were turned out at any of the mints dur-

ing any year since 1794.

R. I. E.

**M**aj. E. H. Shook, superintendent of the government postal-card factory at Piedmont, Pa., lately made the largest shipment of postal cards ever made in one day in this country. He shipped six cars containing 24,000,000 cards, worth \$240,000. One-sixth of that amount went to Philadelphia. The demand for postal cards is steadily increasing and additional help has to be hired from time to time to keep up the work. All postal cards used in the United States and its colonies, are made at Piedmont, Pa., from wood.

H. E. R.

### **PICK-UPS.**

W. EYERS.

The International Philatelist of Wichita, Kansas, has discontinued publication. The editor, John Meyers, is now with the Boomer Theatrical Company. Probably there is more money in it?

Stamp buttons are all the go. Better get one.

Be careful in buying rare Japanese stamps at low prices, as there are many counterfeits of them.

Why are the stamps in a sheet like distant relations? Because they are only slightly connected.

It is sixty years since the first postage stamp was issued, and this year is called the "Diamond Jubilee" of Postage stamps.

The Orange Envelope still takes up much space in our stamp papers.

Iceland has issued 39 different stamps beginning with the year 1873, and ending with the year 1895. Ten of them are official stamps.

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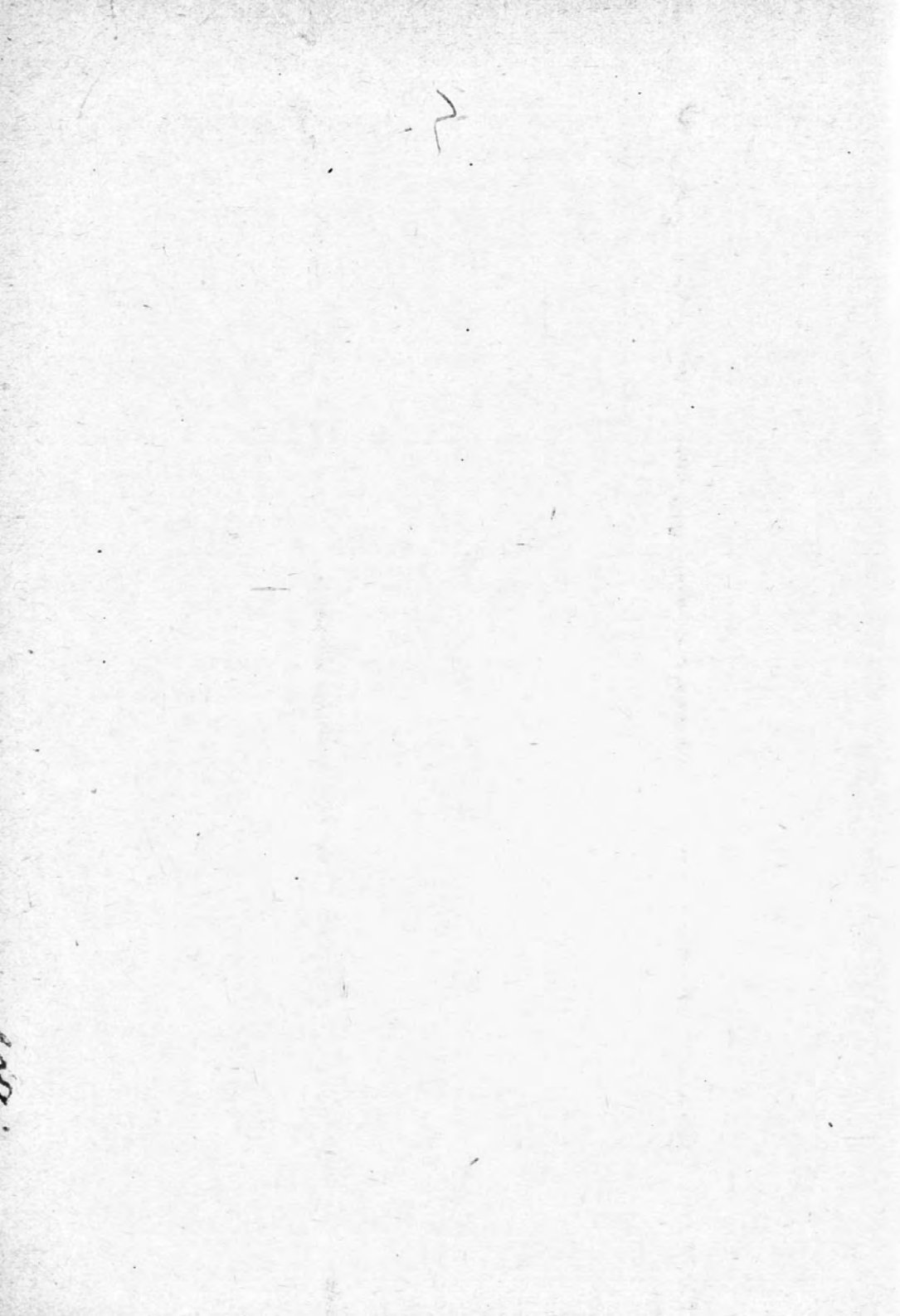
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Egyptian stamps are easily recognizable, for they all bear a picture of the sphinx and the pyramid, with inscriptions sometimes in French, again in Turkish characters, and yet again in Turkish words, printed in Roman characters. In addition to the postage Egypt has several hundred varieties of official stamps. These are round and look like pill-box labels, and are used for official business by town dignitaries. There are different designs for the different towns, and a complete collection of these stamps shows the names, Khartoum, Alexandria, Port Said, Assouan, Burket-El-Sab, Ismailia, and Ras-El-Tin, and others that recall the stormy times in the Soudan of recent years.

In the native States of India the stamps vary in attractiveness and artistic excellence. For a good part they are coarse hieroglyphics in white or dark back-

ground, and are printed in the brilliant colors that Orientals so much delight in. Cashmere, Alwur, Bhopel, Deccan, Jummo, Jhalawar, Nowanugger, Rajpeepla, and Soruph are a few among those that are most peculiar, and not many of them present any special points of interest. Little attempt has been made at the delicacy of designing that is a characteristic of the best art work of the Orient, and some of them look as though the engraver had hacked out the design on a wood block with his jack-knife. Exceptions to these poor specimens of work are several of the issues of Faridkot, of Jhind, Runjab, in which the peculiar arabesques of the East have been used delicately and effectively for backgrounds. Several of the native States under the influence of the English stamps of India have adorned their own stamps with pictures of their rulers. Holkar in its half-anna stamp and Sirmoor in its three-pies stamps are examples of this departure from the usual Oriental practice.

To be continued in next number.

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## Notes for the \* Juniors. \*

CLAUDE RSTHERY.

The best way to increase your collection would probably be to buy packets until it contained 1,000 or 1,500 varieties. Approval sheets would be the thing then, as you can see just what you are getting regarding condition, etc.

If you are collecting and find it difficult to make a country look complete, make a

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Auction sales are another good way to buy stamps if the manager is reliable. Look up everything before bidding on it. Don't expect to get rare stamps at one-tenth catalogue value. Do expect to get some slightly damaged ones now and then at one-half catalogue value.

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## United States Revenues.

C. R. TARVER.

There are about one-half the collectors in the United States who do not consider revenues worth collecting because there were so many of them printed, they say. But they do not consider that there are a great many more postage stamps printed than there are revenues. There are some collectors who do not collect revenues because there is not enough beauty about them., but look at some of the old revenues and compare them with the current issue of U. S. and you will find that the workmanship on the revenues greatly outclass the workmanship on the postage stamps of to-day.

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|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
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| 3 "     | 34,700,000.    |
| 4 "     | 35,500,000.    |
| 5 "     | 62,200,000.    |
| 6 "     | 9,800,000.     |
| 8 "     | 16,800,000.    |
| 10 "    | 26,100,000.    |
| 15 "    | 3,500,000.     |

#### 4. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 50-cent,                  | 70,000.    |
| \$1,                      | 40,000.    |
| \$2,                      | 3,000.     |
| \$5,                      | 4,000.     |
| 10-cent special delivery, | 7,850,000. |

The total of ordinary stamps is 4,314,587,000, against 3,936,422,000 for the present year.

##### Postage-due stamps,—

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 1 cent, | 6,500,000.  |
| 2 "     | 14,150,000. |
| 3 "     | 500,000.    |
| 5 "     | 1,500,000.  |
| 10 "    | 2,000,000.  |
| 30 "    | 4,000.      |
| 50 "    | 2,000.      |

The total is 24,656,000, against 26,676,000 for this year.

Compared with last year there is a large increase in the number to be printed. At this time last year the bureau was ordered to print 875,000,000 1s and 2,800,000,000 2s. The number of special delivery stamps is also largely increased. A year ago the estimate was 6,025,000.

### Interesting

### Items.

C. R. TARVER.

A full set of the surcharged South African stamps of the present issue is a prize. A set sold in England for ten pounds.

For some time U. S. revenue stamps have been printed in sheets of 216 stamps but there is now an even 200 in a sheet. It is thought that the reason for the change, is because of the difficulty it caused the revenue collectors when

taking stock of such values as 1½c and 3¾, etc.

If you will look over the unpaid letter stamps of Greece you will find a fine field for a minor variety collector, as there are about 5 different engraved stamps of each value.

The collecting of postmarks seems to be growing in popularity. There are several varieties of the first-class; the most common of which is the flag with figure in the center. This mark is used in all first-class and also in the large second-class offices. The stars in the flag are sometimes arranged in an oval outline, the figure in the centre is omitted in some of the second class marks.

There is another variety of the 1st class, this is a flag waving and there are two bends in it.

Then there is the vertical bar variety. This is only 2 years old and is used only in 1st class offices. Another of the bar varieties is that of the horizontal bars, and was common in 1899, this class has many varieties, having all the way from 5 to 12 lines singly and in pairs. There have been several varieties of this pattern used since 1880.

It would be advisable to save all the Hawaiian stamps you can get, as they will no doubt increase 50 per cent or more by the time the next catalogue is published. The stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines are also worth saving, as the stamps of the United States altogether.

The stamps of China are all the rage now. What next?

The postage due stamps of the United States Colonies are rather scarce.

How many shades are there of the six-cent current issue?

# Numismatist's Department.

....A. P. WYLIE, Editor....

## U. S. FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

—x—

It seems to me that every collector of U. S. postage stamps would add some, if not all, of these bills to his collection., the first issue is called "Postage currency" because each bill has upon its face fac-simile of either the five or ten cent postage stamp of that period., the five cent bill has a fac-simile of the five cent stamp: the 25 cent bill has five such overlapping each other, the 10 and 50 cent bills have the 10 cent stamp similarly represented. For the benefit of our young collectors, will say that these bills are good U. S. money and readily pass at face value. Very little however circulates as it is getting scarce and more so every day. The most common bill in fine condition can be readily disposed of at double its face value, while some of the rarer bills cost several dollars or more each. No bill is so rare yet, that cannot be obtained by the ordinary collector. There are only a few that cost over three dollars each., quite a number can be obtained at prices from twenty-five cents up to one dollar.

There are six general issues considering the fourth issue apart from the third., some classify these two issues as one.

The denominations and descriptions are as follows.

.... First issue of 1862.....

|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 5c  | Brown, bust of Jefferson. |
| 10c | " " Washington.           |
| 25c | " " Jefferson.            |

50c " " Washington.

Each of these bills are perforated or imperforated., and each of these two divisions are with or without "A. B. N. Co." printed on the reverse., the perforated bills are rare, especially the ones without "A. B. N. Co." which are very rare.

.... Second issue of 1863.....

|     |                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| 5c  | bust of Washington in gilt circle. |
| 10c | " " "                              |
| 25c | " " "                              |
| 50c | " " "                              |

Each of these bills are with or without gilt letters and figures upon the reverse., also are printed upon fibre or split paper, that is where the front and back can be readily separated, which bills are quite rare., there are also different shades of color, and a number of misprints.

.... Third series of 1864.....

Green backs,

|     |                     |
|-----|---------------------|
| 3c  | bust of Washington. |
| 5c  | " Clark.            |
| 10c | " Washington.       |
| 25c | " Fessenden.        |
| 50c | " Justice.          |
| 50c | " Spinner.          |

The three cent has the bust in a light or dark background., the twenty-five cent has plain paper, fibre paper, rare, also white "25" in solid bronze shield., this latter piece is the rarest of all the fractional currency and is worth twenty dollars. Fifty cent Justice has back with or without bronze letters., also fibre paper which is rare, Fifty cent Spinner is with or

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**EDITORIAL.**

Well what a surprise; we greet our readers this month as a bi-monthly, the reason for this is lack of time to get out a paper monthly. Subscribers who have paid 25c a year will receive their full 12

numbers and be allowed two more exchange notices. We could tell you lots more and waste much valuable space in so doing, but enough,— the Prairie State Philatelist will be improved from time to time and contain complete, trustworthy, and interesting news and articles.

Mr Babcock who was in the Galveston storm, has "wired" us by postal card that he is all right. Congratulations Bro. Babcock.

Advertising that goes right to the point and stops when the purpose is reached is good advertising.

One of the most interesting of the new papers we have received is the Curio Exchange of New Kamilche, Wash. It is a neat, illustrated magazine and is full of topics of interest to shell and curio collectors. Best wishes to the newcomer.

Our next number will be a big Special Christmas and New Year's number., and when we say "Special," we mean it. Ask for sample copy of this issue, and we will politely place your letter in—the waste basket. Subscribe NOW and receive this and five succeeding numbers.

And still some papers are copying the International Philatelic Review's "One little step wont take you far, etc." That's called "news." Well—Well.

We would be pleased if the papers we have exchanged copies with would continue to do so, we sending two for one if your paper is a monthly.

The election of officers and O. O. for the U. S. P. A. takes place next month. Send all nominations to the Secretary, not later than Nov. 15th.

The editor of a Missouri paper says he stepped into the store of a business man who did not advertise, and was surprised

to find him busy. The store-keeper had the itch and a Waterbury watch, and when he was not scratching himself he was winding his watch.

The Northwestern Philatelist is no more, but will be superseded by the Rover. Good luck to you Ellis.

Don't try to knock persimmons off a twelve foot tree with an eight foot pole. You'll miss a great many if you do. Advertisements should be constructed to accomplish what is required of them.

Our next number will be filled with illustrations which have NEVER appeared in any other stamp papers. It will be—well never mind. Don't miss it or there'll be a sorry philatelist in your town.

## **BRANCH OFFICES.**

The following is a list of our Branch Offices, where subscriptions and advertisements are taken at regular rates.

- A. P. Wylie, Prairie Center, Ill.  
H. Richards, 5955 Union Av., Chicago, Ill  
E. Shock, Box 63, Nappanee, Ind.  
R. C. Miller, Box 6, Valley Junction, Ia.  
J. F. Schosser, Savannah, Mo.  
E. Robinson, Box 109, West Plains, Mo.  
Claude Rothery, 2621 Davenport Street, Omaha, Nebr.  
A. Burnham, Box 2447, N. Y. City.  
C. R. Tarver, 976 E. 134th St., N. Y. City.  
G. Linn, 1235 Penna. Av., Columbus, O.  
A. C. Whitmarsh & Co., Northfield, Vt.

We can still use a few more agents. Write, inclosing stamp for particulars.

### **..... EXCHANGE.....**

Foreign collectors send me 50 to 500 stamps of your country, and receive U. S.

in return. George Linn, 1235 Penna Av., Columbus, O.

I wish to exchange postmarks with collectors. I particularly desire Alaska, British Columbia, Cuba, Phillipine postmarks. What have you? H. Richards, 5955 Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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J. Laird Cross, Bangor, Mich., has novels and boy's papers to exchange for good U. S., Canadian and Mexican stamps cat. 3c each and over. Practical or Simplex typewriter wanted.

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# \*UNITED STATES\* PHILATELIC ASS'N.

AMERICA'S PRIDE.

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Sec. & Treas., Albert S. Paulsen,  
381 Main Street, Catskill, N. Y.  
Exch. Supt., Thos. J. Renaud,  
Box 1200, New Orleans, La.  
Auct. Mgr., Claude Rothery,  
2621 Davenport St., Omaha, Nebr.  
Libr., S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.  
Atty., W. Hatch, Bellow's Falls, Vt.  
Official Organ, Prairie State Philatelist.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members.—

I am glad to say that our society is now on a firmer footing than ever and we must all pull together to bring it up to the largest society of them all. To this end Mr. Paulsen offers some valuable prizes to the two members securing the most new members before Jan. 1, 1901. As a further inducement, I will give three inches of ad space in the P. S. P. to the one securing the third largest number of members before Jan. 1, 1901, and to the fourth largest a one-inch ad. Please remember that whether you win a prize or not, you will receive your regular 4 cents for every new member you secure. The secretary will be pleased to furnish blanks upon request. I would like to have a report from the Librarian next issue if possible. I have appointed Mr. Paulsen as

successor to our former Sec.-Treas. Mr. Babcock, who has resigned.

Yours Fraternally

Geo. F. Dold.

### Secretary and Treasurer's Report.

Dear Members.—

Having been appointed Secty.-Treas. in place of Mr. Babcock, resigned; I assure you that I will try and keep the society up to its present standard. I ask you all to try and get new members so that on Jan. 1, 1901, we will have 100 members, to encourage this plan you will find a notice of prizes on another page of this journal. I also request all members who have not paid their dues to please pay them at once.

At the election for "O. O." there was a tie vote between the Junior Collector and the Prairie State Philatelist, as the Junior Collector has been sold, the benefit was given to the Prairie State Philatelist, all members will receive it the same as the Junior Collector.

### .... Application for Membership....

39. Earle L. Robinson, West Plains, Mo.,  
19, Refs. R. C. Miller, Mrs Belle Letlon.  
40. Frank Gingrich, New Kamilche,  
Wash. 28, Refs. G. Dold, T. Babcock  
41. W. C. Wendover, Westbury, N. Y. 19  
Refs. A. Paulsen, P. M., at Westbury.

The above will become members upon payment of their dues and fees, if no objections are filed against them within 15 days after this report is published.

### .... New Members....

33. R. Vickery, 34. R. Chapman, 35.  
L. Bell, 36. S. Singer, 37. T. Breiser,  
38. D. Doolittle.

The above will receive their member-

ship cards upon the payment of their dues  
Again asking you to help build up our  
society, I am Yours fraternally

Albert S. Paulsen.

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Regular subscribers are allowed one 30  
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ces to cents each. Extra words ½c each.

**H**ave about 1,500 stamp papers, good  
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8, type, etc You must state your lowest  
price. Will trade for or buy printing  
materials. Claude Rothery, 2621 Daven-  
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**T**he following tags will be accepted in  
x for stamps off sheets, as below— Horse  
Shoe, yellowback Star, Drummond, J. T.,  
Good Luck, Cross Bow, Standard Navy,  
Nobby Spun, Old Honesty, Spear Head,  
Planet, Sickle and Neptune tags at 2½c  
each: Diamond Cross 2c, Granger Twist,  
Quincy Twist, and Honey Gum tags 1c  
each. Common tags 40c per 100. Earle  
Robinson, Box 109, West Plains, Mo.

**P**ostmarks. I have quite a number of  
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for other postmarks, or good foreign  
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wood, Ply Co., Mass.

**T**o exchange for cash or stamps, one  
magic lantern, throws a picture about 4  
feet in diameter. Write me. J. F. Schos-  
ser, Savannah, Mo.

**E**xchange wanted with Souvenir  
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unused. A. Anton, Member of the Atlas  
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**I** 2-3c given for J T, Spearhead, Horse-  
Shoe, etc, tags., also for Arbuckle, Lion &  
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stamp button for 25c off your sheets, x on  
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Elkhart, Ind., has good stamps, relics and  
curios to x. Wishes copies of good adv  
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**C**. Tarver, 976 E 34th St., New York  
City, would like to hear from all collect-  
ors having from 2,000 to 3,500 varieties,  
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ceive mine

**F**or every Young Sports or New York  
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every stamp cat 10c. A E Carr, 42  
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**W**ish to exchange and buy stamps.  
Send sheets with reference, Wish to see  
price lists and philatelic papers. Have  
bird's eggs to sell or x, 75 var.  
Bruce Hedges, Mediapolis, Ia.

**D**ealers send for adv. rates, I can save  
you money. Subscribers send for sub.  
rates., mine are low. Enclose stamp.  
Wanted sample copies of stamp papers.  
C. G. Moehling, Desplaines, Ill.

**W**ill give a foreign coin for every 5 J.  
T., Horseshoe, Cross Bow, Good Luck,  
Yellowback Star, Sickle, Drummond,  
Natural Leaf, Nobby-spun, Spear-head,  
Old Honesty, and Master Workman, tin



## 10. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

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**Wanted.** Type, rule, borders, cuts, half-tones, and all kinds of printing material, must be in fine condition. Will give good exchange or pay cash. Give complete description and send proofs if possible, also be sure and enclose stamp. Prairie State Press, 2607 39 St; Chicago.

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Libr., H. Richards, 5955 Union Av., Chicago, Ill.

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.... President's Address....

Fellow Members.—

I have appointed Mr Robinson as successor to Mr Paulsen, resigned. I offer 3 prizes to members securing most new members before Jan. 1, 1901. 3 inch ad for largest list, 2 inch ad for second largest, and 1 inch ad for third largest. Whether you win or not, you receive your regular 5c for each member: blanks from secretary. Hereafter the dues will be 20c a year and fee 5 cents. Again asking you to try your best to get members, I remain

Yours Fraternally

George Dold.

.. Secretary and Treasurer's Report..

New Members.—

8, S E Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.

9, M Tausig, 9 E 108th St., New York,

Applications.—

10, R D Elmendorf, 116 Ashford Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Ref. Albert Paulsen

11, Frank Gingrich, New Kamilche, Wash. Ref. George Dold.

12, Earle Robinson, Box 109, West Plains, Mo. Ref. George Dold.

## THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST. II.

13, W. C. Wendover, Westbury, Wayne Co., N. Y. Ref, George Dold.

14, Dan D. Doolittle, Box 544, Fremont, Nebr. Ref. Claude Rothery.

|               |                        |            |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|
| Receipts.     | Fees of 7 members      | \$ .70     |
|               | Dues of 6 members      | 1.50       |
|               | On hand at last report | <u>.39</u> |
|               |                        | 2.59       |
| Expenditures. | O. O. 1 yr. 9 members  | .90        |
|               | Membership cards       | .30        |
|               | Extra space            | .10        |
|               | Sent to F. Haller      | .20        |
|               | Postage                | <u>.16</u> |
|               |                        | 2.06       |

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J. F. Schosser. Savannah, Mo:

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| 25 good stamps   | cat. \$1.00 | price \$ .12 |
| 50 " "           | " 1.00      | " .10        |
| 25 " "           | " .50       | " .07        |
| 100 var "        | " 1.25      | " .10        |
| 200 " "          | " 2.50      | " .25        |
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## 12. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

### WHOLESALE

to Collectors and Small Dealers.

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 . . . . Elmer Smith, Colusa, Ill. . . . .

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### I WILL SEND-

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- 2 foreign silver coins
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Send stamp for two curio papers and price list of coins and currency.

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partment. I will give 100 var.  
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hinges, and send the Prevari-  
cator to you one year for 25c.

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I will give the Prairie State Philatelist  
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Earle Robinson, West Plains, Mo.

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members before Jan. 1, 1901, I will give  
any stamp catalogued at \$1, to the one  
who gets the next highest number, I will  
give a fine souvenir of the Catskill Mts.

## A. S. PAULSEN,

Catskill, N. Y.

# SOMETHING +FOR NOTHING.+

An unused U. S. stamp cat. 20c free to  
every one sending for a selection of my  
fine approval sheets at 50 per cent com.  
Prices that please, just the kind you want.

### SETS CHEAP.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
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| x 2 Honduras '65                | .05    |
| 5 Persia                        | .10    |
| 6 Borneo '97 1 to 8c            | .20    |
| 6 Labuan " "                    | .20    |
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| x 3 Angola                      | .07    |
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.... Elmer Smith, Colusa, Ill. ....

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50 per cent commission. Agents wanted.

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- 1 good 1835 half cent
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- 1 fair Mass. Colonial bill
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- 2 Confederate State bills
- 1 good broken bank bill
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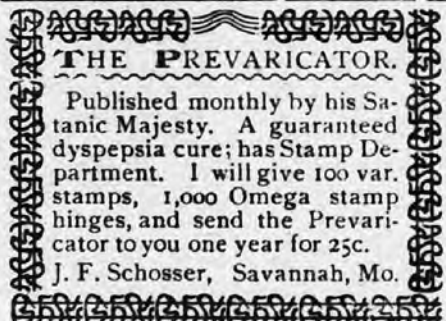
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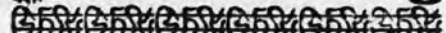
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Published monthly by his Satanic Majesty. A guaranteed dyspepsia cure; has Stamp Department. I will give 100 var. stamps, 1,000 Omega stamp hinges, and send the Prevaricator to you one year for 25c.

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### A. S. PAULSEN,

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|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| 5 Bolivia '94                   | \$ .10 |
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|---|-----------|--------|
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CHICAGO, ILL.



# PRICE 10C EACH.

Add 1c for postage.

| No. | Country.          | No. in set. |
|-----|-------------------|-------------|
| 1   | Angola            | 4           |
| 2   | Argentine         | 7           |
| 3   | Austria           | 15          |
| 4   | Azores            | 4           |
| 5   | Bahamas           | 3           |
| 6   | Barbadoes         | 4           |
| 7   | Bavaria           | 8           |
| 8   | Belgium           | 15          |
| 9   | Bolivia           | 4           |
| 10  | Bosnia            | 4           |
| 11  | Brazil            | 6           |
| 12  | British Guiana    | 4           |
| 13  | Bulgaria          | 6           |
| 14  | Canada            | 10          |
| 15  | Cape of Good Hope | 4           |
| 16  | Cape Verde        | 3           |
| 17  | Ceylon            | 3           |
| 18  | Chili             | 6           |
| 19  | China             | 3           |
| 20  | Columbia Rep.     | 5           |
| 21  | Costa Rica        | 5           |
| 22  | Cuba              | 7           |
| 23  | Denmark           | 10          |
| 24  | Dominican Rep.    | 3           |
| 25  | Dutch Indies      | 8           |
| 26  | Ecuador           | 5           |
| 27  | Egypt             | 7           |
| 28  | Finland           | 8           |
| 29  | France            | 15          |
| 30  | Germany           | 15          |
| 31  | Great Britain     | 12          |
| 32  | Greece            | 8           |
| 33  | Guatemala         | 4           |
| 34  | Guadeloupe        | 4           |
| 35  | Hayti             | 3           |
| 36  | Holland           | 15          |
| 37  | Honduras          | 5           |
| 38  | Hong Kong         | 4           |
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|    |           |    |
|----|-----------|----|
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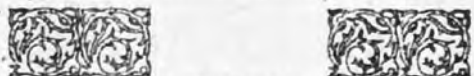
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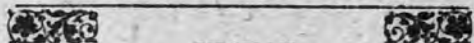
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**R**obert C. Miller is the subject of our second sketch this month. Mr. Miller was born in Portsmouth, Iowa in 1883, and later moved to Valley Junction, Iowa, where he is now employed as clerk in the Post Office

He first began collecting stamps in 1898 and now has a general collection of 1,500 varieties. Mr. Miller is a member of the S. D. P. A., the C. M. A., and has creditably filled the office of Vice President of U. S. P. A., and is a candidate for re-election

tion to that office. Give him your vote!

**T**he next sketch on the program is that of Rudolph F. Schwedeler. Mr. Schwedeler was born July 18, 1882 at Oak Park, Ill., where he still resides. He was the thirteenth member to join the U. S. P. A., and he is also a member of the D. P. A. Mr. Schwedeler has been a stamp collector

for over six years and has a collection of over 3,000 varieties, making a speciality of the Postage and Revenue stamps of U. S. and Canada.

He is a candidate for the office of Exch. Supt., of the U. S. P. A. We are confident that he will make a good officer. When members mark their ballots, they will not make a mistake by giving him a vote.



ROBERT C. MILLER.

### U. S. P. A. MEMBERS.

For the good of our society vote the following ticket: for Pres., G. Dold. V. Pres., R. C. Miller. Sec.-Treas., A. Paulsen. Ex. Supt., R. Schwedeler. Auc. Mgr., C. Rothery. Official Organ, Prairie State Phil.

# Stamps of the Far East.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Continued From No. 7.

Japanese stamps are perhaps as artistically beautiful as any in the world. They display all that simplicity of design and delicacy of treatment that characterizes Japanese art generally. Designs of flowers and dragons in borders of conventionalized lines are their prevailing characteristic. They are printed on rice paper that is as fine as silk and the tints are delicate blues, yellows, browns, lilacs, olives, and other harmonious colors. In Annam, Tonkin, Cochin-China, and Indo-China we see the stamps of the French Republic, which holds dominion over those parts of the Chinese kingdom. Old Persian stamps have for a simple design a lion carrying a sword in his right paw, while behind him is a sunburst with its center like the face of a man. Later issues of Persia have a portrait of the Shah in a medallion surrounded by a border of arabesque designs or of flowers or filigree work. One small stamp shows in the cen-

ter a reclining lion in a diamond surrounded with beautiful arabesque work.

Conspicuous on the stamps of Turkey is the peculiar signature of the Sultan and always the star and crescent. The borders of these stamps are in pure arabesque, as beautiful in design and execution as any design that is printed.

Tunis has the French postal service, and you might naturally expect something very artistic in their stamps. Con-

trary is the case however. The stamps present the picture of a Moorish archway, in the center of which is a group of cannon and war flags. There is some delicate tracery above the archway, and a star and crescent at its apex, with the inscription and value below.

Siam is one of the countries of the East that has a conventional stamp issue, the portrait of the King of Siam in a medallion, encircled with



RUDOLPH P. SCHWEDLER.

bands upon which are simple designs and inscriptions of the character of the stamp and its value and its service. These are printed in glaring blue, carmine, vermilion, yellow or orange, and present a striking, if not a handsome, appearance. From a philatelic point of view none of them are of very high value. Samoa will delight one with the peculiar pertinency of its stamp designs, an overspreading palm

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tree in a medallion constituting the most effective portion of it.

(The end)

### \*U. S. PHIL. ASSN.\*

--Secretary and Treasurer's Report.--

Dear members,

The following new members will receive their cards upon payment of their dues:- 39. E. L. Robinson. 40. F. Gingrich. 41. W. C. Wendover.

Applications:-

42. D. C. Evans, 1502 Gratz St., Phila., Pa. Ref. A. S. Paulsen. G. F. Dold.  
 43. R. R. Wilson, Sanborn, Iowa. Ref. G. Dold.  
 44. Will Longstaff, (14) 914 W. 3d St., Huron, S. D. Ref. H. Richards. Lillian Longstaff.  
 45. G. K. Renaud, (26) Box 73, New Orleans, La. Ref. T. J. Renaud.  
 46. Walter Juil, (19) 2928 Magazine St., New Orleans, La. Ref. T. Renaud.  
 47. Chester Gage, (14) 400 4th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Ref. T. J. Renaud.  
 48. J. Irving Clarke, (15) Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Ref. T. J. Renaud.

The above will be admitted after 15 days if no objections are filed against them.

..... Receipts.....

|                              |      |     |        |
|------------------------------|------|-----|--------|
| Rec'd cash from Ex. Sec'y.   | \$   | .10 |        |
| " " for dues and fees        |      | .90 |        |
| Cash presented to society    | 1.00 | -   | \$2.00 |
| ..... Expenditures.....      |      |     |        |
| Paid for "O. O." for Oct.    | \$   | .42 |        |
| " " Postage                  |      | .10 |        |
| " P. S. P. Co., on account   | .75  | -   | \$1.27 |
| Balance in Treasury          |      | .73 |        |
| Purchased 1,000 appl. blanks | 1.50 |     |        |
| Bal. due P. S. Pub. Co.      |      | .75 |        |

All members whose dues are not paid up will greatly oblige me by paying them up at once for I hope to begin the new year with all dues paid up and the society free from debt. Fraternaly yours,  
 Sec.-Treas., A. S. Paulsen.

The following nominations have been received for the coming election,

- For Pres. George F. Dold.  
 " V. " Robert C. Miller.  
 " " " Dan D. Doolittle.  
 " Sec. Tres Albert S. Paulsen.  
 " Ex. Supt. Thos. J. Renaud.  
 " " " Rudolph F. Schwedeler.  
 " Auc. Mgr. Claude Rothery.  
 " Libr. Shirley E. Moisant.  
 " Trustees. A. Paulsen; E. Robinson; H. Richards.

Send all votes to the Secretary so as to reach him not later than December 31, '00

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Fellow Members:-

The dues of this society have been changed from 25c to 20c, the fee from 10c to 5c. Hereafter the dues must be sent with the fee and application. Dues will be as follows:- January, February, March, 20c; April, May, June, 15c; July, August, September, 10c; October, November, December, 5c. C. Rothery.  
 New Members:-

10. R. D. Elmendorf, 116 Ashford Street, Brooklyn, N Y  
 11. F. Gingrich, New Kamilche, Wash.  
 12. Earle Robinson, West Plains, Mo.  
 13. W. C. Wendover, Westbury, N Y  
 14. Dan D. Doolittle, Box 544, Fremont, Nebr.

Applications:-

15. George Homan, 2617 Davenport St; Omaha, Nebr, Ref. Claude Rothery.  
 16. R. Wilson, Sanborn, Ia. Ref. G. Dold.

## REVENUE

### † DEPARTMENT. †

CLAUDE ROTHERY, EDITOR.



The editor of the revenue department in the Nebraska Philatelist is continually saying that Scott's 59th is wrong in listing a 7½c Marchand, he believing it to be 7⅛c. It is listed correct however.

For the benefit of those who think that old private die stamps are not good property to have I cite the following facts. In 1888 the 4c black J. W. Champions & Co., was listed at \$5.00, in 1898 at \$25.00, in 1899-1900 at \$50.00. The following are a few more private die stamps that went up in the 50th when adhesives, depts., etc., went down:

|                              | 58th    | 59th    |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1c blue, Alexander matches   | \$40.00 | \$50.00 |
| 1c " Bauer and Beudel        | 4.00    | 5.00    |
| 5c orange, Greenleaf and Co. | 25.00   | 30.00   |
| 1c black, J. J. Macklin Co.  | 60.00   | 75.00   |
| 1c " V. R. Powell            | 50.00   | 75.00   |
| 4c lilac, J. C. Ayer and Co. | 75.00   | 150.00  |
| 4c vermilion, D. S. Barnes   | 40.00   | 50.00   |
| 1c black, Fleming Bros.      | 50.00   | 75.00   |
| 6c orange, Jas. Swaim Co.    | 75.00   | 100.00  |

These are only examples. Hundreds could be shown with the same results.

The number of Private Proprietaries delivered up to March 1900 was as follows:—

|                     |     |           |
|---------------------|-----|-----------|
| Antikamnia          | 2½c | 80,000    |
| Branca Bros.        | 4c  | 162,500   |
| Centuar Co.         | 1¼c | 4,600,000 |
| W. Hanson and Co.   | 1¼c | 160,000   |
| Hostetter Co.       | 2½c | 800,000   |
| Johnson and Johnson | ¾c  | 1,920,000 |
| Lanman and Kemp     | ¾c  | 930,000   |
|                     | 1¼c | 35,000    |

|                    |     |           |
|--------------------|-----|-----------|
|                    | 1¼c | 200,000   |
| Chas. Marchand     | ¾c  | 26,000    |
| " "                | 1¼c | 179,000   |
| " "                | 1¼c | 25,600    |
| " "                | 2½c | 9,000     |
| " "                | 3¼c | 15,000    |
| " "                | 4¾c | 3,600     |
| " "                | 7½c | 4,600     |
| Piso Co.           | ¾c  | 1,600,000 |
| Radway and Co.     | ¾c  | 640,000   |
| Warner's Safe Cure | 3¼c | 384,000   |

Several other companies have announced their intention of having private stamps. Up to the time of going to press none have appeared except the J. Ellwood Lee Co's., as follows:—

|            | No. printed |
|------------|-------------|
| ½c blue    | 10,000      |
| ¾c red     | 175,000     |
| 1¼c green  | 15,000      |
| 2½c yellow | 6,000       |
| 5c brown   | 6,000       |

The set of five sell for ten times face, J. E. Lee Co., having appointed a stamp dealer to handle them.

## Juniors' Notes.

Claude Rothery.



As the collector buys packets etc., he naturally has some duplicates before long. To dispose of these, he must correspond with other collectors. I have found however that the best way is to join some stamp society and put them in the exchange department at net prices. In corresponding it takes time and postage and oft times you never hear of your stamps except when the receiver writes that he never received them. In the exchange department of some good society



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they will be responsible for all losses for a small sum and you can buy and sell at net prices.

Much annoyance is caused to the young collector by the catalog listing stamps as engraved, lithographed, etc. Postage stamps are seldom made by steel plates because they are so expensive and so difficult to work with. Usually they are made either by copper electrotype, printing type or lithographic process. The engraving of the stamp on to the plate is done by hand or by photo mechanic process which is used to a great extent nowadays. The little cracks which occur on the plates, while engraved, are covered with color. The damp paper is pressed down into the depressed lines and absorbs the color; therefore when viewing the stamp from the front the lines are slightly raised, if seen from the back they are depressed. If you run your fingers over the first issue of Prussia you can better understand it. The lithographic process is the common method of printing stamps. These stamps are similar to the engraved ones except that there are no raised or depressed lines. The design of this stamp is transferred to a lithographic stone. The stone is wet with an acid fluid which repels the printing ink except on the greasy design.

The difference between lithographed and engraved can be clearly seen by comparing the 5kr. 1871 issue Hungary will the same stamp of 1872. The first is lithographed, the second engraved. The printing process is cheapest and is used a great deal now. The part which remain white (heads, figures, etc, on most stamps,) does not come in contact with the color roller. By holding the back up to the light you can see it is printed as

the colored parts are pressed in.

Ten new stamping and cancelling machines have been installed in the Chicago postoffice, and each machine is expected to stamp from 30,000 to 50,000 pieces of ordinary mail matter each hour. With the aid of these machines it is hoped that the mail can be separated and dispatched to the trains more rapidly and that the percentage left for the early morning through trains will not be so great. Much of the matter for the main Eastern points will be put into direct pouches and sent on the newspaper and passenger trains.

One of the mysteries is the disappearance of the dollars of 1804 and their fictitious value to-day. There were issued from the mint no less than 19,570 of them. Some say that almost the entire mintage was lost at sea by the sinking of a vessel that was conveying it to China. Others maintain that the mintage of 1805 included this mintage, or a part of it. The records show that only 321 silver dollars were coined in 1805. At any rate the "1804 dollar" is commonly known among numismatists as the king of rare American coins. Another mystery is that the coin has not been counterfeited, as were valuable ancient coins from the fifteenth century down.

A new postmark which some Chicagoans have lately noticed on some of their letters, is as follows; a partial circle with "1900" in the center and flaring lines extending out from one side of the circle as from a headlight. Postoffice officials have been asked about the new design, but deny that there is any symbolic significance in it. "Simply an effort to unite utility with beauty".

# Numismatist's Department.

.....A. P. WYLIE, Editor. ....

## U. S. FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

CONTINUED FROM VOL. 2. No. 1.

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without bronze letters on the reverse; also with new design on the reverse (large "50" in the center.)

.... Fourth series of 1864.....

Red backs.

- 5c bust of Clark.
- 10c " Washington.
- 25c " Fessenden.
- 50c " Justice.
- 50c " Spinner.

Fifty cent Justice is with or without letters and figures upon the reverse; also has heavy fibre paper which is rare. Fifty cent Spinner is with or without the letters and figures upon the reverse.

The following bills have autographic signatures, viz:

Ten cent Washington signed "Colby and Spinner" or "Jeffries and Spinner". Fifty cent Justice signed "Colby and Spinner" which is with or without bronze letters and figures upon the reverse; also has fibre paper rare, so signed. Fifty cents Spinner signed "Colby and Spinner", "Allison and Spinner", or "Allison and New".

Some of the above have no signatures, others only one; the signature of "Rosencrans" instead of "Colby" is found on the ten cent and the fifty cent justice.

The mint mark collectors also are given a chance in the third and fourth issues; a small plate letter mark is found on some

which are also of different size.

.... Fifth issue of 1869....

- 10c bust of Meredith.
- 15c " Columbia.
- 25c " Washington.
- 50c " Lincoln.
- 50c " Stanton.

The first four bills have watermarked paper, pink fibre paper and excepting the fifty cent Lincoln, violet fibre paper.

The first three bills have also a large or a small treasury seal.

.... Sixth issue of 1874....

- 10c bust of Meredith.
- 25c " Walker.
- 50c " Crawford.
- 50c " Dexter.

The ten cent has a long or a short key in the seal; it has also a green instead of a red seal which is rare. The twenty-five cent has also a long and a short key in seal.

The 15c essay notes.

These have busts of Grant and Sherman, and have both green and red backs; they have printed signatures, as well as autographic signatures of "Jeffries and Spinner"; or of "Allison & Spinner". They were issued in the third series but were not approved by Congress, hence never circulated as money. They were all printed with the backs and fronts separate. Some people have tried to improve things by pasting the front and back together with mucilage thus greatly impairing their value. Uncirculated

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## 8. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

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Forms for next number close Jan. 15th.

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## EDITORIAL.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL, is the  
sincere wish of Ye Editor.

Owing to the heavy expense of getting  
out the P. S. P. (3,000 to 5,000 copies  
each issue) we are obliged to raise the  
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fect Feb. 1, 1901. Contracts may be made  
now at very satisfactory prices.

Rather late this month, aint we? Well  
we will have to make up for it next issue.

Don't fail to catch on to the bargains in  
Sea Shells advertised by J. F. Powell in  
this number. They're great ornaments  
and Mr. Powell's prices are low and he  
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That "gummed label" from Rocky  
Hill seems to be suffering a relapse  
What's the matter "Chappy?"

We must request our exchanges not  
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Where's Scott's 60th? Up to the time  
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specimens are worth five dollars each.

We would advise the collector of fractional currency to get one bill of each denomination of each of the six series; this would give him a collection of twenty-nine bills, including a 15c essay: if he is a variety crank he can readily obtain a good representation in the twenty-nine bills; for instance in the first series he can get two of the bills perforated bills, one with and the other without the A. B. N. Co.; also two unperforated bills similarly printed; he has now the four denominations and each of the varieties is represented.

## BRANCH OFFICES.

The following is a list of our Branch Offices where subscriptions and advertisements are taken at regular rates.

- R. F. Schwedeler, Oak Park, Ill.
- H. Richards, 833 W. 60th St., Chicago, Ill.
- A. P. Wylie, Prairie Center, Ill.
- C. G. Moehling, Desplaines, Ill.
- R. C. Miller, Box 6, Valley Junction, Ia.
- R. R. Wilson, Sanborn, Ia.
- A. Carr, 42 Marianna St., Lynn, Mass.
- L. C. Foisy, Mapleton, Minn.
- E. Robinson, Box 109, West Plains, Mo.
- Claude Rothery, 2621 Davenport Street, Omaha, Nebr.
- F. Johnson, 23 10th St., So., Fargo, N. D.
- C. Mullin, 121 W. 21 St., Bayonne, N. J.
- C. Tarver, 73 Feronia Way, Rutherford, N. J.
- A. Burnham, Box 2447, N. Y. City.
- G. Linn, 1235 Penna Ave., Columbus, O.
- J. F. Schosser, Kingfisher, O. T.
- M. Armore, Box 153, Parkhill, Ont.
- A. C. Whitmarsh & Co., Northfield, Vt.



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Regular subscribers are allowed one 30 word exchange notice free. Extra notices 10 cents each. Extra words ½c each. For BONA FIDE EXCHANGE notices ONLY.

Will give a stamp button for 10 tob. tags, Spear Heads etc., or pay ½c each for them. 1 years sub. to Phil. West for 15 tags, or the Prairie State Phil. 15 tags. F. W. Johnson, 23 10 St., So; Fargo, N. D.

Wanted! Foreign collectors to send us 50 or 100 used stamps of their country, will send same cat. value U. S. A. or Mexico in return. Crescent Stamp Co., Box 821, Phoenix, Ariz.

Have some Porto Rico, Spanish Revenues and stamped paper to exchange for postage. Glad to hear from anyone desiring such. Dr. C. H. Gardner, Port Townsend, Wash.

U. S. civil war revenues, private medicine revenues, 1898 issue and U. S. Doc. 1898, 1c to \$1 red, including 40-50-80c cut cancellation or uncut, to x for stamps. M. R. Price, 382 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Have stamp papers etc., to x for good stamps. Will give a one inch ad in this paper for 40c worth off sheets (my own selection) and a 2c stamp. Gyda M. Dold, Carrier 2211, Brighton Park, Cook Co., Ill.

Mexico. New issue 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, 5 var. Will exchange for 6c in unused U. S. or Canada stamps, or for 1 stamp cat. 10c. Crescent Stamp Co., Box 821, Phoenix, Ariz.

I have 100 five and ten cent novels to x for stamps, advertising space, etc. Have fine U. S. stamps on approval at 50 per. c.

discount, Have some spearheads. Arno A. Kranhold, Mapleton, Minn.

Will exchange old Revenue and C. S. A. stamps for good Broken Bank Money, Shimplasters, Colonial and Fractional Currency. Ellis Chandlee, Augusta, Ga.

To exchange for cash or stamps catalogue value two cents or higher, Mexican Postage envelopes, postcards and revenues also coins. Address A. L. Buddee, 7th Alzate No. 3220, Mexico City, Mex.

Best of exchange given in stamps, tags, postmarks for Hostetter's Almanacs 1886, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91 and '92. Have you any to trade? N. S. Moore, Naples, Ill

Want to exchange tobacco tags for stamps. Send sheets with terms. Also arrow points, or tags for tags. H. B. Johnson, 107 E. Gaston St., Greensboro, N. C.

Would like to exchange by approval sheet with collectors having one thousand or more. Send sheets and receive mine. Hezekiah Weed, 38 Summer St., Stamford, Conn.

Magnifying Glasses. I have for exchange for stamps, fine, Imported, vest pocket glasses; 2½ inches in diameter and string, short focus. Correspondence solicited. H. C. Upson, 32 Taylor St., Waterbury, Conn.

Louis Vermersch, Box 31, Ghent, Lyon Co., Minn., wish to exchange common stamps for common stamps with young beginners of all countries.

Look! Send me 150 foreign stamps and I will tell you by return-mail how to make rubber stamps. This offer is good until 1901. E. R. Mill, Hika, Wis.

W. C. Edwards, Elkhart, Ind., wants traders to send for his exchange list and wants theirs. Wants small printing press any size or kind; also dealers wholesale offers and sample copies.

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**Wanted!** U. S. Documentary revenues from 40c and up; especially above \$1. Also want U. S. private proprietaries and old Government and State revenues. Want postage, official and revenue stamps of U. S., B. N. A., North Europe, Balkans, Great Britain and Colonies., and South Africa; postage stamps of Asia. All stamps must be perfect specimens. Have complete volumes of Happy Days, No. 50 to 180 (scarce, out of print) in A 1 condition, old stamp papers, and advertising space in P. S. P. for any of above stamps. Enclose stamp for reply. George Dold, 2607 39th Street, Chicago, Ill.

**F**or exchange, mound pottery, crinoid stems, arrows heads, 30 kinds of wood, postmarks, books, how to hypnotize, etc. Send stamp for description. Want guns, watches, gramophone or offers. Prof. K. Griffin, Petway, Tenn.

**W**ill x 10c magazines for stamps cat. 3c or over to the value of 10c. H. Ernest Beebe, Ipswich, S. D.

**H**ave a camera and outfit I would like to exchange for stamps; also stamps to x. Enclose stamp for reply. R. R. Wilson, Sanborn, Iowa.

**I** have stamps, postmarks, stamp papers, etc. to exchange for same. I desire exchange of stamps with collectors having about 2000, send sheets and receive mine. H. E. Richards, 833 W. 60th St., Chicago, Ill.

**C**anadians send me 500 to 1,000 common Canadians and receive equal value in U. S. in return. George W. Linn, 1235 Penna. Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

**W**ill exchange U. S. stamps for any thing curious or artistic. Send list of what you have. H. Ernest Beebe, Ipswich, S. D.

**A**thletic goods and novels to exchange for all kinds of stamps, coins or philatelic

literature. George W. Linn, 1235 Penna. Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

**J.** Laird Cross, Bangor, Mich., has novels and boy's papers to exchange for good U. S., Canadian and Mexican stamps, cat. value 3c each and over. Practical or Simplex typewriter wanted.

**I** have a small lot of eggs such as black throated sparrow, in all 39 varieties cat. at \$3.40, which I will x for Scott's \$1 1900 stamp album, eggs sent for \$1. H. E. Dewey, Moline, Kan.

**S** different good stamp papers in good condition, also some indian arrow-heads to exchange for stamps not in my collection. Oscar Washburn, St. George, Ontario, Canada.

**H**ave U. S. and foreign stamps and postal cards, also 500 U. S. and foreign stamps papers, books, novels, panel pictures, and trade-marks, for any kind of stamps my selection. W. E. Reynolds, Baughanan, N. Y.

**W**ill send you for a self-addressed stamped envelope a package of "Omega" hinges. Enclose five cents for your name in Collectors Directory. Herbert F. Butler, Newton Center, Mass.

**W**ould like to exchange stamps of my sheets for S. American, also West Indies, and British Colonies. Julius Hincke, N. Reading, Mass.

**H**ave a EbAeTO horn, would like to x for stamps. Also a bran new tennis racket, never been used. Enclose stamp for reply. R. R. Wilson, Sanborn, Iowa.

**P**ostmarks! I have quite a number of U. S. & British postmarks. Will exchange for postmarks or good foreign stamps. Fred H. Paine, Box 35, Elmwood, Mass.

**C**oins! One all different coin for every 5 Continental Tobacco tags, 4x and Ar-buckle signatures, Lion Head, Mail

## 12. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

Pouch, and Polar Bear faces and coupons sent me. Ernest Ritter, Fredonia, Pa.

Will give stamps or stamp papers for Tiffany's history of U. S. stamps. State your terms when writing. All correspondence answered. Claude Rothery, 2621 Davenport St., Omaha, Neb.

I will give 1 years sub. to Phil. West for stamps cat. 35c or for 15c cash. E. M. Atmore, Parkhill, Ont.

A fine \$18 Merritt typewriter used very little, for \$15 worth of good stamps. John Twitchell, 1256 Michigan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Pack of new 3 card mantz, 25 heads under one hat, 50c book "How to Hypnotize" Complete course. All kinds of show tricks to exchange. Box 23, Petway, Tenn

Talk about your bargains. Avaunt there! Could not do it? Watch this space next month, will you? Watch and remember. Enterprise Stamp Co., 7 Harbor St., Salem, Mass.

Look! A years subscription to this paper, 4 30 word exchange notices and a one inch ad, for stamps cat. \$1 from your sheets, none under 4c. A. E. Carr, Lynn, Mass.

Foreign Collectors! Send me 50 to 500 stamps of your country and receive U. S. in return. Geo. W. Linn, 1235 Penna. Av., Columbus, Ohio.

Will X sub. to West for U. S. stamps cat. 35c, also sub. to P. S. P. for 50c. Send for other rates. L. Foisy, Mapleton, Minn

Wanted! Type, rule, borders and all kinds of printing material in A 1 condition and in complete fonts. Will give good exchange or pay cash. Send proofs and always enclose stamp. Prairie State Publishing Co., 2607 39th St., Chicago, Ill.

I years subscription to this paper to X for 10c. 15c after February 1, 1901.

## \*TRADE NOTICES\*

Thirty word notices under this heading 10c each, 3 for 25c. Extra words 1/2c each.

1 years subscription to this paper for 20 good stamp papers. H. E. Richards 833 W. 60th St., Chicago, Ill.

For sale cheap if taken at once; 29 unused 8c Columbian stamps, 10c each. Also 50 unused 2c Columbian envelopes 3/4 x 5 1/2, 5c each. W. E. Reynolds, Buchanan, N.Y.

Sub. to West 10c. Sub. to P. S. P. 10c. Both for 15c. Send me for other bargains, L. C. Foisy, Mapleton, Minn.

For Sale. Job Printing and advertising space in "Bargains" Samples and Price List free. Ad rates and sample of "Bargains" free. Jesse F. Smith, 1047 Mercy Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A one inch ad in this paper and 1,000 Omega die cut hinges 27c postpaid. One years sub. and 4 varieties unused Mexicans 12c. Claude Rothery, 2621 Davenport Street, Omaha, Nebr.

For sale six all different foreign coins for 22c, 12 for 40c. 25 all different coins only 75c. Everything post paid, 1 and 2c stamps taken. Ernest Ritter, Fredonia, Pa

I have a 32 Cal. Hopkins and Allens self cocking nickel plated revolver to trade for stamps and advertising space in P. S. P. What have you to offer? Foreign approval at 50 per c. Arno A. Kranhold, Mapleton, Minn.

Bargain! Send us one dime or twelve cents in stamps and receive a sheet of stamps catalogue over 50c. Phildius & Caldwell, 124 Java St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

100 XX 6 white envelopes, printed and postpaid for 30c; 100 XX 6 1/2 white or amber 35c. First class stock and work,

Inclose 2c stamp for complete line of samples. Prairie State Press, 2607 39th Street, Chicago, Ill.

A bran new "American" \$10.00 type-writer direct from factory to you for only \$7.90. A fine machine, weight 4 lbs. regular price everywhere is \$10.00. Particulars for stamp. A. E. Carr, Lynn, Mass.

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Wanted Columbian and Omaha above 2c, U. S. 1890, 6, 15, 30, 90c for foreign from sheets your selection, basis Scott's 59th ed. Martin H. Bittl, 104 Bedford Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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## 14. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

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Milwaukee, Wis.

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 " 1884 2 Pesos .35  
 " '84-'93 Official, red brown & blue .07  
 15 varieties Austria .12  
 6 " Sweden .04  
 6 " Japan .06  
 9 " Great Britain .08  
 7 " Argentine Republic .10  
 12 " Cuba .22  
 9 " Canada 2c on 3c, 8c num. etc .15  
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| x 10 | Cuba                    | .08 |
| x 12 | Porto Rico              | .10 |
| 5    | Bolivia '94, 1 to 20c   | .05 |
| 6    | Labuan '97, 1 to 8c     | .15 |
| 6    | No. Borneo '97, 1 to 8c | .15 |
| 3    | Antwerp Expo. 5-10-25   | .04 |
| 7    | Hungary 1900            | .05 |
| 5    | Netherlands 1899        | .03 |
| x 6  | Servia '81 complete     | .12 |
| 3    | Chili Telegraph         | .03 |
| 6    | Argentine               | .04 |
| x 4  | Swiss 1881              | .02 |

### .....SINGLE STAMPS.....

|   |                         |     |
|---|-------------------------|-----|
| x | Hayti '99, 1c           | .02 |
| x | " " 2c                  | .03 |
| x | China '97, 1/2c         | .02 |
| x | Portugal '93, 5c surch. | .02 |
| x | Bolivar '91 1c          | .01 |
|   | Costa Rica '63 1/2R     | .01 |
| x | Honduras '91 5c         | .02 |
| x | " " 30c                 | .03 |
| x | " '99 1c on 50          | .02 |
|   | Guatemala '86 1c        | .01 |
| x | " '98, 1c on 5c         | .02 |
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OF THE DEEP.



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|                                 |     |                                 |               |                           |                         |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
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|   |        |
|---|--------|
| 1893 Columbians 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, cat. at 25c, our price.....                                      | \$ .07 |
| 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 15c, " " " 43c, " " " ".....   | .11    |
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## REVENUE

### DEPARTMENT.

Claude Rothery, Editor.



U. S. revenues have been surcharged for use in Cuba.

One of the scarce match stamps that is not listed is the 1c green American Match Co. (Cleveland, Ohio.)

The reissue of the U. S. revenues is in drabish gray with a additional value added (\$2 value.) The government expects to save thousands of dollars annually by this change as the stamps cannot be washed without changing color. The \$1 and \$3 values were issued for a very short time in carmine.

The latest and probably the last private proprietary chronicled for the 1898 series is the Ferret stamp. It will be an oblong stamp with a picture of a reindeer on it. The Emerson Drug Co., Baltimore, Md., have issued a set, which, for the sum of 5c and postage they will forward to any address.

Scott's 60th is the subject of much discussion. Revenues of all descriptions, with a few exceptions, went upward with a bound, particularly match and medicine. One of the few varieties of the 1898 series is the 5/8c Piso albino, I have two of these in my possession. They are in the lower left hand corner of the sheet, (the plate No. is 8794) which is in the new roulette.

A work of more than ordinary interest to revenue collectors is "An Historical reference list of the revenue stamps of the United States, including the private proprietary stamps, compiled by Geo. L. Tappan, Hiram E. Deats and Alexander

Holland, a committee of the Boston Philatelic Society." The book contains 424 pages (7 1/2 x 11 1/2 in.) and sells for the sum of \$3.00. It contains interesting facts from the first page to the last. The existence of the \$5,000 revenues is denied, although they admit that the plate was made, colors selected and proofs printed.

Few collectors can understand why the regular issue proprietary and playing card revenues outstripped all others in the race for dollars in Father Scott's 50c novel. This is easily seen however when we consider that nearly all the manufacturers of cards, medicine and match had their own stamps. Documentary stamps may lay for years on documents while a match box is thrown away, a medicine box or bottle is treated in the same way. Cards are thrown away when they begin to look worn. The following is Schedule C. of the stamp Duties, from and after August 1, 1864.

#### Schedule C.....

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Proprietary Medicines, etc., retail price   |     |
| not over 25c  | 1c. |
| " " 50c   | 2c. |
| " " 75c   | 3c. |
| " " \$1.00  | 4c. |
| for each 50c or fraction over \$1   | 2c. |
| Perfumery and Cosmetics same as above.  |     |
| Friction Matches, a package containing  |     |
| 100 matches or less   | 1c. |
| not over 200  | 2c. |
| for each additional 100 or fraction   | 1c. |
| Cigar lights and wax tapers double the  |     |
| above rates   |     |
| Photographs, Ambratypes, Daguerreotypes, etc., on each picture when the retail price shall not exceed |     |
| 25c   | 2c. |
| not over 50c  | 3c. |
| not over \$1  | 5c. |
| For each additional \$1 or fraction   | 5c. |

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| 18c per pack                        | 2c.  |
| not over 25c                        | 4c.  |
| not over 50c                        | 10c. |
| not over \$1                        | 15c. |
| for each additional 50c or fraction | 5c.  |

On request I will forward to any of the readers of this department Schedule B (documents.) Would be pleased to receive information from the readers of the P. S. P. on any oddities or varieties of revenues.

## NUMISMATISTS' DEPARTMENT.

A. P. Wylie, Editor.

### CONTINENTAL CURRENCY.



This money was issued by the thirteen original colonies after their confederation against the oppression of England and before the adoption of the present constitution. Before this time each colony had issued its own money which we call colonial money.

According to Scott regarded as authority there were 111 different bills issued in 11 different series. The first issue was at Philadelphia and consisted of the following denominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 20 and 30 dollars. The last issued was dated Jan. 14, 1779 and consisted of the following denominations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 80 dollars. We recently saw an article going the rounds of the local papers that a certain person had a \$60. bill of this issue, the only one now in existence, and if desired it would be redeemed by the government and the possessor get \$60 in good lawful money of the present coinage. Such is not the case,

these bills are worth no more than cancelled stamps so far as redemption is concerned. The curio collector can probably purchase the bill for 50 cents which is about the right price.

The rarest of the series issued was at Yorktown April 11, 1778. The reason for their being printed here was because the seat of government had to be moved from Philadelphia here owing to the British taking possession of the former city. The bills issued here were 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 20 and 30 dollars, and are worth each from \$2 to \$5; February 26th 1777 there was a series at Baltimore. The other nine series were issued at Philadelphia. During the Revolution there was lots of this money issued. It took from \$200. to \$500. to buy a pair of boots; finally it depreciated so much that it wasn't worth any more than old paper. Its abundance then is the cause of but few of the bills being at all rare. Most all the bills can yet be obtained from 25c up to \$1 each excepting the Yorktown of which I was lucky enough recently to secure the \$30. bill in very fine condition for three dollars. This bill is not priced in Scott's paper money catalogue.

A new postmarking machine for letters which by an automatic device changes the time mark every minute was tested at the Chicago postoffice Feb. 23.

Ernest R. Malmberg, who is the inventor, has spent nearly six years in perfecting his invention. Two men at a time can work on the machine, keeping the four feeding hoppers filled with letters which are run through it at a speed of 800 a minute or 48,000 an hour.

It is rumored that the government is going to issue St. Louis Worlds Fair coins.



## 4. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

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FORMS FOR APRIL NO. CLOSE MAR. 20.

## EDITORIAL.

Late again? Will we never catch up? Well it was unavoidable this time on account of a break in our press, but watch for us April 1st!

About 54,000 postal cards of the former

republic of Hawaii were burned at Washington Feb. 27th. How would you like to have been the fireman?

Bro. Moisant's Stamp Exchange has appeared, and having secured second-class rates its future is exceedingly bright. Its writers know their "biz" from A to Z.

Looking for bargains? Well there will be a run on the bank to draw money when the ads in this issue are looked over. "Bargains for all." Honest dealing and honest prices are the Mottos of the dealers whose ads appear in the P. S. P.

We are obliged to leave out our list of agents. As we now have over 80 agents it would take up too much space to publish all their names. Can use some more agents to secure subscriptions for us but they must be hustlers. We have several "deadheads" on our list now who will be dropped at once if they do not wake up. We do not furnish samples to agents but will send samples to names which you mention. We furnish circulars, etc., to agents. Write for agency. BE SURE and enclose 2c stamp for answer. Old agents are hereby notified that the sub. rates are now 15c a year.

Send stamp for new circulars.

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A. S. Paulsen,

Dear Members:-

This report, the first report of the new year is very disappointing and not as large as I wished. Applications are not coming in very fast, I wish that all would try for one new member at least, and not to leave it for a few to secure members. The dues for 1901 are coming in slowly and we will have a small balance in the Treasury as soon as our few debts and accounts are paid.

There was not much interest taken in our election for officers for 1901

Application;- 49. Arno A. Kranhold, (16) Mapleton, Minn. Ref. Claude Rothery.

New Members;- 42, D. C. Evans. 43, R. R. Wilson. 44, W Longstaff. 45, G K Renaud. 46, W April. 47, C. Gage. 48, J. I. Clarke.

Cash received

To Dues & Fees \$1.95  
 Presented to Assn. 1.00

Recd. from Ex Treas. .10 \$3.15  
 Expenditures.  
 To O. O. .84  
 \* Cash paid on account .33  
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Fraternally yours

Albert S. Paulsen, Sec.-Treas.

**PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIC ASSN.**

Fellow members;-

Nominations are now in order with the following additional offices; Attorney and Counterfeit Detector.

New members; 15. Geo. Homan. 16. R. R. Wilson.

Applications;-

16, R. F. Schwedler, (19) Oakpark, Ill. Ref. G. F. Dold.

18, W. E. Nissen, (18) 102 W. 102 St., N. Y. City. Ref. Claude Rothery.

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20, A. E. Chase, (30) Box 1173, Brunswick, Maine. Ref. Claude Rothery.

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22, Alex. T. Case, (14) Waterville, Minn. Ref. Claude Rothery.

23, G. A. Hunt, (23) Woburn, Mass. Ref. Claude Rothery.

Wish to call the attention of members to the fact that some 1901 dues are not yet paid.

Net Receipts, to date \$7.00  
 Expenditures " " 5.52

Balance in Treasury 1.48

Respectfully submitted

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|   |      |
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| Gold Plate collar buttons (lever) 3 for | .10  |
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## OUR STAMP COLUMN.

### CONSOLIDATED PACKETS.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| 10 var. Civil War revenues (long)..... | \$ .17 |
| 15 " Canadian .....                    | .15    |
| 20 " Philippine.....                   | .54    |
| 25 " Cuba. A good bargain.....         | .22    |
| 60 " U. S. stamps cat. 84c.....        | .19    |
| 100 " Foreign.....                     | .05    |
| 200 " ".....                           | .23    |
| 700 " ".....                           | 2.24   |
| 1000" O n sheets.....                  | 4.58   |
| 2000 Selected varieties.....           | 19.50  |
| 500 Mixed, good value.....             | .11    |

### WHOLESALE DEP'T.

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
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| 10 sets, 7 var. Netherlands 1900..... | .36 |
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## 2. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

persons insisted upon sending snakes and squirrels and rats to each other, with occasionally a tarantula thrown in, and the unfortunate clerks who sorted the mails suffered in consequence. But by and by the apiarists, numerically a strong body in this country, induced the government to make an exception in favor of queen bees, if put up in boxes of a certain quality. The same exception was made at a later date in favor of lady-birds, brought here from Austria, because of their usefulness in destroying scale insects on plants. The question, what is a lottery advertisement? has been raised many times since the anti-lottery laws were enacted, the managers of various gift enterprises having trodden dangerously close to the line defining a lottery, if they had not actually transgressed it. In such matters, as in the case of immoral literature, a local postmaster is often put to his wits' end, and has to appeal to the department at Washington. Another difficulty, with an incidental incongruity, arises now and then under the rule which forbids post office employes to read postal cards, and those which forbids the mail to cards containing scurrilous or libellous matter. How any employe is going to discover the libellous or scurrilous contents of a postal card unless he breaks the rule against reading it, raises an interesting technicality. Of course, the law making such cards unmailable is intended to furnish ground for a penalty against the writer of the card; at the same time, a case rarely comes up under this provision without getting some postmaster or clerk into more or less trouble. A person, by the way, who is bound to libel another or insult him by mail, may not always use either a card or a letter. A number of

years ago, some one placed in a country postoffice in Pennsylvania a package which when opened by the addressee proved to contain nothing but a pig's tail. Beyond the fact that it was perishable matter, liable to injure other packages and correspondence, the postmaster would have had no visible cause to throw the package out, even if he had known its contents. He probably would not have reasoned that it conveyed any libellous suggestion; but the recipient applied in high dudgeon to the department in Washington, declaring that the sender of the package had by imputation called him a liar. The department investigated the case at considerable expense, but without any ultimate satisfaction.

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## REVENUE →DEPARTMENT.←

Claude Rothery, Editor.



The Marchand and Emerson preparations now bear the regular issue proprietary stamps.

The taxes on the following will be repealed by the new revenue law which takes effect July 1, 1901. Telegrams, certificates of deposit, promissory notes, checks, money orders, express receipts, bills of lading for export, telephone messages, life insurance policies, marine, casualty, fidelity and guaranty policies, commercial broker's leases, mortgages or conveyances in trust, power of attorney to vote and to sell, protest, warehouse receipts, proprietary medicines, chewing gum, perfumery and cosmetics. Others were repealed but would not interest stamp collectors. The private die stamps

with the exception of Branca Bros., which are used on liquors, will be a thing of the past.

Numerous requests have been received asking the difference between Die I and Die II of Bracket and Newton, and William Gates match stamps.

On the Bracket and Newton 1c lake, the initials B & N measure  $5\frac{1}{4}$  m n, in Die I. In Die II the same initials measure but  $4\frac{3}{4}$  m n.

On the William Gates 1c black, the shirt collar and both ends of the label inscribed "Frankfort, N. Y." are colorless in Die I. In Die II the colorless space at the ends of the label has been filled in and the shirt collar, on upper portion of the left side, has three lines, the right has several more. In my opinion there are varieties more worthy of attention than the Die I William Gates, as it may have been caused by a mechanical defect, or wiping of the plate and of interest to the freak collector only.

## NUMISMATISTS' DEPARTMENT.

A. P. Wylie, Editor.

### NUMISMATICS.

E Pluribus Unum.



The science of numismatics treats of coins and medals. It acquaints us with the metals used in their compositions, their various inscriptions and devices, their mechanical execution and artistic merit. It tells us of the different denominations of coins, their relation to one another, and the laws by which they were regulated.

The earliest known coins were issued by the Greeks in the seventh century before the Christian era. By the end of the fourth century the whole civilized world used money, each State generally having its proper coinage. This has continued to be the case to the present time; so that now there are few nations without a metal currency of their own, and of these but a small proportion are wholly unacquainted with the use of coins. The number of varieties of coins and medals of which specimens are preserved in collections may be estimated at not less than several hundred thousand; and future discoveries will probably greatly increase this sum. A series of monuments of such length and completeness affords, as might be expected, very important illustration to history and to kindred branches of knowledge. This is, indeed, the real value of numismatics, and the student will do well to keep it constantly before him.

Coins, although they confirm history rarely correct it, and never very greatly. The earliest belong to a time and to nations as to which we are not otherwise wholly ignorant, and they do not afford us that precise information which would fill in any important details of the meagre sketch of contemporary history. We gain from them scarcely any direct historical information, except that certain cities or princes issued money. When in later time the devices and inscriptions of the coins give more detailed information, history is far fuller and clearer, so that the numismatic evidence is rarely more than corroborative. There are, indeed, some remarkable exceptions to this rule, as in the case of the Bactrian coins, which have

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**FORMS FOR JUNE NO. CLOSE MAY 15.**

## EDITORIAL.

This month we enter our fourteenth month of publication, and in looking over

our advertising columns we note a great contrast between this number and our first, which contained but a few inches of ads and several trade and exchange notices, and this number, which contains over 125 inches of ads, and of trade and exchange notices—well, look for yourself. Of those who advertised with us, the most of them are still using our columns. Among our first advertisers who are still with us, may be mentioned B. L. Voorhees, Blue Island, Ill.; S.E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.; A. P. Wylie, Prairie Center, Ill.; Bay State Philatelist, Melrose Highlands, Mass.; etc. Maybe these parties just advertise to throw money away, (?) or if not, it must pay them. To say that ads pay others but you don't think it would pay you, is to acknowledge that your stock is inferior to the other fellow's. What other conclusion could be drawn? Our steady advertising patronage is conclusive proof that P. S. P. ads must pay. We don't publish a lot of testimonials of parties interested in the paper, nor do we give ads (as do many papers) in payment for fictitious testimonials. Give us a trial ad, IT WILL PAY YOU!

During the coming year we will open many new departments, some which no other philatelic paper has at present. In the near future we will open departments devoted to Foreign Revenues, Souvenir Cards, Postal Cards, Postmarks, Envelopes and Counterfeits. Will have well-known writers as editors of these departments, and all articles will be of the best.

Would kindly ask all our readers to carefully look over the ads in this issue as they are all bargains. Reading matter, exchange notices and ads on every page. This is where the advertiser "rings in."

See the point?

AN OPEN LETTER  
TO ADVERTISERS.

WE SOLICIT a share of your advertising patronage as we are confident that an ad in the P. S. P. will pay you liberally. We don't claim 5,000 circulation when we only have 2,500, BUT, WE GUARANTEE this circulation and can make affidavit to it.

REMEMBER we are now in our second year of publication and need not fear about printer's bills as we have our own complete equipped printing plant, located in the City of Chicago. OUR EXCHANGE DEPT is good proof of circulation, considering that hardly one-fourth of our subscribers ever use this department. Don't let grass grow under you, send in an ad at once, remembering that the "Early Bird catches the Worm," and likewise the best position. We have cut our rates in four to have you try the P.S.P.

**1 PAGE \$1**,  $\frac{1}{2}$  page 60c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  page 35c, 2 inches 25c, 1 inch 20c.  
7 words make a line, 7 lines make an inch.

**COLLECTORS!** Don't miss this chance as it may never appear again.

THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST ONE YEAR FOR 5c (coin) or 6c (stamps) including 25-word exchange notice. Foreign or Chicago, 15c.

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same place as coins in the last-mentioned period and under the Roman empire, are neither so numerous nor so authentic. There is no more delightful companion in historical reading than a cabinet of coins and medals. The strength and energy of Alexander, the ferocity of Mithridates, the philosophic calmness of Antoninus, the obstinate ferocity of Nero, and the brutality of Caracalla, are as plain on the coins as in the pages of history. The numismatic portraits of the time following the founding of Constantinople have less individuality; but, after the revival of art, they recover that quality, and maintain it to our own days, although executed in very different styles from those of antiquity. From this last class we can

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## 6. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

### OMEGA HINGES

are selling faster than ever.

10,000 ONLY 10c.

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THE DEALER'S HINGE.

.....R. M. Gay & Co., ...

552 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### A SUPERB COLLECTION!

Fine collection of over 900 varieties of U. S. and Foreign stamps, mounted in an "International" cloth-bound album. This collection is a magnificent collection, cataloguing over \$40.00 by Scott's 60th. It contains over 40 var. from U. S. Colonies including scarce stamps,  $\frac{3}{4}$  being unused. Over 40 var. used and unused Canadian such as Beaver, Reg. Jubilee, Maple Leaf, Num., Surch., Quebec Law, etc. Mexico contains over 50 var. used and unused. The U.S. section is the leader, containing over 185 var. used and unused cat. at from 1c to \$1.50 each. It contains old Postage, Revenues, Medicine, 1898 Doc. and Prop. Depts., old Dues, Telegraphs, Columbian and Omaha issue, Special Del., envelope, etc; this section alone is catalogued at more than the price asked for the entire collection. This collection contains fine stamps FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, over 125 being unused.

Price, postfree and registered \$13.00.

.....GEORGE F. DOLD,.....

2607 39th St., Chicago, Ill.

The Olympian Games, which will most probably be held in Chicago in 1902, may be honored (or advertised) by a commemorative set of stamps similar to those issued in Greece. "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" so please give "Seebecks" a rest.

### Exchange Department.

Regular yearly subscribers are allowed one 25 word notice. Extra notices 10c each.

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1-Notices must be sent with subscription, and must be written on separate slip of paper from letter.

2-No notices offering articles for sale will be inserted in this dep't.

3-Notices must not contain over 25 words or it will not be published.

Subscribe and send along your notice!

Wish to exchange postage stamps. Send registered. Rares preferred. Also Souvenir Cards exchanged. Bruno Scherer, Braila, Roumania. a2  
Novels and stamps to x for coins, U.S. stamps or Indian relics. A. Kranhold, Mapleton, Minn.

10c worth good For. or U. S. stamps all diff. for every Happy Days coupon of present contest W. H. Baker, 71 Cedar St., Fairhaven, Mass.

Addresses 75 stamp collectors or directions for making telephone for good stamps cat. 25c. Col. Expo. ticket for stamps. M. S. Markle, Cornettsville, Ind.

Exchange. Have some fine books, magazines, etc., to x for stamps, coins, or shells. Gordon L. Cockburn, Box 90, Pembroke, Ont., Can. a2

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V. Pres., R. W. Cobbe, 23 34th Place. " "

Sec.-Treas., C. Rothery, 2621 Dav'np't, Omaha.

Sales Supt., Vacant.

Auc. Mgr., D. C. Evans 7739 N. 25 St. Phila. Pa.

Librarian, H.E. Richards, 833 W. 60 St. Chicago.

..... President's Address.....

Dear members;-

There is but little to say this report. Nominations are now in order and I hope that all members will nominate their candidates by May 15th. This IS important. Send nominations to the Secretary.

We are in need of a good Sales Supt. Can you fill the bill? If so, write me at once. Don't delay.

Yours fraternally

Geo. F. Dold, Pres.

.....Secretary-Treasurer's report.....

Fellow members:-

Nominations are still in

order.

New members; 17, R. F. Schwedler; 18, W. E. Nissen; 19, Anthony C. Hansen; 20, A. E. Chase; 21, G. H. Poirier. 22, Alex. T. Chase; 23, G. A. Hunt.

Applications:-

24, Clarence E. Dalton, (16) Stillwater, Okla. Ref. Claude Rothery.

25, William J. Scofield, (14) Strawberry Point, Iowa. Ref. G. F. Dold.

26, Ralph A. Gove Jr., (13) Loudonville, N.Y. Ref. Claude Rothery.

27, Frederic W. Patton, (19) Waupum, Wis. Ref. Claude Rothery.

28, William S. Towles, (18) 1128 Argyle Av. Baltimore, Md. Ref. Claude Rothery.

29, Phil. E. Erbach, (16) Baden, Ont. Can. Ref. Claude Rothery.

Balance at last report \$1.48

Receipts 1.50

2.98

Expenditure O. O. postage .85

Balance in Treasury 2.13

Would like all accounts settled up before my next report.

Respectfully,

Claude Rothery.

## JOIN THE P. S. P. A.

One inch ad in P. S. P. to first one joining. 25-word exchange notice to EVERYONE joining before May 20th.

## DEALERS ONLY!

Sets per 10 and 100—very cheap.

|                                 | No. in set. | per 10. | per 100 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| x Antigua 1/2 to 6d             | 5           | \$10.50 | ----    |
| Bolivia '94' 1-100c             | 7           | 1.75    | \$11.75 |
| x Cuba '75, 1 1/2 to 1P.        | 4           | 2.00    | 14.25   |
| x Curacao '89, 1-5c             | 5           | 1.00    | 8.25    |
| x Honduras '78, 1c to 1P.       | 7           | 3.50    | 27.75   |
| x New Brunswick, 1-17c          | 5           | 2.75    | 20.50   |
| x Niger Coast '97-'00, 1/2d-1s. | 7           | 8.00    | ----    |
| x Surinam '90, 1-5c             | 5           | 1.00    | 8.00    |
| x Switzerland '81, 2c to 1f     | 9           | .60     | 4.10    |
| x Tasmania 1900, 1/2-6d         | 8           | 7.00    | ----    |

x means unused. Pub. send paper.

.....HUGH FALVEY.....

199 Kent St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Will x 4 var. English Col. stamps for 100 common U.S. or For. F.Hanscom, N. Lebandon, Me. A. Stark, 751 Park Av., Brooklyn, N. Y., has stamps, story papers, etc. to x for Scotts coin cat. Coin publications & coin catalogues wanted.

25 U. S. for 25 good stamps of any country. F. Goin, De Soto, Mo.

Have quantity of 'Youths Companions' and 'Recreation' to x for stamps, or printing press & outfit. Eli Bartlett, Skaneateles, N. Y.

J. W. Fleming, 4734 Centre Av., Chicago, Ill., has foreign and revenue stamps to exchange.

Will x set Num. 1-2 to 10c for 30c Columbian or 50c Omaha, 100 var. stamps for 15c Columbian good condition P. Dowling, Souris, Man., Can.

Will exchange 100-300 U. S. stamps for same of your country. Reynold Brunkow, Delano, Minn.

Magie lantern & views, throws 12 foot picture, to x for phonograph & outfit, or self-linking 5x8 press with outfit. B. H. Finch, Kensett, Iowa.

Wanted! 1-8 or 1-4 h. p. Electric Dynamo. What have you, and what do you want? Prairie State Publishing Co., Station "W", Chicago, Ill.

Foreign collectors, send stamps of your country for same of U. S. Clifton Brink, Doon, Ia. a6

Group pictures 4x5 taken convention week to trade. Wolsieffer, Oesch and Doncyson say they are good. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn. a2

Will x 50 var. For. stamps for names and addresses 2 active collectors. Add 1c postage. Premier Stamp Co., 3025 Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

Will x picture of Grant's Monument for 15c worth of stamps from your sheets. H. Needham, 32 Clinton Ave., West Hoboken, N. J.

Do not fail to scan page 5!

## 8. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

**100** Var. all Foreign Stamps **10**  
 Postage 2c, No two alike  
 Only one to each customer.  
 U.S. Rev. ½c to \$1. ('98) set of 12... \$ .05  
 " old issues, set of 10..... .05  
 1000 Quaker Hinges 8c, 5000..... .30  
 50 Approval sheets 11c, 100..... .19  
**QUAKER STAMP CO., Toledo, Ohio.**

The Only Ground Floor Coin and  
 Stamp (exclusively) Store in Chicago.  
 \$50,000.00 worth of coins and stamps al-  
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### U. S. COIN & STAMP EXCHANGE,

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Canada's Oldest Stamp Paper,

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With an 8c unused Jubilee stamp.

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Berlin,

Ont.

Will x 500 fine mixed foreign stamps for 50  
 Spear Head tobacco tags or 50 Mc L's coffee  
 wrappers. Carl Luskow, Mapleton, Minn.

Exchange wanted by Scotts 60th cat. I collect  
 the stamps of U. S., U. S. & British Col. only.  
 G. Norlander, Stene Block, Fargo, N. D. a4

Send want list of U. S. and Col. stamps, coins,  
 curios, etc. E. H. Tinsman, Port Murray, N. J.

Have boys novels to x for Col. & Omaha  
 stamps, also want stamp papers Harry Dole,  
 Box 501, Northville, Mich.

Honest exchange. Send 50-100 good stamps  
 and receive the same number & value in fine  
 specimen from Denmark, Norway, Sweden,  
 Finland & Iceland. Petersen Elbeck, Heibergs-  
 gade 3, Aarhus, Denmark. a2

20 foreign stamps for every Spear Head, J. T.  
 Horse Shoe and Star tags etc., sent in lots of 25  
 or over. F. Johnson, 23 10th St. S., Fargo, N.D.

If you wish to x stamps and get equal value.  
 send to F. C. Winter, 401 West 23 rd St., Los  
 Angeles, Cal. Have new method.

Exchange wanted with all reliable Collectors.  
 Send sheets and receive mine. F. B. Stedman,  
 Warsaw, N. Y.

## United States Phil. Assn.

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 E. L. Robinson.

.....  
 President's Address.....

Fellow members:-

It is quite a while  
 since I have made a report but there has  
 been very little to report. There seems  
 to be something wrong somewhere, as  
 our former Sales Supt says that substitution  
 was being practiced by several mem-  
 bers. Now, I wish to say that any mem-  
 ber found guilty of this offense will be ex-  
 pelled at once, and I will see to it that he  
 be published throughout the philatelic  
 press as to what he is.

Yours fraternally

Geo. F. Dold, Pres.

.....  
 Address of Sales Supt.....

Dear Members;-

As yet I have no report  
 to make, but I want to impress the fact  
 upon your minds that I am here for busi-  
 ness. Send in 5c for a blank app., book,  
 (6 for 25c) and fill them with desirable  
 stamps, mark them at your lowest prices,  
 then return the books to me and I will  
 place them on a circuit.

No members will be placed on a circuit,  
 unless requested to.

Respectfully yours,

Rudolph F. Schwedler,  
Oak Park, Ill. Sales Supt.

Mr. Rothery will hold an Auction Sale June 1. Good prices are nearly always realized. Send your lots in at once to 2621 Davenport St., Omaha, Nebr.

Secretary-Treasurers' report.

Dear members:-

I wish that all members would kindly pay their dues for 1901, so that all our accounts can be paid and that we can have a balance in the treasury. Why let other societies get ahead of us? we have a large membership list and ought to keep ahead of others; for an example I can name the Prairie State Phil. Assn., which was started after our society, and before long it will leave us behind. Let each member get us at least one new member, and we can give the other societies a hustle. Blanks will be sent upon request.

No applications.

New member.

49. A. A. Kranhold.

Receipts.

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Cash, last report | \$ 1.82     |
| Dues recd.        | .20         |
|                   | <u>2.12</u> |

Expenditures.

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Paid for postage      | \$ .15      |
| Prairie State Pub.Co. | 1.50        |
|                       | <u>1.65</u> |

Balance on account \$ .37

A. S. Paulsen, Secty.-Treas.

## JOIN THE U. S. P. A.

One inch ad in P. S. P. to first one joining. 25-word exchange notice to EVERYONE joining before May 20th.

Will give for stamps on sheets cat. \$1.00 for every 150 used 2c or 50 1c Omaha stamps in good condition sent me. N. S. Moore, Naples, Ill. f6

Wortsman Bros., 115 Gaston St. W. Savannah, Ga., will ex. stamps for view cards. f6

Can. & American stamps to x for foreign. Send your duplicates, no 3 alike. Prefer Brit. Col. S. Macmurdy, 55 Roxbow St., W. Toronto, Can. f2

Will give 50 stamps for every stamp cat. 10c. Oscar Washburn, St. George, Ont., Can. d5

To ex. for stamps cat. 2c or higher, Mex. postage, env. post cards, Revs. also coins. A L Buddee, 7th Alzate No. 3220 Mexico City, Mex. d6

J. Cross, Bangor, Mich. has novels, boys papers to x for U S. Can. Mex. stamps cat 3c or over. d6

Samples of stamp papers and price lists wanted. Otto Gliffe, Box 131, Deerfield, N. Y. a2

Will x ad. space & notices in "The Circle," for stamps or anything we can use. Pubs. ex. ad. space. The Circle, Ogden, Utah.

Stamps, stamp papers, and other magazines to x for stamp papers. Pub. send sample copy. D. E. Mc Curdy, Westernport, Md.

Exchange wanted. Will give for 200-500 stamps of your country same quantity of European stamps. Herman Mueller, 59 Valentin-kamp, Hamburg, Germany. a2

Have all kinds of phil. papers, will x for Indian relics, minerals or curios. C. C. Downs, Box 162, Atlantic City, N. J. a6

Old style shot gun breech loader, Happy Days papers, cartridge belt, for stamps, tags, Indian relics, 11st free. Ernest Ritter, Fredonia, Pa.

Exchange desired with reliable foreign dealers & collectors. Send 50-150 and receive in return same amount and value in N. American. H. C. Tidd, Kendallville, Ind.

60 photographic books, 16 views each of the Worlds Fair, American Scenery, and War vessels. One book for each U. S. cent prior 1831 A. Mc Naught, 846 Washington Ave. Allegheny, Pa.

1 year's sub. to Prairie State Phil. & 2 Omahas above 2c for \$1. red war revenue uncut. Scott's 1901 cat. wanted. Souvenir cards wanted. L. A. Arfman, Butler, Mo.

Books, photos of actresses, panel pictures, buttons, novels, to x for coins, tags, stamps, Conf. money. W. E. Reynolds, Buchanan, N. Y.

Have stamps, bike, typewriter, to x for printing press, type, etc. W. C. Doak, Pearl, O. a6

Fine imported magnifying glasses to ex. for U. S. Revenues. Correspondence solicited. H. C. Upson, 32 Taylor St., Waterbury, Conn.

Sell Showy Sea Shells. See Powell's Adv.

## 10. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

### DON'T READ THIS

unless interested in stamps 1000 For. 30c; 1000 British 24c; 100 Postmarks 12c; 1000 Mounts 10c; Correspondence solicited. Prompt replies. When writing state what you want. Specimen papers wanted. Give me a trial. F. L. GOODMAN, 6 Norwood Grove, Liverpool, England.



#### Confederate Stamps Free,

A beautiful unsevered pair of genuine Confederate stamps used during the late war, to all sending for my Packet No. 29, containing 100 var. of choice stamps. Price, 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned.

H. A. AMMANN,  
ORRVILLE, OHIO.

|                 |     |                   |     |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 100 stamps..... | 10c | 200 stamps.....   | 18c |
| 300 "           | 25c | 5 France.....     | 5c  |
| 5 Belgium.....  | 5c  | 15 U.S. diff..... | 10c |

Stamps on approval 50 p. c. comm.

Address:-

**J. G. HAYWARD,**  
TILTON, N. H.

### FREE!

Every one sending me order for anything advertised in my page ad. will receive a copy of the Western Union Tel., 98 unused free. Look the ad. over carefully. Many bargains. .... Robt. J. Relf,....

Box 315, Decorah, Iowa.

# THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST

THE UP-TO-DATE NEW ENGLAND  
PAPER,

**25C A YEAR.**

Address the publication at

MELROSE HIGHLANDS, MASS.

Rubber stamp with your name & address for 25c worth stamps cat. over 4c each. send Nfld. or picture stps. H. Dunklee, 46 Summer-st. Lynn, Mass.

Wish to x with collectors, send yours and receive mine. Wish sample papers & price lists. Romolus Corti, 764 S. 8th St., Phila., Pa. a2

Will give 1 yr's sub. to Phil. West for stamps cat. 35c my selection. 1 inch ad for \$1.25 worth. B. H. Dayton, 55 Eagle St., Albany, N. Y.

4x5 camera to x for U.S. stamps your selection. value \$10. Scott's 60th. Not over two alike. Louis Hinkle, Lyons, Ohio.

50 phil. papers, Mound pottery, Crinard stems. Indian Relics, 40 spec. wood, Magician's outfit. Send offers. Prof. Griffin, Bx 23, Petway, Tenn.

Any stamp collector in the city wishing to exchange stamps call at my address any evening. J. L. Sutherland, 6513 Ingleside Av., Chicago. 16

4 complete sets of St. Louis stickers for every stamp cat. 15c or more. Stickers in proportion to cat. of stamps. F. Billings, Marshalltown, Ia. 15

Stamps cat. \$30 to ex for printing press, bicycle or camera. E. G. Mathews, Mc Mahon, Tex.

Will ex. a 125 page paper bound novel for every 100 var. stamps, or 2 for 150 var. H. B. Stanwood, Box 321, Ellsworth, Maine.

Send some of your good duplicates cat. over 4c for a fine rubber stamp with your name and address on. A. E. Carr, 42 Marianna St. Lynn, Mass

To ex. Granger Twist 2c, Star 1 1-2c and other tags for stamps off sheets, at 50 p.c. dis. Only a1 stamps wanted. C. Dalton, Stillwater, O.T. a6

Stamps, postmarks, souvenir books of views to x for same, will x scarce stamps, send sheets M. T. Aborn, 70 Merrick St., Worcester, Mass.

Wanted-Bill, Fiscal, Telegraph, Rev., S. Am Brit. Col., any quantity. Exchange For. British. Mounts, Postmarks. Want specimen papers. F. Goodman, 6 Norwood Grove, Liverpool, Eng. a2

Foreign collectors send 25-150 stamps of your country & receive same in U.S. At least 15 var Ed. Cesal, 760 W. 18th St., Chicago, Ill.

### Trade Notices.

25 word notices under this heading 15c each.

400 var. fine For. stamps, incl. New Fl'd. Can. 6c Maple, etc. only 80c. Will x Can. and New Fl'd. for high values Columbian and Omaha. P. F. Dowling, Souris, Man., Can.

100 3x5 circulars 12c, 250 25c, 100 letter heads 25c, 250 55c. 100 6 line bill heads 25c, 250 50c. C. H. Alley, Box 375, Petrolia, Ont.

**P**hilately seems to have made a very strong showing at the late Paris exhibition. A Chicago newspaper, commenting upon it, says, "There are collections there whose face-value is only a few shillings, and which are priced at hundreds of thousands of francs. The larger number of single stamps in the exhibition are valued at 1,000 francs (\$200) apiece. There is a stamp from Baden, dated 1850, valued at 6,500 francs; there are two from the Cape of Good Hope, value 8,000 francs apiece; two Cape stamps, 10,000 francs; five Moldavian stamps, 15,000 francs; three from the island of Mauritius, of the first year of the government there, face value one penny, valued at 26,000 francs apiece."

Where did you see these ads?

## LOOK HERE!!

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 25 varieties Italy.....        | \$ .15 |
| 10 " Serbia.....               | .15    |
| 14 " Roumania.....             | .15    |
| 10 " Greece.....               | .15    |
| 15 " Hungary.....              | .20    |
| 10 " Persia.....               | .20    |
| 10 " Uruguay.....              | .20    |
| 50 " Spain.....                | .40    |
| 100 mixed South and C. Am..... | .60    |
| 1901 20c Canadian Numeral..... | .25    |

First two orders will receive free the 20c Canadian numeral, so hurry along your order. Postage extra under 25c. address—

### POST STAMP CO.,

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## CHEAP SNAPS!

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| 500 mixed U. S. stamps.....  | \$ .09 |
| 500 " Foreign stamps.....  | .09    |
| 500 " Canada " 12 var.....   | .23    |
| 500 U. S. 1c 1890.....   | .15    |
| 500 " 2c ".....  | .10    |
| 100 " 2c Col. 1893.....  | .05    |
| 100 " 1c 1887.....   | .09    |
| 100 " Envelopes, 8 to 10 var.....                                      | .09    |
| 100 " Post cards, 5 var.....   | .16    |
| 100 mixed For. Jamaica 1900, Holland 1900, Leeward Is., Cuba, etc..... | .13    |
| 100 mixed Canada, Jubilees, Maple Leaf, Reg., etc. 14 var.....         | .13    |
| 100 mixed U. S. incl. 6 var. Col., old issues, '98 Revs., etc.....     | .13    |

Orders under 50c, postage extra.

.. 1st order gets U. S. 2c Cert. cat. 40c...

A-R-N-O A. K-R-A-N-H-O-L-D,

Mapleton, - - - - Minn.

Make your own ice! Formula and full directions 25c. Star Ice Co. 9 S 10th St. St. Louis, Mo a2 Write Delano Stamp Co., Delano, Minn., for approval sheets at 50 p. c. com. Orders promptly filled; just the thing for 1000 to 2000 collection. a2

Agents handle Pint Ink packages, fast sellers, sample 6c. Circulars free! O. Tunberg, Kane, Pa.

Fairy Tales Sketch Book. New, most interesting novelty ever invented. 40 pages, handsomely illustrated. Send 9c for sample. Roe Book Co., Florida, N. Y.

I have Boer pipe, Mauser cartridges, parts of shells, etc. to sell, or will x for good stamps. G. L. Cockburn, Box 90, Pembroke, Ont.

Don't fall to see the bargains of the Consolidated Stamp Co., Florida, N. Y.

Fine approval sheets at 50 p. c. commission. References required. Copies and Agents terms of every stamp paper pub. wanted. S. A. Macmurry, 55 Roxbow St., Toronto, Can.

Fine class U. S. and foreign stamps at 50 p. c. dis. Ref. necessary. Fairview Stamp Co., 51 Prince St., Rochester, N. Y. We buy stamps.

10 diff. Mexican Stamps 25c. Free to all sending a 2c stamp for my approval sheets at 33 1-3 p. c., 5 different Mexican stamps. D. E. Loweree, Box 176, Guadalajara, Mexico.



## 12. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.



Private postal companies analogous to our express and telegraph corporations, do most of the business in China. They use no stamps, and it is necessary to prepay only about a third of the postage, as the rest is collected from the recipient. Chinese stamps are reckoned in candarines, approximately equivalent to cents, with the Mexican dollar as the basis. The first imperial set was made in Japan, and proved unsatisfactory; the current set came from England in 1898. Some stamps, notably those of Tien-tsin, were issued without authority, just to sell to collectors. There was no other demand for them: they never carried a letter, and they have been officially repudiated.

Without doubt, the "Stamps of the Far East" are the coming stamps, as Japan is China's only protector against Europe.

### SPRING BARGAINS.

Packet No. 1. Contains 100 var. stamps such as Can. maps, maple leaf, etc., Great Britain surch. (Army Official) Mexico old and new, Cuba, Phil. Is., Porto Rico, Australia, S. America, S. Africa, etc. Price 25c

Packet No. 2. Contains 100 different Foreign Price 10c

Packet No. 3. Contains 40 assorted Canada Price 5c

Set No. No. in set. Price.

1 5 Mex. '99, 1 to 10c.....5c

2 2 G. Britain sur. (Army Officl) 5c

3 12 '98 Doc. Revs. 1/2c to \$1.....10c

.... "CRESCENT" HINGES....

1000 for 5c, 5000 for 15c, 10,000 for 25c.

.... Blank Approval Sheets....

10 for 5c, 25 for 10c.

Address: CRESCENT STAMP CO.,

P. O. Box 821, Phoenix, Ariz.

### THIRD MAIL AUCTION SALE.

.....Canada.....

- Lot No. 1. Set 1/2c to 20c Jubilee unused.  
 " " 2. 1 1/2 Jubilee unused.  
 " " 3. 5 1/2 " "  
 " " 4. 25 2c Map "  
 " " 5. 10 1/2c Jubilee used.  
 " " 6. 100 3c " "  
 " " 7. 100 5c gray 1882-90 used.  
 " " 8. 100 8c slate 1892-93 "  
 " " 9. 200 \$1. U. S. Rev. 1898 used.  
 " " 10. A bargain for some one,

blank popular album, 30 blank pocket albums, 250 blank approval sheets and 2000 hinges, express to be paid by purchaser.

Sale closes May 20th at noon.

Successful ones notified at once,

**W. A. HATCH,**

Bellows Falls,

Vermont.

Exchange desired with For. collectors. 15 var. Newfoundland 40c. J. Jost, Bx 244, Halifax, N.S.

Circulars mailed to fresh names 100 for 10c. 500 for 40c, will x mailing 50 or 100. O. Tunberg, Kane, Pa. Pub. insert for mailing 100.

Will sell cheap. Niagara Jr. Camera, takes a picture 21-2x21-2. Carl Luskow, Mapleton Minn

Good fair specimens 30c '95 Dues 10c postpaid. Many other bargains. F. Stedman, Warsaw, NY

100 printed envelopes or noteheads prepaid for \$1 cat. value off sheets, or for 23c cash. W. C. Doak, Pearl, O.

Send 5c for 100 mixed stamps and appr. sheets. Must enclose stamp when ordering. Harry Dole, Box 501, Northville, Mich.

11-4c cat. value off sheets for every J.T. Spear Head, Horseshoe, etc., tag sent me. Reynold Brunkow, Delano, Minn. ap2

50 var. S. & Central America and Mexico only. Incl. Chili, Guatemala, Argentine, Peru, etc 50c.

Premier Stamp Co. 3025 Madison St. St. Louis. 2 3c brings either Philatelic Annual 1887 or 5 different stamp papers. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn. ap2

Write at once and receive my sheets suitable for collectors having from 500 to 2000, 50 p.c. dis. Sell or x. O. Eppel, Box 343, Delaer, Minn. ap2

**ARE YOU A BUFFALO?**

It makes no difference to me, order what you want from this list. Every lot a bargain.

**TWO GREAT MIXTURES.**

I offer the following mixtures at a very low price. I can recommend them to small dealers for sheets and packets, and for collectors, they are just the thing to fill out those blank spaces or for exchanging with other collectors. Try a lot!

**CENTRAL AMERICA**

mixture of Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala Jubilee, Panama, Curacao, Salvador 1896 to 1900 issues, all values, a very fine assortment, **EVERY STAMP IN THIS MIXTURE GUARANTEED POSTALLY USED.** Used stamps from these countries are worth two or three times as much as unused.

My price is only 90c per 100; 50c per 50. This is the regular \$1.00 **WHOLESALE** mixture

**SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.**

This mixture is my leader. It contains stamps from Brazil, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Guatemala, Chili, Colombia, Uruguay, etc, etc. I can recommend this mixture as it will catalog from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per 100.

My price, 50c per 100, 30c per 50. This is the regular 75c wholesale mixture

**SETS.**

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Japan, 1900, 5r to 25s, 11 var.....      | \$ .12 |
| Brit. N. Borneo, '97, 1 to 24c.....      | .30    |
| Labuan, '97, 1 to 24c.....               | .30    |
| Servia, 1890-95, 10 var., cat. 25c.....  | .10    |
| HAYTI, '93-'00, 10 var.....              | .17    |
| GERMANY, 1900, 1, 2, 3 marks.....        | .20    |
| STRAIT SETTLEMENT REVS.                  |        |
| 5c to \$5, fine, all values, 20 var..... | .25    |
| CEYLON REVS., all values,                |        |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| shapes, surcharges, in fine condition, 10 var.....                                | .25 |
| Canada green Law stamps, 12 var. assorted.....                                    | .10 |
| PORTO RICO, 91-93, 1/2, 4, 6, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40, unused, (cat. \$1.52,)..... | .55 |

**BIG VAR. SETS.**

Look this list over carefully.

.... Wonderful value.....

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Spain, 50 var.....      | \$ .25 |
| Cuba, 20 var.....       | .15    |
| Sweden, 30 var.....     | .10    |
| Italy, 25 var.....      | .08    |
| Portugal, 27 var.....   | .12    |
| Japan, '83, 10 var..... | .03    |
| Hungary, 15 var.....    | .08    |
| " 1900, 7 var.....      | .04    |
| Roumania, 14 var.....   | .08    |
| Greece, 10 var.....     | .10    |
| Argentine, 10 var.....  | .07    |

These will fill out a lot of those blank spaces.

**A FEW SINGLE BARGAINS.**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| U. S. 1895, 15c olive..... | \$ .03 |
| " " 50c orange.....        | .09    |
| " " \$1. black.....        | .35    |
| " " \$2. blue.....         | 1.20   |
| Omaha, 50c, fine.....      | .18    |
| " \$1. fine.....           | .70    |
| " \$2. ".....              | 1.35   |

Above U. S. are all fine. I have a fine line of Single Bargains, but lack room to list them. Watch for big list next issue.

**I WANT TO BUY**

back numbers of Philatelic papers. What have you to offer? Send a list with your price. Everything advertised in this list post free!

# 14. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

## GOOD INVESTMENTS.

Philippines, 1891-10c cat. 10c only .04  
 " 1891-25c " 60c " .22

Thirty-five varieties unused stamps no reprints or trash. Contains specimens from Gambia, Liberia, St. Vincent, Guanacaste, St. Helena, Falkland Is. and many others. This is a superfine packet, price.....40c.

Fifty varieties Australia from all the colonies including many old issues and high values, cat. over \$1.75 price only.....40c.

Satisfaction guaranteed on all sold or money refunded. List Free.....

.....**H. C. TIDD**,.....  
 Kendallville, Ind.

Stamps on appr. at 50 p. c. dis. 50 var. 8c, 500 var. \$1.25, 1000 var. \$4.50. Stamps, postmarks, bought for cash. M. T. Aborn, 70 Merrick St., Worcester, Mass.

Collection of over 600 fine used and unused stamps in cloth-bound album, cat. over \$12.00 for only \$3. postfree and registered. Especially strong in U. S. Postage and Revenues, and Colonies. Miss Gyda M. Dold, 2607 39th St. Chicago.

C. Miller, stamp collector and ad. agent, 644 Humbolt St., Brooklyn, N. Y. I mail circulars at 8c per 100, distribute circulars at 25c per 1000.

Interested in coins? Whatever you do, don't miss page 15.

250 mixed foreign incl. unused S. Amer. India, etc., fine for cheap sheets and packets, only 10c. H. R. McKenzie, Box 142, Berlin, N. H.

What an Advertiser Says, - Our 4-line ad in your paper, last two issues brought us \$18.50 of business and 46 requests for sample copies. Kentucky Fancier Co., Louisville, Ky. Ad rates only 5c a line, 5 lines trial ad free to each annual subscriber at 25c. The Middleman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Where did you see these ads?

The Frankfort motor mail cars started on their first regular trips March 1, being the first mail cars run by electricity in Germany. The new mail cars carry four times the amount of mail carried in the former horse-drawn wagons.

## All Unused.

33 1-3 p. c. discount allowed on the following.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Hayti, 1893-95, 7c..... | \$ .15 |
| " 1896 3c.....          | .08    |
| " " 5c.....             | .10    |
| " " 7c.....             | .12    |
| " " 20c.....            | .30    |
| " 1898 2c.....          | .04    |
| " " 5c.....             | .08    |
| " 1898-99, 1c.....      | .02    |
| " " 2c.....             | .04    |
| " " 3c.....             | .06    |
| " " 4c.....             | .07    |
| " " 5c.....             | .08    |
| " " 7c.....             | .08    |
| " " 8c.....             | .10    |
| " 1899, 1c.....         | .02    |
| " " 2c.....             | .03    |
| " " 5c.....             | .06    |

Fine sheets at 75-50-25 p. c. discount. Ref. required. Orders under 25c, postage extra.

NORTH STATE STAMP CO.,  
 Greensboro, N. C.

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Ogden, — Utah.

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|                                  |        |                             |     |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Prussia 1 pfennig.....           | \$ .03 | Tuscany 1 quaterno.....     | .20 |
| " 2 " .....                      | .03    | " 5 " 1830.....             | .25 |
| " 3 " .....                      | .04    | Italy 1 centesimo.....      | .04 |
| " 4 " .....                      | .07    | " 2 centesimo 5c. 5c.....   | .07 |
| " 1 schilling 1810.....          | .15    | Brazil 20 reis.....         | .06 |
| " " groschen.....                | .10    | " " 1799.....               | .15 |
| Germany 1 pfennig 4c, 2 pf.....  | .04    | " 80 reis.....              | .20 |
| " 5 " 7c, 10 pf.....             | .09    | France 1 centime.....       | .05 |
| Saxony 1 pfennig 5c, 2 pf.....   | .06    | " " sou, 1791.....          | .15 |
| Hanover 1 " 1837.....            | .10    | " " liard " .....           | "   |
| Coburg-Gotha 1 pfennig.....      | .10    | " " decimi '97.....         | .20 |
| " " 2 " .....                    | .10    | " 5 cntmes '97.....         | "   |
| Altenburg 1 pf.....              | .10    | Finland 1 penni.....        | .15 |
| Mecklenburg 1 pf 10c, 2 pf.....  | .10    | Norway " skilling.....      | .10 |
| Munster 3 pf 1712.....           | .20    | Spain 8 maravs.....         | .12 |
| Lumberg 1 pf.....                | .15    | " 25 cent de real.....      | "   |
| Posen 1 groschen 1816.....       | .15    | " 4 maravs 1835.....        | .10 |
| Hamburg 1 schwaren.....          | .10    | Roman States Mezzo Bai..... | .15 |
| Baden ½ kreutzer 8c, 1 kr.....   | .10    | " " 1 Bai 1741.....         | .25 |
| Austria ¼ kr 4c 1 kr.....        | .04    | England farthing.....       | .04 |
| " 1 kr 1816.....                 | .08    | " " 1723.....               | .20 |
| " " kr " 12.....                 | .15    | " " '99.....                | .15 |
| Austria Italy 3 centesimi.....   | .15    | " ½ penny '17.....          | .25 |
| Belgi-Austria kreutzer 1749..... | .20    | " ½ " '74.....              | .20 |
| " " " '78.....                   | .15    | " 1 " .....                 | .06 |
| Hungary 1 pfennig.....           | .08    | " " '97.....                | .25 |
| Lombardy 1 centesimi.....        | .10    | Ireland ½ " '69.....        | .25 |
| Morocco 1 faloo 1271.....        | .15    | Japan 1 sen.....            | .12 |
| " 2 " 1266.....                  | .15    | " " itzebre.....            | .15 |
| " 3 " .....                      | "      | China " cash.....           | .02 |

\$100.00 in Confederate currency for every order amounting to One Dollar. Price list of coins and paper money free.

A. P. WYLIE,

PRAIRIE CENTER,

ILL.

## 16. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

**DO YOU** know that we send out our fine approval sheets at 75-50-25 p. c. discount. Better send for a selection. Reference required.

**NORTH STATE  
....STAMP CO.,....**

Greensboro,

N. C.

Where did you see these ads?

Dealers, I send small Wholesale selections on approval; just the thing for small dealers. Good variety; low prices.

Collectors, I also supply collectors with Best stamps at Best discounts. Try my Bargains and be convinced.

(Give ref.) Elmer Smith, Colusa, Ill.

Subscribe! Only 6 cents a year!

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## POST FREE!

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| 1000 Omega Stamp Hinges.....                                     | \$ .07 |
| 4000 " " " " " " " " " "   | .25    |
| 9000 " " " " " " " " " "   | .50    |
| 100 blank approval sheets.....                                   | .19    |
| 7 " " " " " " " " " " books.....                                 | .10    |
| 25 " " " " " " " " " " " " " "                                   | .25    |
| 50 " " " " " " " " " " " " " "                                   | .45    |
| 100 " " " " " " " " " " " " " "                                  | .80    |
| 1 stamp button.....  | .10    |
| The Duplicate Stamp Album.....                                   | .05    |
| 100 Pan-American Stickers.....                                   | .20    |
| 1 set Samoa Express, 8 var.....                                  | .10    |
| Sample Copy of Stamp Exchange<br>1 year's sub to the " " " " " " | .25    |
| 1 " " " " Phil. West.....  | .10    |
| 1 " " " " Prairie State Phil.                                    | .10    |
| 1 " " " " Exchange.....  | .10    |

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Boys! 25 genuine, diff. foreign stamps, cat. value 25c, on fine sheets to sell at 1c each. Only 5c, or 8 for 25c, post paid. Albert Wurster, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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**SCARCE STAMPS.**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| U. S. Doc. revenue-80c, not cut   | \$ .10 |
| " " " 40c, "  | .02    |
| " " " \$1.00 red, cut   | .03    |
| " " " Set 1-2c to \$1 not cut, 12 var.  | .05    |
| Brazil 1894, Set 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700 & 1000 reis                            | .18    |
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Postage extra under 50c.

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|                                     |        |
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| 20 var. from Australia,.....        | \$ .08 |
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| 1900, 1, 2, 3c.....           | 8c. | 1900, 4c..... | \$ .04 |
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BIDS FOR THIS SALE CLOSES JULY 1.

1. Azores 1871, 50r green; cat. 60c.
2. Cape of G.H. '53, 4p blue, bluish paper; cat. 60c.
3. Chile '54, 20c green, imperforated, clipped close on three sides; cat. \$1.25
4. Col. Republic, Cauca, 1892; 5 and 10c.
5. Great Britain '69, 10p red br'n.; cat. 75c
6. Hawaii '64, 5c blue, bluish pap'r; cat. 70c
7. " '65, 6c green; cat. 60c.
8. Mauritius '64, 6c violet, perforations clipped on left side; cat. 85c.
9. Mexico '79, 10c black; cat. \$1.75.
10. " " 85c p'rpl, slight tear; cat. \$1.
11. " '85, 1 and 2c blue; cat. 32c.
12. Mexico '92, 1c yellow green, perf. 5½; cat. 50c.
13. Mexico '92, 1c " " perf. 5½ x11; cat. 75c.
14. Mexico '92, 3c vermilion, perf. 5½; cat. 50c.
15. Mexico '92' 5c ultra, perf. 5½; cat. 25c
16. Nova Scotia, 10c vermilion, badly damaged; cat. \$1.50
17. Nova Scotia, 12½c black, white paper, tear from the top; cat. \$1.25.
18. Providence Postoffice, 5c black, upper left corner missing; cat. \$5.00
19. Prussia '62, 6kr and 9kr., 6 cut a little close; cat. 60c.
20. Prussia '66, 2kr orange, clipped on 3 sides; cat. \$1.00.
21. St. Christopher 1870, 4p green, comes clipped; cat. 60c.
22. So. Australia '60, 1sh red br'n.; cat. 50c
23. " '76, 8p on 9p bistre, black surcharge, badly centered; cat. 25c.  
.....UNITED STATES.....
24. 1847, 5c Franklin; cat. 85c.
25. '60, 1c buff, corner missing; cat. 60c
26. '69, 6c black, cut through center and perforations are clipped; cat. 55c
27. '69, 10c yellow; cat. 75c.
28. '69, 15c brown and blue, clipped top and bottom; cat. \$3.00
29. '69, 30c blue and carmine, badly faded, heavily cancelled. Cat. \$2.50
30. Unpd. Letter, 3c red brn., unusr; cat. \$2
31. Rev. 10c For. Exchange. Cat. 40c
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WHOLE NO. 11.

## Revenue Department.

Claude Rothery, Editor.



Several collectors have noted a 1¼c proprietary, which, to all appearances, seems to be a laid paper variety.

Part perforates and imperforates are picking up financially. At auctions, in pairs and strips, they are bringing more than catalogue value.

Some collector with more skill than honesty has been rouletting the proprietary stamps to make them look like the rouletted series of 1878. He does a clever job and with the exception of the stamps being smaller, it is practically impossible to detect them.

Although I always knew the plates for the rebellion revenues had been destroyed, the following may interest some readers of this department.

Treasury Department,  
Washington, Mar. 10, 1901.

Abe A. Levi, Esq.,  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Sir:- Replying to your letter of the

8th instant, asking if the dies for old U. S. revenue stamps are in existence, you are advised that, if you refer to the plates used for printing documentary and proprietary stamps under revenue acts of 1861, 62, and 63, said dies and plates have long since been destroyed.

Respectfully

Signed Jas. C. Walker,  
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| <p>1. Azores 1871, 50r green; cat. 60c.</p> <p>2. Cape of G.H. '53, 4p blue, bluish paper; cat. 60c.</p> <p>3. Chile '54, 20c green, imperforated, clipped close on three sides; cat. \$1.25</p> <p>4. Col. Republic, Cauca, 1892; 5 and 10c.</p> <p>5. Great Britain '69, 10p red br'n.; cat. 75c</p> <p>6. Hawaii '64, 5c blue, bluish pap'r; cat. 70c</p> <p>7. " '65, 6c green; cat. 60c.</p> <p>8. Mauritius '64, 6c violet, perforations clipped on left side; cat. 85c.</p> <p>9. Mexico '79, 10c black; cat. \$1.75.</p> <p>10. " " 85c p'rp'l, slight tear; cat. \$1.</p> <p>11. " '85, 1 and 2c blue; cat. 32c.</p> <p>12. Mexico '92, 1c yellow green, perf. 5½; cat. 50c.</p> <p>13. Mexico '92, 1c " " perf. 5½ x11; cat. 75c.</p> <p>14. Mexico '92, 3c vermilion, perf. 5½; cat. 50c.</p> <p>15. Mexico '92' 5c ultra, perf. 5½; cat. 25c</p> <p>16. Nova Scotia, 10c vermilion, badly damaged; cat. \$1.50</p> <p>17. Nova Scotia, 12½c black, white paper, tear from the top; cat. \$1.25.</p> <p>18. Providence Postoffice, 5c black, upper left corner missing; cat. \$5.00</p> <p>19. Prussia '62, 6kr and 9kr., 6 cut a little close; cat. 60c.</p> | <p>20. Prussia '66, 2kr orange, clipped on 3 sides; cat. \$1.00.</p> <p>21. St. Christopher 1870, 4p green, comes clipped; cat. 60c.</p> <p>22. So. Australia '60, 1sh red br'n; cat. 50c</p> <p>23. " '76, 8p on 9p bistre, black surcharge, badly centered; cat. 25c.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.... UNITED STATES ....</p> <p>24. 1847, 5c Franklin; cat. 85c.</p> <p>25. '60, 1c buff, corner missing; cat. 60c</p> <p>26. '69, 6c black, cut through center and perforations are clipped; cat. 55c</p> <p>27. '69, 10c yellow; cat. 75c.</p> <p>28. '69, 15c brown and blue, clipped top and bottom; cat. \$3.00</p> <p>29. '69, 30c blue and carmine, badly faded, heavily cancelled. Cat. \$2.50</p> <p>30. Unpd. Letter, 3c red brn., unusd; cat. \$2</p> <p>31. Rev. 10c For. Exchange. Cat. 40c</p> <p>32. " 15c " " perf., cat. 60c</p> <p>33. Same imperforated, cat. \$1.00</p> <p>34. State 10c green, cat. \$2.50</p> <p>35. Treasury 7c, corner missing, not well centered, cat. \$1.50:</p> <p>36. War, 30c rose, faded and not well centered, cat. 50c.</p> |
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WHOLE NO. 11.

## Revenue Department.

Claude Rothery, Editor.



Several collectors have noted a 1¼c proprietary, which, to all appearances, seems to be a laid paper variety.

Part perforates and imperforates are picking up financially. At auctions, in pairs and strips, they are bringing more than catalogue value.

Some collector with more skill than honesty has been rouletting the proprietary stamps to make them look like the rouletted series of 1878. He does a clever job and with the exception of the stamps being smaller, it is practically impossible to detect them.

Although I always knew the plates for the rebellion revenues had been destroyed, the following may interest some readers of this department.

Treasury Department,  
Washington, Mar. 10, 1901.

Abe A. Levi, Esq.,  
Syracuse, N. Y.

Sir:- Replying to your letter of the

8th instant, asking if the dies for old U. S. revenue stamps are in existence, you are advised that, if you refer to the plates used for printing documentary and proprietary stamps under revenue acts of 1861, 62, and 63, said dies and plates have long since been destroyed.

Respectfully

Signed Jas. C. Walker,  
Deputy Com.

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Continued from Vol. 3, No. 1.

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While coins and medals thus illustrate the events of history, they have an equally direct bearing on the belief of the nations by which they were issued; and in this reference lies no small part of their value in connection with history. The mythology of the Greeks, not having been fixed in sacred writings, nor regulated by a dominant priesthood, but having grown out of the different beliefs of various tribes and isolated settlements, and having been allowed to form itself



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comparatively without check, can scarcely be learned from ancient books. Their writings give us but a partial or special view of it, and modern authors, in their attempts to systematize, have often but increased the confusion.

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31, H. S. Vanderburgh, (48) Lithgow, N. Y. Ref. Claude Rothery.

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| Balance at last report | \$2.13 |
| Receipts               | .50    |
|                        | 2.63   |

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| Expenditures O.O. etc. | .39  |
| Balance in Treasury    | 2.24 |

The following nominations have been received.

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**BRITISH POSTAL REFORMS.**



Among the new century reforms which the postal authorities are credited with having under consideration is the adoption of the system known for many years in India as the 'value-payable' parcel post. Under this scheme, for a very small commission, the post-office delivers parcels, collects the value of the article and transmits it to the sender of the parcel. During the last year 2,500,000 parcels were thus carried by the Indian postoffice, the commission realizing 34,000 lbs.

The Indian postoffice has a similar system of paying money-orders, the whole operation occupying no more time than it at present takes in delivering a registered letter and obtaining the addressee's receipt for it, says the London Express. This system is also under discussion at the general postoffice. The number of letters, parcels, money orders, etc., carried by the Indian postoffice last year was 520,000,000. The number of complaints was infinitesimal, and practically the whole of the work is done by natives. There should be little difficulty, therefore, in introducing these eminently desirable reforms in the English system.

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We must make an apology to our readers this month for issuing such a small

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It must be laughable to many dealers and collectors who are "onto it," to notice the modest circulation claims of some of the new philatelic (?) magazines. They always have "1000 subscribers and send out 2000 or 3000 sample copies each issue." The Post Office Department, on March 21, 1900, in this connection, ruled that the "Legitimate list of subscribers contemplated by section 277, of the Postal Laws and Regulations, should approximate 50 per cent of the number of copies issued." If they have 1000 subscribers, they can send out the same number, or less, of sample copies, but not more.

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## 6. THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST.

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Robert C. Miller.



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tories, and serving a population of 1,801,524. The number of applications pending at that date and awaiting action under investigation was more than 2,100, nearly enough to double the existing service.

The postal department is now carrying the post-office to the door of 31,000,000 of people massed in towns and cities; the task before them is the more complicated work of carrying it to the door of about 21,000,000 scattered over 1,000,000 square miles of territory.

The character of the service has risen with its breadth of extension; rural carriers now register letters, give receipts for money orders, cancel stamps, and deliver letters on their routes without their passing through a post-office.

Yet while as this indicates, progress has been made in the United States, as in European countries, toward formulating a general system of extending the free delivery of mails to communities living remote from cities, it must be noted that our methods are not those of any other nation. They have been adapted to the peculiar conditions of American life. There are strong points of divergence between the system now being established in the United States and the methods of rural delivery which have prevailed in other countries for many years,—in Great Britain for instance, for over fifty years, and in France for a still longer period. Ours is a co-operative plan; it comes from the people, and is established upon petitions presented through their Representatives in Congress, irrespective of party affiliations. Those who desire it are expected to meet the government half-way, by mending their roads, building bridges over their unbridged creeks and streams, and putting up secure and appropriate

receiving boxes, so located on the roadside along the route traversed by the carrier that he can conveniently deposit or collect their mail without alighting from his vehicle.

In Great Britain, there was substantially a house-to-house rural delivery, only the most inaccessible domiciles being left unvisited. The English rural post-man, traveling chiefly on foot, walks from 15 to 18 miles a day, for an average pay of 18 shillings, or \$4.50 a week. A paternal government provides him with a uniform, gives him \$5.00 a year to buy shoes, furnishes him medical attendance when sick and permits him to retire on a small pension after ten years of faithful service.

In France, rural carriers, who also travel on foot, are paid a mileage of  $7\frac{1}{4}$  cents a kilometer, or not quite  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents a mile for the distance they cover. The average length of a route is from 10 to 15 miles, and they are required to cover it every day in the year, Sunday included. They receive an allowance for clothing and may retire on a pension at the end of fifteen years. The service extends into every commune, and practically all of France is covered by rural free delivery.

In Germany the delivery of mails in remote districts is not exactly free; extra postage is charged, part of which goes to the carrier and part to the Government. The pay of the carriers outside of this allowance is from 700 to 900 marks a year, with 100 marks additional for house rent, (a German mark being equalent to 24 cents of our money.)

In Austria-Hungary the rural carrier is hired by the postmaster of the local office to which he is attached and paid by him; he is authorized to collect a fee of half a cent on all letters and an eighth of a cent

on all newspapers delivered by him. His average pay is about \$120 a year. To earn this sum he travels ten miles a day, always on foot; before he can enter upon his duties he has to make a deposit of \$80 with the postmaster as security for carrying out his part of the contract.

The Belgian rural carrier makes a daily round trip of 15 or 16 miles on foot, and is paid a salary which varies according to the supposed cost of living in the district where he serves, but which seldom exceeds \$250 a year. He is denied the right to vote, and prohibited from taking part in politics.

It follows without saying, that the rural free delivery service with which the people of the United States have been made acquainted within the the last three years is built upon none of these models. The carriers buy their own shoes and clothes, provide their own "rigs" and horses, pay their own doctor bills, and vote as they please. In the selection of carriers the Congressional Representative controls the appointments, which are made under the directions of the First Assistant Post Master General. The pay of rural carriers when the service was first started was placed at \$150 and afterwards at \$300 per annum. In 1898 it was raised to \$400; at the beginning of the present fiscal year, July 1, 1900 it was raised from \$400 to \$500 for a full route.

Under ordinary conditions, a full route is considered to be 25 miles. There are exceptional cases, where the roads are level and smoothly macadamized, in which the carriers can make 30 to 35 miles a day. There are other exceptional cases where the routes lead over rugged hills and cross rocky creeks, in which 17 miles is considered a good day's journey;

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Claude Rothery, Editor.



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No, we're not gone, we are still on deck, although we have changed our address. By our removal from Chicago to Orland, Ill., it now leaves the 'Windy City' without a philatelic representative.

Must beg to be excused for this small number, but on account of removal, and this being the dullest month (philatelically) of the year, it will have to complete the volume. We have decided to drop the Coin Dept. Any paper desiring the manuscript which was to have been continued in this number, can have same at a very nominal price.

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| Receipts               | .20           |
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| O. O.                  | .32           |
| Balance                | <u>\$2.12</u> |

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Last month Mr. Paulsen resigned his position of Secty. & Treas. and I was appointed by Pres. Dold to fill his place. I submit the following report.

#### .....Resignations Received.....

Ray I. Ellis, Elk Point, S. D.

#### .....Receipts.....

|                           |        |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Received from Mr. Paulsen | \$ .97 |        |
| Dues                      | .60    | \$1.57 |

#### .....Expenditures.....

|                   |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Postage           | .10 |     |
| Official Organ    | .67 | .77 |
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## ↔ IN A NUTSHELL! ↔

**W**e want to tell you, in as few words as possible, what we expect to make our Christmas number. Of course 'Every baker sugars his own cake' and you are tired of the claims of many publishers who are 'only in the business for their health.' You know the rest; they have a Holiday circulation of 5,000 or 10,000 copies, and write you a letter offering you a "Special" rate. Now we will suppose they get out 5,000 copies of a 20-page paper; 14 pages of advertisements and six pages of reading. The lowest price any printer will print it for is \$4.00 per page for 5,000 copies, 6x9 inches. This price is for printing only; folding, stapling, wrapping, addressing and mailing is extra. He receives \$2.00 per page for ads. Query:—Is he a philanthropist or a dreamer? Now read a few facts that ARE facts, in the next paragraph.

## ↔ A FEW FACTS! ↔

**O**ur Christmas number will consist of at least 24 pages and a handsome enameled cover, printed in three brilliant colors. We do not fear printer's bills, as we have our own printing office located but eight miles from the City of Chicago. Our business is the printing and publishing business ONLY. We know that if your ad don't pay you, you'll not try again, and we know an ad will pay you. We want a good word from you. It is to our interest to make it pay you. We practice what we preach, our wonderful subscription offers are being advertised by us in 62 monthly, weekly and daily magazines and newspapers in N. America. This is what is bringing in 'live' subscribers in droves. You have something to sell that they want, take advantage of our special ad rates and place an ad before them. Xmas issue will have

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## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Claude Rothery, Editor.



Although few seem to realize it, the one and two cent 1898 proprietaries are going to be scarce.

There is little need for these denominations; in fact where they were to be used the firms used a combination of other denominations.

The 1898 private proprietaries can be disposed of with the following list. Because of the few printings there was absolutely no mistakes in color. There is no variation in the paper (watermarked paper only.) This list is therefore correct and includes all known varieties, with the exception of a few oddities;

Old Roulette.

$\frac{5}{8}$  cent Marchand, black

|    |   |         |   |
|----|---|---------|---|
| 1¼ | " | "       | " |
| 1¾ | " | "       | " |
| 2½ | " | "       | " |
| 3½ | " | "       | " |
| 4¾ | " | "       | " |
| 7½ | " | "       | " |
| 4  | " | Branca, | " |

|               |   |                              |
|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| $\frac{5}{8}$ | " | Lanman and Kemp, green       |
| 1¼            | " | " " brown                    |
| 1¾            | " | " " blue                     |
| 3½            | " | Warners, brown               |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ | " | Radways R. R., blue          |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ | " | Piso, blue                   |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ | " | Johnson and Johnson, carmine |
| 1¼            | " | Fletcher, black              |

New Roulette.

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| $\frac{5}{8}$ cent | Marchand, black              |
| 1¼                 | " " "                        |
| 1¾                 | " " "                        |
| 2½                 | " " "                        |
| 3½                 | " " "                        |
| 4¾                 | " " "                        |
| 7½                 | " " "                        |
| 4                  | Branca " "                   |
| $\frac{5}{8}$      | Lanman and Kemp, green       |
| 1¼                 | " " brown                    |
| 1¾                 | " " blue                     |
| 3½                 | Warner, brown                |
| $\frac{5}{8}$      | Radways R. R., blue          |
| $\frac{5}{8}$      | Piso, blue                   |
| $\frac{5}{8}$      | Johnson and Johnson, carmine |
| 1¼                 | Fletcher, black              |
| 2½                 | Antikamania, red             |
| 2½                 | Od Chemical Co., red         |
| 1¼                 | Pink Pills, red              |



|                                       |                |   |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|--------------|
| $\frac{1}{8}$ cent Lee and Co., blue  | 1              | " | dark green   |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ " " red                 | 1              | " | light green  |
| $1\frac{1}{4}$ " " green              | 1              | " | green        |
| $2\frac{1}{2}$ " " yellow             | 1              | " | yellow green |
| 5 " " brown                           | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | dark purple  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " Emerson Drug Co., red | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | light purple |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ " " green               | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | violet brown |
| $1\frac{1}{4}$ " " brown              | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | bluish brown |
| $2\frac{1}{2}$ " " orange             | $1\frac{3}{8}$ | " | blue         |

After two years of close attention to the various chronicles and a most careful research among 200,000 1898 proprietaries, probably the largest stock in the United States, used and unused, I find there are 54 varieties, (throwing aside all minor varieties of shades, which range into hundreds by almost imperceptible degrees,) of prominent shades and distinct colors, as follows—

|   |                |   |  |
|---|----------------|---|--|
| $\frac{1}{8}$ cent yellow green                                       |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{8}$ " green, same color as 1c.                              |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{8}$ " light green—  |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{8}$ " dark green  |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " pale brown  |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " brown   |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " light brown   |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " red brown   |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " yellow brown  |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " bistre brown, the exact color of the 80c Documentary. |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " violet brown, same color as the 2c                    |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " a light chesnut brown                                 |                |   |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ " greyish brown   |                |   |  |
| $\frac{3}{8}$ " deep orange   |                |   |  |
| $\frac{3}{8}$ " orange  |                |   |  |
| $\frac{3}{8}$ " light orange  |                |   |  |
| $\frac{3}{8}$ " chesnut brown, resembles 5c.                          |                |   |  |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ " deep ultramarine                                      |                |   |  |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ " pale ultramarine                                      |                |   |  |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ " ultramarine   |                |   |  |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ " dull blue   |                |   |  |
| $\frac{5}{8}$ " dark ultramarine, identical with 3c Documentary.      |                |   |  |
|   | 1              | " | dark green   |
|   | 1              | " | light green  |
|   | 1              | " | green  |
|   | 1              | " | yellow green   |
|   | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | dark purple  |
|   | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | light purple   |
|   | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | violet brown   |
|   | $1\frac{1}{4}$ | " | bluish brown   |
|   | $1\frac{3}{8}$ | " | blue   |
|   | $1\frac{3}{8}$ | " | dull blue  |
|   | $1\frac{3}{8}$ | " | deep ultramarine   |
|   | $1\frac{3}{8}$ | " | ultramarine  |
|   | 2              | " | violet brown   |
|   | 2              | " | pale brown, same color as $\frac{1}{4}$ c.                   |
|   | 2              | " | dark brown   |
|   | 2              | " | brown  |
|   | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | " | lake   |
|   | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | " | crimson red  |
|   | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | " | carmine  |
|   | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | " | light red  |
|   | $3\frac{3}{4}$ | " | olive gray   |
|   | $3\frac{3}{4}$ | " | gray   |
|   | $3\frac{3}{4}$ | " | gray brown, same color as the $\frac{1}{2}$ c Documentary.   |
|   | $3\frac{3}{4}$ | " | dark purple, same color as the $1\frac{1}{4}$ c Documentary. |
|   | 4              | " | purple   |
|   | 4              | " | dark purple  |
|   | 4              | " | purplish violet  |
|   | 4              | " | brown violet   |
|   | 5              | " | chesnut brown  |
|   | 5              | " | yellow brown   |

Note—The above article will be continued in next issue, and will give a complete and accurate list of all private proprietaries precanceled by printing.

#### — Wears a Copper Dress. —

The bride of Wm. A. Clark, Jr., the son of Senator W. A. Clark, the copper king, has a dress in her trousseau made of hair-like copper wire that was created in Paris especially for her.

**PRAIRIE STATE  
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Gingrich.

.... REPORT....

Fellow members:—

I have appointed Benj. H. Dayton 55 Eagle St., Albany, N. Y., Sec.-Treas. All communications should therefore be sent to him hereafter. With such an exchange dept., and auction dept. I can hardly see why the members are not more active. Several have complained of not receiving any benefits from being a member of the P. S. P. A., they can not expect any to come to them, they must go to the different depts.

... New Members....

- 32, Elmer Notman.  
.... Applications....  
33, B. H. Dayton, (17) 55 Eagle St., Albany, N. Y. Ref. Claude Rothery.  
34, P. H. Steinbrenner, (17) Cleveland, Ohio, Ref. Claude Rothery.  
35, Joel H. DuBose, (41) Huguenot, Ga. Ref. Claude Rothery.

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Balance at last report  | \$2.12     |
| Received dues and fees  | .45        |
|                         | <hr/> 2.57 |
| O. O.                   | .35        |
| 1000 application blanks | 1.50       |
| 100 membership cards    | .25        |

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Express | .25        |
|         | <hr/> 2.35 |

\$2.57-\$2.35, \$ .22

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Balance | .22 |
|---------|-----|

Books are now in the hands of the new secretary.

Very respectfully,  
Claude Rothery.

.....Sales Superintendent's Report.....

Fellow members:—

I would like to hear from all members desirous of utilizing this department, either buyers or sellers. Books can be had at 5c each and must contain not less than \$5.00 worth (net,) whether full or not.

A frequent complaint from many buyers from society books is that they get books which have already been sent on another circuit and are only partly filled with stamps that have been once looked over by five or six. Consequently when they pay postage to next on circuit and also money returned to Sales Supt., the one or two cheap ones they find costs them too much. I propose to obviate all this difficulty by not sending out such to ANY circuit, but each one will be started with not less than 100 stamps worth \$5.00 or more. The whole life of a society lies in a good Sales Dept., and if the members will help me, I will do my part in making this second to none. When requesting to be put on a circuit, please state the size of your collection and just what you collect and then you won't be obliged to look over a lot you don't want

Very Truly Yours

H. S. Vanderburgh,  
Supt., of Sales. Lithgow, N. Y.

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**Editorial.**



October the 31st saw the close of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y. This also marked the last day of the Pan-American stamps, none being sold by the postoffices after that date. This issue, with the exception of the 1869 issue,

was the handsomest and most artistic set the government has ever issued. As the values only run up to ten cents, a complete set is within the reach of all. Every one should have a set, whether a collector or not, especially in view of the recent happenings at Buffalo, which are still fresh in the public mind.

Quite a few applications have been received asking, "Please send me a sample of your Xmas Special." Don't waste your postal that way, you may as well drop it down a coal-hole.

Over two hundred subscriptions expire with this issue. If yours is among them, we would be pleased to have you renew at once so as not to miss any numbers.

If you are an agent of the P.S.P., kindly let us hear from you within one week, letting us know if you are still on deck. Inclose 2c stamp for new sub. blanks, as old commission and coupons are no good after Nov. 15th.

Exchanges will please pardon us if we have skipped any, but as we receive over 300 periodicals in exchange each month, a paper may be skipped occasionally unless you plainly mark it "Exchange."

Has anyone asked you to buy \$74,610 worth of unused stamps?

Advertising is like a snowball. The more you push and roll it the more it accumulates.

It was an Irishman who said, "If a Yankee was cast away on a desolate island, he would get up early the next morning and sell every inhabitant a map of the place."

.....

Good bye! Don't forget next issue!

A rather odd advertisement appears on the sign of a shoe-shining parlor, opposite the Northwestern depot in Chicago. The ad runs "Ladies shoes, shined inside." Why any lady should wish the inside of her shoes shined, is more than we can understand.

A dealer in safes has a safe on exhibition, which, as he says, was exposed to a fierce heat for forty hours and delivered its contents intact at the expiration of that time. The ad ends up thus; "This safe has been in a hotter place than you ever will be, unless you go to STAY."

Sample copies of next issue five cents each, None free!

### STAMPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT.

One of the most daring and cleverly executed postoffice robberies ever committed was carried out at the Chicago, Ill., postoffice on the night of Sunday, October 20th. The entire amount taken amounted to \$74,610.00 worth of stamps, divided as follows: \$2,060 in special delivery stamps, \$4,722 "due" stamps, and of the \$69,888 remaining, \$4,828 worth were Pan-American stamps of 8 and 10 cent denominations.

The number and denominations of the stamps taken were as follows: 1,766,200 1-cent, 1,666,900 2-cent, 21,700 3-cent, 23,400 4-cent, 21,900 5-cent, 13,600 6-cent, 25,900 8-cent, 32,000 10-cent, 18,000 15-cent, 480 50-cent, 150 \$1; 15,500 1-cent postage due, 18,600 2-cent postage due, 25,100 5-cent postage due, 29,400 10-cent postage due, 19,600 8-cent Pan-American issue, 32,600 10-cent Pan-American issue.

They were carried off in a light wagon and weighed over two tons.

### THE SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Canada, 1868 ½c black.....                              | \$ .10 |
| 1893 20c vermilion.....                                 | .06    |
| 50c blue.....   | .12    |
| Jubilee, x 1897 ½c black.....                           | .12    |
| 1897 6c Maple Leaf.....                                 | .06    |
| x 1898 6c Numeral.....                                  | .12    |
| 1901 20c olive.....                                     | .12    |
| New Brunswick, x 1860-1, 2c, 5c, 10c,<br>12½c, 17c..... | .55    |
| New Foundland, 1897 1c rose.....                        | .03    |
| 2c orange.....  | .04    |
| 1897 Jubilee, x 4c,<br>6, 8, 10c, 12c, set of 5         | .55    |

Stamps marked x are unused.

Orders less than 50c, 2c for postage extra.

RICHARD WILLIAMS,.....

West Roxbury, Mass.

Fine stamps on approval sheets.

### Exchange Notices.

30 word notices under this heading 10 cents each. 6 insertions 50c.

Would like to x stamps with tall collectors. R. W. Perry, 233 High St., Portland, Me.

I would like to obtain a set of U.S. periodical stamps in exchange for foreign. J. H. White, Canajoharie, N.Y.

Exchange desired with foreign collectors. Send 25-200 stamps of your country and receive same value in U.S. Fred Paine, Box 35, Elmwood, Mass.

Will do job printing for stamps, my selection. Write for x prices. Roy H. Clore, Box 51, Warsaw, Ky.

Have stamps, thousands of stamp papers and other periodicals from all over the world, complete volumes of story papers, ad space in this paper and job printing, to exchange for type, borders, rule, ornaments, cuts, etc. All material must be in first class condition. Give full particulars and inclose proof, also give us an idea of what you want, inclose stamp to insure reply. Prairie State Pub. Co., Orland, Ill.

## PRACTICAL POINTERS FOR POULTRYMEN.

Grit is necessary; charcoal and oyster shells are beneficial.

Tobacco stems mixed with straw makes a healthy nest.

Don't expect hens to lay while they are moulting; they can't do it.

Lay in a supply of clover for hens during winter; cut to lengths of about one-quarter inch, scald and sprinkle with bran or cornmeal.

Get your scrubs ready for market, as soon as you can.

A poultry raiser without a green bone cutter is like a bucket without a handle.

Over-confidence wrecks more poultrymen than disease or vermin.

A hen lays best between the ages of one to two years.

Are you getting your incubator in shape? Next spring promises to be a good one for the poultry-raiser with an early stock.

Let fowls which are to be killed, fast at least six hours before.

A never-failing roup cure—a hatchet.

Give your fowls a variety of feed. This brings about the best results.

Did you ever place a piece of tarred paper in the nests? It's one of the best and cheapest preventives against lice and other vermin.

Healthy fowls are always hungry.

Look out for the sleepy fowl.

A good feed for a change is barley, but it should only be fed occasionally.

Now is the time to market all your surplus stock.

Don't expect the impossible from fowls

100 Foreign stamps extra mixed, will ex. for 6 1c Pan-Am. J. A. Wilson, 1216 Poplar, Phila., Pa.

1900 Model bicycle in perfectly good order to x for stamps. The wheel is worth \$25. cash. W. M. Taylor, 6250 Clifton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Pan-Americans Wanted! 4c each for 8 and 10c, 3c for 4 and 5c, in exchange from my sheet. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. Sampson, Hopedale, Mas.

Will exchange novels & short stories for Ladies' Photos. Chas. A. Wright, 204 Buchanans' Wharf, Balto., Md.

Send 25-300 stamps of your country & receive same number and value in fine specimens from U.S., Canada, Mexico. C. F. Hellmuth, Jr., Box 12, Bellville, Texas.

Have a lot of books such as Gem Library, etc. Will x one for every stamp sent me cat. 6c or over. N. Conquest, Cotswold, Ont.

String of beads six feet long, dug from Indian Burying Ground, for best offer. Minute description for stamp. Royal Daves, Nashton, Cal.

Hundreds of miscellaneous books & magazines for stamps. Mention wants and offers. Double reply postals all answered. Rev. I. D. Decker, West Sunbury, Pa.

Wish to exchange stamps of U.S. & Colonies, West Indies, Canada & Mexico, with collectors of all foreign countries. Ohio Midland Stamp Co., Whitney, O.

Will give 75c value from my sheets of medium grade stamps for every 10 Buffalo stamps above 2c in good condition. Chas. Hudson, Foss, Ill.

Exchange desired with stamp collectors. Send selection and receive mine. I always answer all letters promptly. Theodore W. Meyer, C.P.S. No. 184, 50 Steven St., New Haven, Conn. o2

Have several hundred philatelic papers to exchange for stamps, also a lot of the Home Journal. O. E. Jacobsen, 2420 Hill St., Boulder, Colo.

Will send 20 var. of Canada post cards to every one sending me a like number of their country. J. A. Sadler, 132 Mecklenburg St., St. John, N.B.

Stamp collection cat. \$40.00, album, catalogue, stamp papers, etc., for printing press & outfit 5 x8 or larger. A. Brock, Smith Lake, Minn.

Will give 1 first class stamp paper for 15 Pan-American stamps. 100 papers for 1,200 stamps. Bert Bodley, Cato, N.Y.

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.....President's Address.....

Fellow Members:-

I desire to ask all members who are in arrears and have been notified, to pay up within 10 days or you will be dropped from membership.

Get some 'ginger' in you. Have a good Christmas report. Would like to have a report from Sales Supt.

Yours fraternally,

Geo. F. Dold,

.....Secretary & Treasurer's Report.....

.....Resignations Accepted.....

Ray I. Ellis, Elk Point, S. D.

.....Applications Received.....

Solomon H. Hayes, Harrison, Ohio.

Frank W. Johnson, 23 10th St., So., Fargo, N. D.

.....Receipts.....

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Balance in Treas. | \$ .80 |
| Dues and Fees     | .40    |
| Balance in Treas. | 1.20   |

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. J. Renaud,

Secty.-Treas.

The Golden Rule is "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Many people think it should be changed to "Do others or they'll do you."

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 Orange Red, Uncut,

All fine copies,  
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**HENRY JACOBS,**  
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Mention this paper when answering ads.

Good exchange for common U.S., send for exchange list. D.B.Crockett, Avondale, N.J. o2  
 Will x U.S. postage, depts., and revenues for U.S. & col. Send selection. Basis of exchange, Scott's 1901. E.G.Baker, Chichester, N.Y. o2  
 Have stamps, blke, typewriter, to x for printing press, type, etc. W.C.Doak, Pearl, O.

Foreign collectors, send stamps of your country for same of U.S. Clifton Brink, Doon, Ia.  
 Exchange wanted by Scott's 60th cat. I collect the stamps of U.S., U.S. & British Col. only. G. Norlander, Stone Block, Fargo, N.D.

Will give For. stamps on sheets cat. \$1.00 for every 150 used 2c or 50 1c Omaha stamps in good condition sent me. N.S.Moore, Naples Ill. o2  
 Wortsman Bros., 115 Gaston St. W., Savannah, Ga., will ex. stamps for view cards.

To ex. for stamps cat. 2c or higher. Mex. postage, env, post cards, Revs. also coins. A.L.Buddee, 7th Alzate No. 3220, Mexico City, Mex.

J.Cross, Bangor, Mich. has novels, boys papers to x for U.S.Can. Mex. stamps cat. 3c or over. o2

Have all kinds of phil. papers. Will x for Indian relics, minerals or curios. C.C.Downs, Box 162, Atlantic City, N.J. o2

To exchange - Stamps for printing press, 3x4 or larger. Can you make me an offer? Karl Smith, Stillwater, Okla.

4 complete sets of St. Louis stickers for every stamp cat. 15c or more. Stickers in proportion to cat. of stamps. F.Billings, Marshalltown, Ia.

Any stamp collector in the city wishing to exchange stamps call at my address any evening. J.L.Sutherland, 6513 Ingleside Av., Chicago. o2

Books, photos of actresses, panel pictures, buttons, novels., to x for coins, tags, stamps, Conf. money. W.E.Reynolds, Buchanan, N.Y.

Acme Oil Painting Course to x for 100 good For. stamps. A.Becker, Box 602, De Soto, Mo.o4

Picture postal card collectors. Send me picture post card of your city or town, and receive one from me in return. J.D.Clement, Belfast, Me.

—Smallest City.—

The smallest incorporated city in the world is Fenton, Mo. It has been an incorporated city for twenty-five years, but has a population of but 100 persons. This little city is about fifteen miles from St. Louis.

In Holland the peasant girl who is without a beau at fair-time hires a young man for the occasion. As good dancers command a high price, two maidens sometimes club together to employ the same swain.

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 Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese,  
 Yet the plural of mouse should never be meese.  
 You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,  
 But the plural of house is houses, not hices.  
 If the plural of man is always called men,  
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
 The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,  
 But a cow if repeated is never called kine,  
 And the plural of vow is vows, not vine.  
 And if I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,  
 And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
 If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?  
 If the singular's this and the plural is these,  
 Should the plural of kiss be nicknamed keese?  
 Then one may be that and three would be those,  
 Yet hat in plural would never be hose,  
 And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
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Claude Rothery, Editor.

**T**he papers have of late been filled with lists of precancelled postage stamps; for a change I give herewith a list of precancelled proprietary revenues, cancelled in sheets, BY PRINTING.

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.....Sec.-Treas., Report.....

Fellow members:-

Having been appointed by Mr. Rothery to fill the unexpired term of office of Mr. Moisant, as Sec.-Treas., I hereby submit my first report, which I hope will, meet the concurrence of one and all.

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| Received from Mr. Rothery | \$ .49 |
| Received Dues and Fees    | 1.00   |
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As the end of the fiscal year is now passed I hope the dues will be promptly paid, and hope all will send for application blanks and boom our society till it equals them all.

Yours respectfully,

Benjamin H. Dayton.

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.....Sec.-Treas., Report.....

....New Members....

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.... Receipts ....

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Dues and Fees           | \$ .20 |
| Balance from last month | 1.20   |
| Balance in Treas.       | \$1.40 |

All members that have not paid their dues for 1901 are requested to do so at once. After Jan. 1st 1902 all delinquent members will be dropped. I have a lot of applications on hand, send for a few and get your friends to join. Ten good stamps to every new paid up member. Let 1902 be a record breaker.

T. J. Renaud,

Sec.-Treas.

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**Editorial.**



We are sorry to greet our readers with our Xmas number three weeks late, but a combination of causes made this delay unavoidable. However here we are and

have extended the 'Merry Christmas' which appears on the front cover, to 1902. We intended to have a gold and white cover, but by an accident the ink became dry, thereby preventing bronzing.



How about acting as our agent? We have over a hundred now but want more. We give a good cash commission and furnish you with blanks, etc. Also give handsome premiums to boys and girls who will solicit subscriptions among their neighbors and friends. Inclose stamp for particulars and blanks.



Stanley Gibbon's catalogue of the stamps of the British Empire, is by far superior to Scott's. It is better illustrated and the prices are nearer the actual value. We recommend it to collectors. It may be had from the New York office, 167 Broadway. Price, 67c postfree.



We want an editor for our Poultry department. Inclose stamp for terms.



The Randolph Stamp Co., have issued a neat little 28 page price list, it's full of bargains. So are the price lists of Boise Stamp Co., Richard Williams, and others whose ads appear in this issue. They're free for the asking. Don't miss an ad in this issue. There may be something in it for you.



We make a new departure in our next number by placing ads on the front cover. First come, first served, unless specially contracted for. Positively no discounts allowed on ads except contracts, (See page 5). We have the buyers on our subscription books, if the ad don't pay we will duplicate it again free of charge.

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For sale or exchange. — A 5x8 View Camera with Lens, two double plate holders, folding tripod, and wood carrying ease. Good order and cheap. A Greiner, Hanover, Pa.

Will exchange house or hardy plants or bulbs from rare collection, hand painting or fancy work, for coins, medals, old bills, Indian relics, or real old dishes, etc. Lucia T. Falconer, Box 114, Shelburne, Ont.

Wanted. Foreign stamps and U. S., other than the most common ones, in ex. for novels, magazines, etc. Ira Fisher, Box 4, Fisher, Ill.

Moustache Grower, guaranteed to grow one on any person over 16. Postpaid 20c. Formula 25c. I. A. S. Co., Dept. F, 264 Kalos St., Phila., Pa.

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Every neglect in poultry raising has its cost.

Don't trust the hired man to look after the poultry.

The poultry business is no "cinch" for a lazy man.

Chickens should have ground bone (green) three times a week.

Don't send dirty or stained eggs to market, and be sure all are good and fresh.

Skim milk given to poultry will bring better returns than when fed to the pigs.

Let the growing cockerels and pullets have plenty of cracked corn every other day.

Dispose of hens that are over two and a half years old unless they are of especial value for stock purposes.

Cleanliness in the poultry yard and houses is the key to success; the lack of it invites all kinds of diseases.

Don't forget to add a tablespoonful of linseed meal to the mixed feed three times a week. It will help the molting

Why not make an effort to secure regular near by customers to sell eggs and poultry to? Do, so, and make the middlemen and retailer's profits.

Take pride in having clean, nice quarters for your flocks, and keeping nothing but pure bred fowls will greatly add to your pride, satisfaction and profit.

The importance of charcoal is not appreciated as it should be in feeding to poultry. Corn charred on the cob, or shelled corn charred in the stove oven answers the purpose. Place it twice a week where the poultry can have access to it.

There are some people who have been in the poultry raising business a whole year and imagine they are fit to graduate and give advice as experts. Before the second year comes around they realize what they didn't know about the business is the MOST. Veterans who have spent a quarter of a century closely identified with poultry interests freely admit they have yet lessons to learn.

## CUPID'S CORNER.

Ads of lady subscribers inserted free, not over 40 words. Gentlemen's ads of 40 words or less 40c, extra words 1c each. Key to all the names 12c.

BEAUMONT, TEX. I desire to correspond with young ladies for fun and results. Address No. 1, Secret Key.

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BEAUMONT, TEX. I desire to correspond with young ladies for pleasure. Write me and learn all about the oil fields and "gushers." Addr. No. 3, S.K.

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Fine For'n mix. cat. 1-10c each, per 100 .15

Russia finely asst. 15 kinds, per 100 .06

Argentine " " " " 50 .07

Postal Servia, black on w. cat. 10c, per 100 .12

100 var. inc. Peru, Argentine, Egypt .06

200 " " " " .16

300 " " " " .32

D. F. GLAZIER, 3 Sumner St., Hartford, Ct.

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To every applicant for our app. sheets at 50 p.c. disc., we give FREE 15 Foreign Stamps! This offer lasts for 30 days! Write at once! Here's a Bargain!!!

100 blank appr. sheets (part linen) \$ .25

x 45 diff. stamps..... .05

x 10 diff. stamps..... .10

x 2c brown, Hawaii..... .02

x 1c red, Jamaica (new)..... .02

x Send Postage.

....THE HEYN STAMP CO.,....

2045 Dodge St., Omaha, Neb.

## 300 VARIETIES 34¢

And our 1902 price list besides, send at once! No rubbish but good stamps. Money refunded if you are not satisfied.

### C. H. NEIMAN,

116r 19th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

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### Confederate Stamps Free,

A beautiful unsevered pair of genuine Confederate stamps used during the late war, to all sending for my Packet No. 29, containing 100 var. of choice stamps. Price, 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned.

H. A. AMMANN,

ORRVILLE, OHIO.

## Exchange Notices.

30 word notices under this heading 10 cents each, 6 insertions 50 cents.

100 var. foreign stamps, 25 countries represented, to exchange for every 100 mixed tobacco tags sent me. N.S. Moore, Naples, Ill.

Good exchange for common U.S., send for exchange list. D.B. Crockett, Avondale, N.J.

Will x U.S. postage, depts., and revenues for U.S. & Col. Send selection. Basis of exchange. Scott's 1901. E.G. Baker, Chichester, N.Y.

J. Cross, Bangor, Mich. has novels, boys papers to x for U.S., Can. & Mex. stamps cat. 3c or over.

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Any stamp collector in the city wishing to exchange stamps call at my address any evening. J.L. Sutherland, 6513 Ingleside Av., Chicago, Ill.

Acme Oil Painting Course to x for 100 good For. stamps. A. Becker, Box 602, De Soto, Mo. d3

Send 2c stamp for catalogue and circulars of books and novelties. Name p6t in "Directory" free. Frisco Novelty Co., 2111 Bush St., San Francisco, Cal. Dept. P.

Exchange desired with stamp collectors. Send selection and receive mine. I always answer all letters promptly. Theodore W. Meyer, C.P.S. No. 184, 50 Steven St., New Haven, Conn.



## POINTERS!

Some people murder the truth, while others never get near enough to do it bodily harm.

Some men won't want to go to heaven unless there is a side door.

When Satan employs idle hands the work is always well done.

Falling in love is like falling into a river; it is easier to fall in than climb out.

When a girl weighing 180 pounds answers to the name of 'Birdie' the eternal fitness of things gets an awful jolt.

The thief who stole a watch, instead of gaining time is now serving it.

Don't kick about the weather. When it rains it settles the dust; when the sun shines it dries the mud.

If a man loves a woman he offers to give up smoking, but if the woman loves him she refuses to let him do it.

Call a man a donkey and he is apt to kick.

If the good didn't die young no one knows how bad they might be.

A girl gives up a lot of ice cream and theater tickets in exchange for a husband.

A girl may not think a certain young man is good enough for her, but she always considers him too good for any other girl.

Lots of the free advice you get isn't worth half that much.

A man who would try to stab a ghost would stick at nothing.

Nearly every bad young man you meet has a good sister to watch over him.

Lots of people who are willing to help

bury a dead man wouldn't give a live man a crust of bread.

If a girl omits pickles from the lunch she puts up when a young man escorts her to a picnic his case is hopeless.

### *Christmas Carol*

There's a beautiful tree, a wonderful tree,  
The happy children rejoice to see.

Spreading it's branches far and near,  
It comes from the forest to flourish here:  
O! this wonderful tree with it's branches wide,  
Is always blooming at Christmas-tide.

And a voice is telling the boughs among  
Of the shepherds' watch and the angel's song.  
Of the holy babe in a manger low,  
The beautiful story of long ago:

When a radiant star threw it's beam so wide,  
To herald the earliest Christmas-tide.



### *Shoemaker's Maxims.*

Worn on the side soon a rich man's bride,  
Worn on the toes spends as he goes,  
Worn on the heel thinks a good deal,  
Worn on the vamp he's surely a scamp.

A well known missionary had occasion to give a description of his foreign work to a large audience in a certain town. While speaking he took particular notice of a boy, who was listening with rapt attention to every word the lecturer said. As is usual with such addresses, he wound up with an earnest appeal for contributions, however small, and thinking of his wide mouthed listener, added that even children might give their mite. When the meeting was over, the boy mounted the platform, and going up to the lecturer, said: "Please, sir, I was very much interested in your lecture, and—and—" Here he hesitated. "Go on my little man," said the missionary. "You want to help in the good work?" "No, not that," was the boy's reply. "What I want to know is, have you any foreign stamps to give away?"

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

To the first 10 answers to this advertisement I will give free as a Christmas Gift, a foreign stamp cat. at 10c. providing an application for my approval sheets be filled.

|   |                                 |     |   |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|---|
|  | 10 Foreign Stamps Cat. 20c..... | .05 |  |
|   | 25 " " " 60c.....               | .25 |   |
|   | 50 " " " 1.50.....              | .50 |   |

.....HUGH FALVEY,.....

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**10** Varieties of Peru evenly mixed; 60c PER 100, \$1.10 PER 200.

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| x Ecuador Jubilee, 1897             |        |
| 1,2,5,10,20,50 and 1S, the set..... | \$ .35 |
| x Labuan Jubilee, 1897              |        |
| 1,2,3,5,6,8,12,18,24c, set.....     | .30    |
| x North Borneo Jubilee, 1897        |        |
| 1,2,3,5,6,8,12,18,24c, set.....     | .30    |
| x 50 different varieties, 50        |        |
| Central and So. America.....        | .25    |

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**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL ADD.....**

|                                    |        |          |
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|                                    | Cat.   | My price |
| U.S. 1851, 1c blue, type 2.....    | \$ .30 | \$ .15   |
| 10c.....                           | .75    | .35      |
| " 1888, 5c indigo, unused.....     | .50    | .16      |
| U.S. Rev. \$2.50 Inland Exch.....  | .10    | .04      |
| Brazil 1894, 1,000 reis.....       | .08    | .05      |
| Seychelles 1890, 2c unused,        |        |          |
| 1893, 3c, 4c, unused               |        |          |
| The three stamps for.....          |        | .08      |
| Gold Coast 1884, 1 sh.....         | .12    | .05      |
| Ecuador 1899, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, un- |        |          |
| used, four stamps for.....         |        | .18      |

This is a very fine set.

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|--|-----|-----|
| Costa Rica 1889, unused, 1c, 2c,               |     |     |
| 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c.....                         | .15 | .05 |
| In packets I can offer you a special offer,    |     |     |
| 50 var. from Can., New Foundland, New          |     |     |
| Brunswick, etc., Cat. over \$3., my price \$1. |     |     |

Postage 2c extra.

Send name on postal for my Price List.

.....RICHARD WILLIAMS,.....  
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Wanted to swap stamps and carbide bicycle lamp, or books, revolver, or anything useful. Write, stating what you have to swap. R. L. Douk, Pearl, O.

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Send your name to be put in new Directory soon to be pub. Send only 5c to K. Leroy Hamman, 1011 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

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## Bits and Chips.

### Some English We Use.

Lost--An umbrella, by a gentleman with an ivory head.

Lost--A Scotch terrier, by a gentleman with his ears cut close.

Canteens were issued to the soldiers with short necks.

Erected to the memory of John Smith, accidentally shot as a mark of affection by his brothers.

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We can't help the past, but we can look out for the future.

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A "sit down method" won't do a minute in this age of aggressiveness.

An indiscreet man usually lives to see the folly of his ways, and if he doesn't his children do.

The man who wants to marry happily should pick out a good mother and marry one of her daughters; any one will do.

### A Peaceful Home.

"Better than gold is a peaceful home,  
Where all the fireside charities come--  
The shrine of love and the heaven of life,  
Hallowed by mother or sister or wife,  
However humble the home may be,  
Or tried with sorrow, by Heaven's decree,  
The blessings that never were bought or sold,  
And center there, are better than gold."

### Old See-Saws.

I saw a cow-hide in the grass,  
A rush-light on the door.  
I saw a candle-stick in the mud,  
And a bell-pull on the door.  
I saw a horse-fly up the creek,  
A cat-nip at her food;  
I saw a chestnut-burr, and heard  
A shell-bark in the wood.  
I saw a jack-plane off a board,  
A car-spring off the track;  
I saw a saw-dust off the floor,  
And then a carpet-tack,  
I saw a brandy-smash a glass,  
I saw a shooting-star;  
I heard the corn-stalk in the field,  
A pig-iron crow-bar!

**12** Different Stamp papers, postpaid..... **10¢**  
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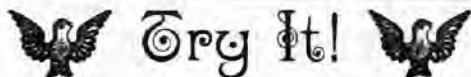
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100 6 or 6½ XX White Envelopes...\$ .40  
100 Membership Cards..... .35  
All postpaid. See page 5.  
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1000 varieties..... \$1.00  
500 " ..... .50

Send for my sheets for beginners.

H. WOODALL, Deseronto, Ont., Can.



10 different foreign stamps  
1 stamped check  
1 tobacco wrapper entire, 1890  
1 old handstamped letter, 1840  
5 old U.S. postals, entire  
2 U.S. stamps cat. 10c

All for 10c silver, .....postage 2c extra.

**DAVID B. CROCKETT,**

Avondale, N. J.

**ONE SET** of the below list  
free to every applicant of my  
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To every one sending for our approval sheets at 50 p. c. discount from Scott's we will give a handsome set of stamps. Don't forget to send reference when applying for sheets. Price list free.

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| -----Receipts-----  |        |
| Balance last Report | \$1.49 |
| Received Dues       | .50    |
| Fees and Dues       | .25    |
| Total               | 2.24   |
| Paid O, O.          | .69    |
| Balance             | 1.55   |

Fellow members:-

In my last report I stated that I had been appointed by Mr. Rothery to fill the unexpired term of office of Mr. Moisant which I have since found to be a mistake on my part; I also stated that as the dues for 1902 were now payable, a prompt renewal would be greatly appreciated; but since then I have had 2 replies, one from myself and the other from one who is always out for the interests of the society. All delinquent members who have not settled for their dues after the publication of the official organ, will be suspended by order of Mr. Rothery, the President. Hoping to receive all the dues as soon as possible so 1902 may be our banner year I remain,

Yours truly,

Benj. H. Dayton.

-----Sales Superintendent's Report-----

Fellow members:-

I wish all members who buy stamps would let me put them on a circuit. I have a lot of good books on hand. This department is the life of any society and I wish all would patronize it. As all collectors must buy more or less, I can't see why they should get them of outsiders in place of helping their own society by patronizing it.

Very truly yours,

H. S. Vanderburgh.

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.....President's Address.....

Fellow members:-

Up to this date I have not received a report from the Sec.-Treas. I have been thinking of consolidating the U.S.P.A. with the P.S.P.A., thereby making a much stronger society. Would be pleased to hear from other officers and members in regard to this.

Yours fraternally,

George F. Dold.

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**Editorial.**



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We have received copies of the Congressional Record, advocating the establishment of a domestic parcels-post. Let us have this by all means. It will give renewed vigor to the M.O. business, but don't forget that fractional currency, or some other method of sending small sums through the mails, is another crying need of the people who do any business through the mails.

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A spinner who is willing but unable to catch on, says that marriage is a failure.

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No true woman will admit that she married the first man who proposed to her.

The less a woman knows about anything the more positive she is.

Don't believe all the good things you hear of yourself.

## WIT AND HUMOR.

He—"When we get better acquainted I shall call you by your first name."

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A young man recently got even with a

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**POULTRY DEPARTMENT.**

Eugene G. Mathews, Editor.



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Whitewash your poultry house and do so at once, if you have not already done so.

All old hens and the cockerals from the early hatches should be marketed as early in the season as possible. During July, August and September the market is much better than later, there is very little good poultry in the market at this season excepting broilers, and the old hens, if well fattened will bring a good price. The cockerals can be sold as broilers or held until they are of sufficient size to make nice roasting fowls as the market seems to indicate.

Always map out your plans and carry them out, not unless something should happen to turn up that would be to your interest. Always try and get as many chicks hatched early in the season as possible, but unless one has a warm brooder house it is not desirable to bring off a hatch much before the first or middle of March in most sections. March, April and May are the hatching months and chicks hatched in these months are far superior, both for layer and market fowls, to those hatched later in the season.

More of success depends on the breeder than on the buildings and fowls. The

right kind of a breeder will succeed under the most adverse circumstances, while the wrong kind of a breeder cannot succeed at all even under the most favorable. The buildings are the first essential that the breeder obtains after qualifying himself for business, we will suppose that anyone just starting has visited as many different breeders as possible and has very carefully studied their plans of buildings and methods of management, also he has made a special study of different breeds of fowls, he has noted their characteristics and qualities, he has subscribed to several up-to-date poultry journals and made use of the much valuable matter in their columns, he has read several late poultry books, bought a Standard of Perfection and learned how he is going to breed to seek to produce winners.

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pares it, owns two large stores in Omaha and are fully cognizant of the difficulties besetting a genuine article. We do not believe in putting patent medicines on the market for consumption, cancers, blindness, etc., which are incurable. We go on the theory that, if your doctors and surgeons can do nothing for you after personally examining you, we certainly cannot. Few of the quackeries now on the market are beneficial, at the most temporary stimulants containing opium or alcohol. A pure and healthy constitution. A clean and sparkling complexion. Freedom from a blood disease which, if not checked, will soon show signs of grave internal derangements often difficult, if not impossible, to cure. Freedom from those pimples and blackheads which cause untold misery, annoyances and disgust. Our Eruptive-Cure comprising both treatments will do above, price \$1.00 Is it not worth it? If so send \$1.00 to us with the name and address of nearest drug store.

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## COMPLETE NEW ISSUE OF U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS.



REQUEST has been received from the postoffice department by the bureau of printing and engraving for an entire new series of postage stamps. The preliminary work has begun and Director Meredith says that when the series is complete the people of the United States will be supplied with the most artistic postage stamps of any nation belonging to the postal union.

The greatest change from the present series, which has been in use just twelve years, will be in the 1, 2 and 3 cent stamps. These bear the likeness of Franklin, Washington and Jackson, respectively, and while few persons have noticed it, are the only stamps of the lower denominations upon which a side view of the faces is printed. The postoffice department has asked Mr. Meredith to change these portraits and substitute good likenesses of Washington, Franklin and Jackson with a three-quarters or seven-eighths view. The faces of Jefferson on the 50-cent stamp and that of Perry on the \$1 are also side view. Jefferson's likeness will also be changed to

a full view, but the \$1 stamps of the new series will contain the face of Farragut instead of Perry.

The present series of stamps is as follows:

- One-cent, green, face of Franklin.
- Two-cent, carmine, face of Washington
- Three-cent, purple, face of Jackson.
- Four-cent, dark brown, face of Lincoln.
- Five-cent, chocolate, face of Grant.
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- One-dollar, black, face of Perry.
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### Harrison on 13-Cent Stamp.

The only changes from this series will be the addition of a 13-cent stamp, bearing the likeness of President Harrison, and the substitution of Farragut's likeness for that of Perry on the \$1 stamp. The colors will be preserved much as they are, with the exception of the 10-cent special delivery stamp. It is now blue,

but in the new series it will be changed to orange. The 13-cent stamp now, upon which President Harrison's face will be placed, is intended for foreign registered letters. At present it is necessary to put a 5-cent and an 8-cent stamp on such a letter.

It has been the intention of the postoffice department to place a likeness of President McKinley upon one of the stamps of the new series, but this plan has been changed. The department has now concluded to make each postal card of a new design now being proposed a memorial to his public services. This will be of unique design and handsomely executed. The styles of postal cards are changed much more often than are those of stamps and it is possible when the McKinley postal card is superceded by a newer design that the portrait of the late president will be placed on a postage stamp. Since 1861 there have been only two presidents---Johnson and Arthur---whose likenesses have not been placed on stamps. Cleveland is still living and so is not eligible.

## GAINING RECRUITS.

C. R. Tarver.



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Clarence Dalton.



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