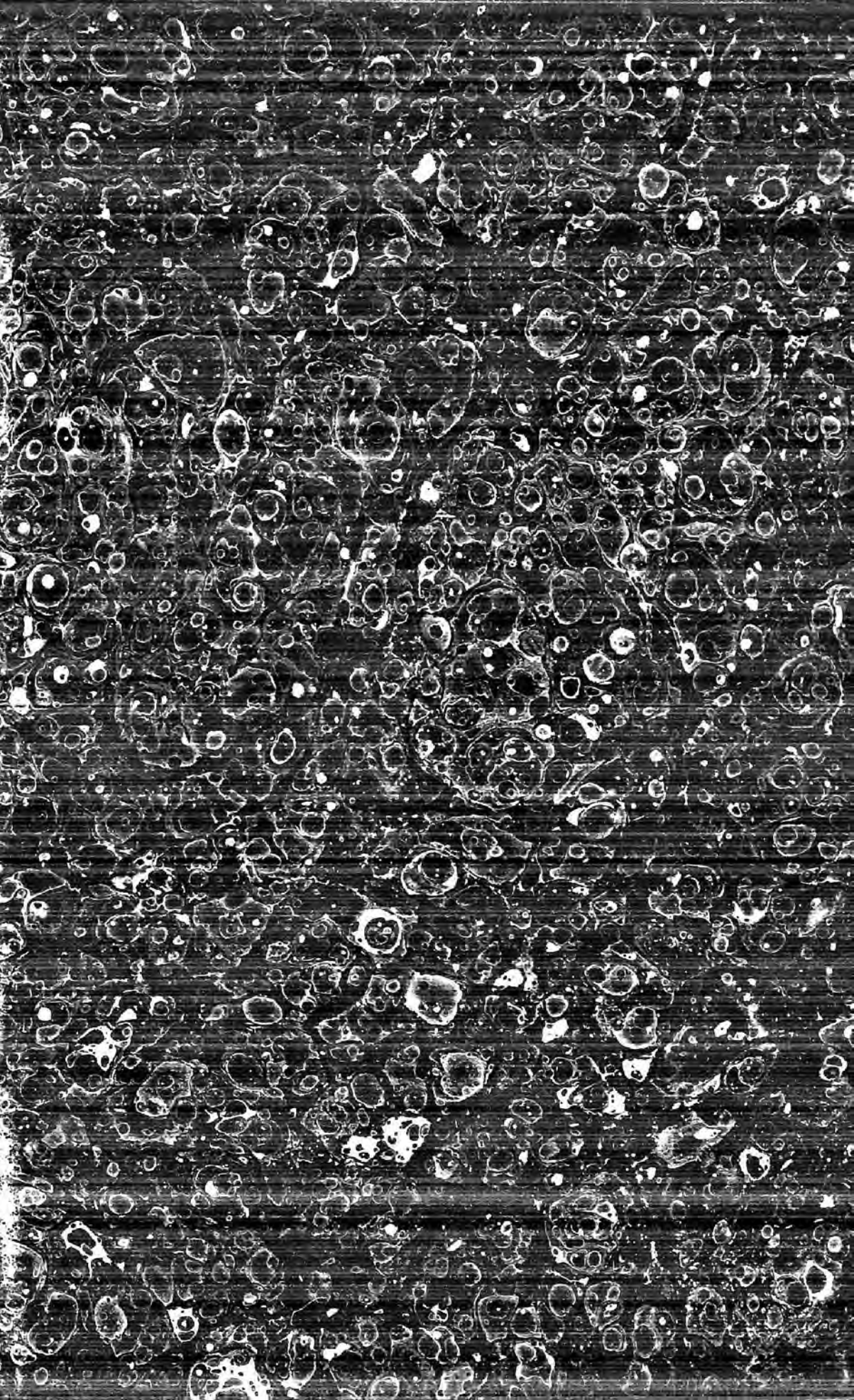




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ANNOUNCEMENT.

IN PRESENTING the first number of *The Springfield Philatelist*, we desire to make a few remarks. In the first place we have come to stay, and we guarantee to fill all subscriptions and contracts. Our subscription rate is only 15 cents per year. To members of the Central Illinois Philatelic Society, and the Philatelic Sons of America only 10 cents per year. As a further inducement, we will give to every yearly subscriber who sends in his money before March 1st, '94, 50 foreign stamps and 50 stamp hinges. How long we will appear in the present form will depend entirely on the amount of support we receive. Hoping that you will favor us with your subscriptions, we are,

Yours for success,

Springfield Philatelist.

The Springfield Philatelist.

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The stamp clerk at the postoffice in this city informs us that only two of the \$5 Columbian stamps have been sold.

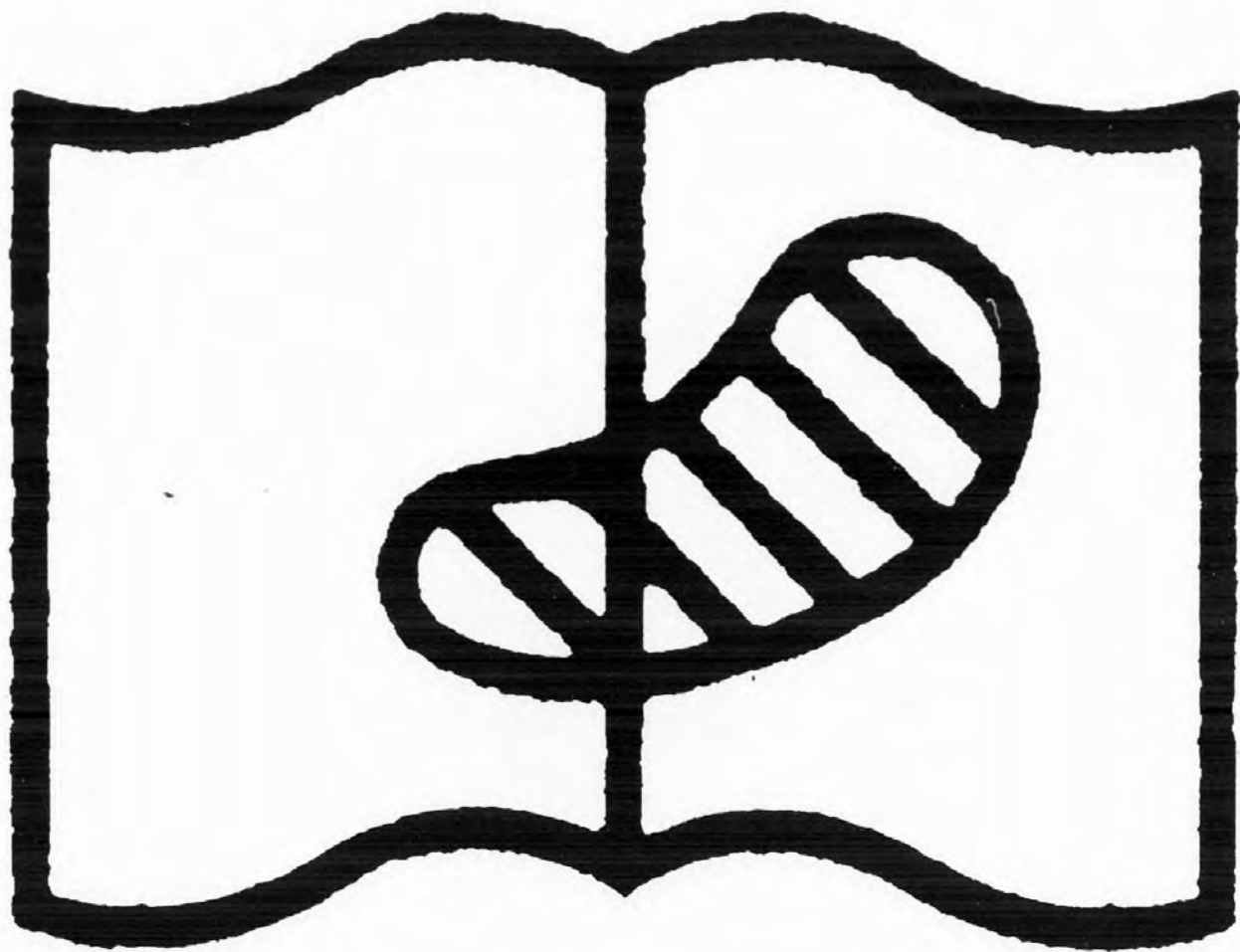
Columbian stamps of all denominations are still on sale here and may be obtained of the publisher at 10 per cent above face value.

We have received the advance pages of "Our Catalogue," which is to be pub-

lished by a syndicate of American dealers. It will contain a full description of every stamp and will give their real market value, and will evidently fill a "long felt want."

The Central Illinois Philatelic Society, a new society, which was organized recently, is essentially a society for Illinois collectors, although any collector may become a member and partake of its benefits. Its officers are as follows: President, W. J. Bliesner; Secretary, S. M. Hamilton; Treasurer, J. W. Miller Schmitt. If you are not already a member, you are cordially invited to join. The dues are only 20c per year and members receive the *Capitol Philatelist* free. Application blanks may be had of the publisher.

The Christmas number of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* exceeds all our expectations, and Mr. Kissinger and his staff of editors are to be congratulated on its fine appearance.



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Springfield Philatelist.

Vol. 1, SPRINGFIELD, ILL. June 1, 1894. No. 2.

POSTAGE STAMP NEWS

A circular has been issued from the British Colonial Office concerning the practice of using "surcharged" postage stamps and the difficulties the postoffices have with stamp collectors and dealers. Wholesale stamp dealers have agents all over the world. When they here there is a limited stock of stamps of a particular value in some outlying place they buy up the stock and ask for more. The colonial officials, to avoid the delay of sending home for fresh supplies print on stamps of different values the figures representing the price of those desired. Such stamps are "surcharges" and are sought for eagerly by collectors. So the dealers buy them also. Some dealers keep small sums deposited all

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Owing to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to appear on the 1st. of April as we expected. However, our next issue will appear on July 1st. and every three months thereafter until further notice.

All stamp collectors in Illinois are requested to correspond with Ed. C. Ives, 1217 E. Monroe St. Springfield Ill., with a view to joining the Central Illinois Philatelic society.

YOUR Name on 25 white envelopes, name in Gummied Directory and our paper 2 months for 15c. Weekly Courier, Painesville, O.

over with local postmasters, with instructions to forward the value of any surcharged stamps whenever issued. Stamp collecting, however, adds considerable revenue to various colonies. Liberia depends largely on receipts from postage stamps which it has beautifully engraved in London for selling to collectors. It is said that Liberia, being unable to give money to a delegate of the Chicago Exposition, gave a large supply of stamps. For every stamp sold in the Cook Islands, probably two hundred are sold abroad. Enough is gained in this way to almost pay the government expenses.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

As an inducement to have you send in your subscription at once, we will give to every person sending us 10c. in 1c. stamps, one years sub. to this paper and 25 foreign stamp mounted on approval sheets.

Keep Your Eye Open!

for the adv. of the **CAPITOL STAMP Co.** which will appear in the next issue. They will be ready for business on July 1st. and will have a **FINE LINE** of **STAMPS** ready mounted on approval sheets, and marked at the **LOWEST** market **PRICES**.

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Springfield Philatelist.

Vol. 1. SPRINGFIELD, ILL. Sept. 1894. No. 3.

Well, here we are again. Better late than never since our last issue, we have engaged a prominent Illinois Philatelist to take charge of the editorial department, and with the support of our friends and patrons we hope to improve with age.

“During the next two months, we wonder if many philatelic papers will take a much needed vacation”-Collector. And we wonder, how many Philatelists will end their long vacation and get their jobs back.

By the time this reaches you, the conventions will be over and everybody will know if their favorite candidates came out on top.

SOMETHING NEW.

“Philatelist of Illinois” is the title of a new Biographical Work now in preparation, and will be out before long. It will contain sketches of the lives of the most prominent collectors in the state. Mr. S. M. Hamilton, of Petersburg, Ill., is the Publisher.

As an inducement to have you send in your subscription at once, we will give to every person sending us 10c for a year's sub., an approval sheet on which is mounted 25 var. foreign stamps.

Mexico will bring out its first issue of pictorial postage stamps in September. The denomination will represent the growth of Mexico's mail service from the mule to the railway.

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REVENUES AGAIN.

S. M. Hamilton.

Whatever may be said by envious politicians, the Congress just closed has not lived its long life in vain. Deep down in the heart of every loyal philatelist (even if you are a republican) there is a silent joy that the party of Jefferson and Cleveland once more came to life, drew a long breath and—never mind the rest.

How be it so ever they resurrected the old internal revenue scheme and simultaneously the revenue stamps.

What is the history of these bits of portraiture which you have treasured up as holy members of the past?

Their work is done but the remembrance of that work shall last forever.

We see a nation struggling for existence. Amid the panics of finances and horrors of war these stamps were issued, as a last resort.

Every sale of which stamps was the contribution of a loyalist's mite to a holy cause. These 'princeless bits' sustained a march to the Sea, fought a battle above the clouds and gained a giant victory at appomatox.

To-day when paralyzed industry appeals for emmanicipation, the little revenue stamp responds.

Mr. H. E. Barker, proprietor of "Barker's Art Store" is the the Springfield agent for the Standard Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo. He has quite a display of stamps and albums in his show windows, which attract a great deal of attention from passers by.

Geo. E. Bryant, the resident vice-president of the S. of P. for Illinois, is organizing a state branch of that society.

A recent editor of "the Chicago Sunday Tribune" devoted a page to important philatelic facts. The cuts of noted collectors and also of rare stamps made an interesting page for collectors.

Sometime ago we read that the city schools of Bloomington were teaming with young philatelists. Come forward, brothers and send in your nickels for a whole years subscription to the "livest Philatelic Paper on earth"

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EDITORIAL.

—◆—

Our exchanges will please send one copy to S. M. Hamilton, Petersburg, Ill.

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In the next issue we will start an exchange column which will be free to subscribers, so send in your subs. and ex. notice.

—◆—

The next issue of this paper will appear on Jan. 1st 1895, and promptly on the 1st. of each month thereafter. Every person who sends in their subscription before that time will receive the paper one year for only five cents. See blank on last page.

TO DEALERS—We desire to call your attention to our next issue which will appear Jan. 1st. 1895. The paper will then be published monthly and as the advertising rates are low we trust you will see fit to favor us with an 'ad.' The following are our terms for next issue only.

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CURIOUS FACTS.

THE tusks of the largest Siberian mammoth ever dug up weighed 869 pounds.

THE cubical extent of water in the ocean is fourteen times that of the land above sea level.

THE largest tree in the world lies broken and petrified at the end of a defile in northwestern Nevada. It is said to be 666 feet long.

A BAT can absorb and digest in one night three times the weight of its own body. Bats never have more than two little ones at a time.

FROM one-eighth to three-quarters of a cord of wood is required to start a fire in a locomotive furnace—the latter amount when hard coal is used.

IN Italy the senate consists of princes of royal blood and an unlimited number of members appointed by the king for life. In 1890 there were 355 members.

A Valuable Client Gone.

First Western Lawyer—A penny for your thoughts.

Second Western Lawyer— I was thinking of Solomon and his three hundred wives. What an amount of divorce business he could have thrown in a man's way!—Puck.

He Was an Artist Nevertheless.

Darry—And you call Brown an artist? Why he can't even draw his salary.

Caler—Yes, but his talent for drawing on his imagination is truly remarkable. He is one of the most gifted liars in town.—Arkansaw Traveler.

A Windfall.

Mother—I have just heard something that you ought to know. Your father tells me that your husband is hopelessly involved.

Married Daughter—Isn't that lovely! Now, maybe, he'll make over all his property to me.—N. Y. Weekly.

NEXT THING TO IT.



McFlanagan (who has traveled)—Waiter, were you ever in Cork?

Waiter—No, sor; but Oi've seen a many dhravin's av it.—Leslie's Weekly.

Some One Told Him So.

She—Do you really think an American ever broke a bank at Monte Carlo?

He—Yes. I have heard of several American bank cashiers who broke their own banks there.—Truth.

AND SO THEY WERE MARRIED

Tom Jynne—So Jamison has been ensnared at last?

Rocquand Righe—Yes; he always was a practical fellow. He could have had any one of a dozen heiresses, but he passed them all by and married a seamstress.

Tom Jynne—And how has their married life turned out?

Rocquand Righe—Oh, sew, sew.—N. Y. World.

She Chose Her Own Language.

In an agony of suspense he knelt at her feet.

"Say yes," he pleaded, "only say yes."

She turned away with a gesture of impatience.

"I must insist," she replied, firmly, "upon being allowed full latitude as to phraseology and choice of words."—Town Topics.

A Practical Consideration.

"What are we to do with the anarchists?" asks the man who studies political economy.

"Why, when they break the law we can put them in the penitentiary."

"Yes, we can do that. But I hate like everything to demoralize the penitentiary."—Washington Star.

Plausible.

Little Johnny—Aunt Julia, what makes those funny spots on your face?

Aunt Julia (who is very freckled)—I believe it's because I have so much iron in my blood; it is only when I have been out in wet weather, though, that they are noticeable.

Little Johnny—Oh, yes; I know! You go out in the weather and the iron in your blood gets rusted.—Puck.

Always Unlucky.

De Tanque—Do you think it's unlucky for thirteen to sit at a table?

Old Soak—I should say so. Why, I was one of thirteen last week, and it wasn't until I sat down that I discovered they were all prohibitionists.—Philadelphia Record.



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No. 5

THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The first year of our society draws to a successful close.

While the number of our members is not large, yet so far as we have gone the purpose of our organization has been accomplished. We have united in "ties that bind," a band of Philatelists living in the grand old Commonwealth of Illinois. The officers of this society are representative philatelists living in every part of the State. They have labored incessantly to unite the collectors of Illinois, and as their first year closes, their brightest hopes seem almost to be realized. Day by day the good work progresses, and time will shape for us a permanent organization.

A series of accidents have prevented our official organ from reaching the members for the past few months. The Springfield Philatelist, however, has come to stay. Its columns are always open to the society's reports, and members may expect it every month.

Among the advantages of being a member of this society (in addition to the benefits of knowing well your neighbor collectors) is our exchange department.

Some members have over five thousand varieties and many valuable duplicates. A monthly auction sale of rare and common stamps will hereafter take place.

There is not a collector in Illinois, in fact, in the U. S., who can afford to miss the opportunity to join, especially when dues are only fifteen (15) cents per annum.

75,000 MILES OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Last year's issue of postage stamps was, in round figures, four thousand million. If these had all been of the Columbian size they would have been sufficient to make a ribbon long enough to encircle the earth three times, with something of a remainder. The postal cards used during the same period, if placed end to end, would put a paper girdle around the earth more than a dozen times.

It may not be generally known that Uncle Sam prints one postage stamp that is not for sale, i. e., the second-class matter stamp. This stamp, new or canceled, never passes out of the hands of the post office officials. Postage on periodicals is prepaid by the pound, in cash, and the receiving clerk cancels these special stamps to the value of the postage thus prepaid, and forwards the canceled stamps to the department as vouchers.—Blue and Gray.

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NOTES.

Contrary to our expectations, we have issued another number this year. The circulation this issue is 1,000 copies. To every person sending in their subscription before Jan. 1st, '95, we will send them this paper one year for only 10 cents.

We notice in one of the daily papers that C. H. Mekeel has been acquitted of the charge of having Columbian stamps cancelled contrary to law.

No lover of philatelic journalism can afford to miss a monthly visit from the Philatelic Review of Reviews.

The Michigan Philatelist, of Coldwater, Michigan, is promised for December 1st. Messrs. Wing, Bailey and Co. are the publishers.

The Philatelic Sun, of Taunton, Massachusetts, contains a good article on "Philatelic Phosphorescence." The Sun's jokes are bright.

The Springfield collectors who are in favor of organizing a local society are requested to leave their names and addresses at Barker's Art Store, 216 South Sixth Street.

A few days ago, we had the pleasure of looking over, what is probably the best collection of stamps in this city. It is the property of Mr. Henry Mischler, and his collection of U. S. General issues is complete, as is also his departments, while he also has about 2500 varieties of foreign stamps, all uncanceled.

Nearly every Sunday paper, and many school journals, contain articles, from time to time, on "Philately."

Stamps, lightly cancelled to order, so as to appear as used specimens, are of no value except in a collection of counterfeits.

If the "Stamp Trust" ever materializes, we may look for either a decline in the selling price or an advance in the catalogue value of stamps. Evidently the scheme is to "freeze out" those dealers not in the combine, or to mark up the catalogues, and thereby increase the value of their stocks in trade.

Old U. S. Stamps bought and sold. Full line of albums, hinges and other stamp collector's supplies. Beginners packets contain twenty assorted U. S. and foreign stamps for five (5) cents. Barker's Art Store, 216 South Sixth Street.—(Adv.)

THE ILLINOIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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Warsaw, Illinois; Ed. C. Ives,
Secretary, Springfield, Illinois;
J. W. Miller Schmitt, Treasurer,
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gan, The Springfield Philatelist.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is a complete list
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2. J. W. Miller Schmitt, Springfield, Ill.
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6. C. I. Cummings, Rockford, Ill.
7. Ellward Wagner, Galesburg, Ill.
8. O. O. Ingersoll, Galesburg, Ill.
9. Tyler Meriweather, Hiram, Ohio.
10. John Sadlier, St. Johns, N. S.
11. Clifford White, Springfield, Ill.
12. G. S. Ingram, Chicago, Ill.
13. V. A. Harmer, Chicago, Ill.
14. L. E. Milligan, Jacksonville, Ill.
15. Geo. Bryant, Chicago.

APPLICATIONS.

E. H. Hamilton, Petersburg, Ill.
Ref., S. M. Hamilton.
J. W. M. Schmitt.
Elmer D. Read, Jacksonville, Ill.
Ref., L. E. Milligan.
J. W. M. Schmitt.

The above applicants will be
admitted to membership on Dec.
1st, 1894, provided no objections
are received by that date.

Illinois collectors will find it
to their interest to join the Illi-
nois Philatelic Society. Appli-
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dressing the Secretary, Ed. C.
Ives, 1217 East Monroe Street,
Springfield, Illinois.

The annual election of officers
will be held next month. The

following nominations have been
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number of THE SPRINGFIELD PHI-
LATELIST. Write your ballot on
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Geo. Bryant, Chicago.

For Sup't of Exchange,
L. E. Milligan, Jacksonville.

For Librarian,
Roy M. Booth, Springfield.

For Auction Manager,
S. M. Hamilton, Petersburg.

For Trustees,
J. W. M. Schmitt, Springfield.
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A copy of the constitution will
be mailed to each member, who
is requested to read and return it
with any comments they may
wish to make on it.

Every member is earnestly re-
quested to send in their vote on
receipt of this paper. Owing to
lack of time the trustees were
unable to have ballots printed,
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The Confederate 5c 1862.

E. R. Aldrich.

There is in a single stamp (if we except the 10c of the same issue) no such opportunity to collect varieties as in the "small five-center" of the Confederacy. The many different shade varieties can be found on each paper and for the lover of minute detail, careful study will undoubtedly show many minor differences not yet discovered. This large range can be no better illustrated than by the fact of the number of specimens exhibited by Mr. C. B. Corwin before the Brooklyn society on January 16, 1889, when 74 specimens of the London print and 84 of the Richmond print were required to elucidate his remarks.

The plates from which these stamps are printed were prepared in London, England, by the well known firm of De La Rue & Co., and the first consignment was probably delivered to the postal authorities of "Dixie Land" early in 1862. The contract with De La Rue & Co. is said to have been made by a Mr. Ben Ficklin, a blockade runner, who also probably attended to the delivery.

It has never been possible as yet to fix the exact date of issue, although somewhere between Apr. 1st and May 1st, 1862, is approximately correct. The earliest post-marked specimen I have met with is June 7th, 1862, but Mr. Corwin reports one dated May 6th, 1862, and I have seen one which

has conjecturally been assigned to 1862, but the post mark reads merely April 24, and may perchance be a year later.

The first variety of this stamp is what is known as "London" print, being printed at the establishment of the engravers. This variety is printed on hard glazed paper and can be readily distinguished by feeling greasy if the finger be drawn lightly across the paper. In single specimens it is somewhat more common than the "Richmond" print, but in cancelled pairs it is more seldom found than the latter.

Fearing that the blockade might be drawn so closely as to prevent the importation of supplies, the department determined to bring over plates for local use, and accordingly three plates are said to have been shipped, but which were thrown overboard by the agent, the vessel on which they were carried being captured near Wilmington, N. C., by a United States cruiser, but a further shipment of one plate successfully ran the blockade, and from this were taken the so-called "Richmond print" variety. They are printed on rough, woven paper, the impression being exceedingly rough and showing inferior workmanship. When this print was first offered to the public is as much a mystery as of the first variety, the oldest specimen known to Major Evans is January 13th, 1863, although Mr. Corwin has, I understand, found one as early as December 20th, 1862, and also possesses a specimen seemingly of the rough print, but on glazed

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THE *Canadian Philatelist* sounds a key-note when it suggests the organization of a philatelic press association. We wonder how such a good idea has so long remained undeveloped. Second the motion.

Notes and Comments.

Hon. Frank H. Jones, First Assistant Postmaster General, has presented the Springfield (Ill.) Public Library with a complete set of proofs of the adhesive stamps of the United States, including all the departments. Mr. Brice, the librarian, has had them neatly mounted in albums and they are now on exhibition at the City Hall.

Hamilton's biographical work, "Philatelists of Illinois," is full of good reading. No Illinois philatelist should leave it out of his library.

The new issue of U. S. stamps are a good thing for the manufacturers of mucilage, as, wherever stamps are on sale, a bottle of mucilage must also be furnished for the convenience of the suffering public.

From direct communication with the Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General, Madison Davis, we received the information that the color of the new \$2 stamp is sapphire and the \$5 gray-green. These are of the 1894 issue, and are being prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.—*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

The "American Philatelist" year book for 1894 is an excellent publication and much credit is due to Mr. J. D. Rice and the Literary Board of the American Philatelic Association for its fine appearance. It contains, exclusive of all advertisements, ninety pages of interesting matter regarding the American Philatelic Association. The printing was done by the Mekeel Company.

A philatelic editor cannot be too careful in his utterances. Not long ago the editor of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" stated in his publication that "Messrs. Harry Hilckes had purchased the stock and good will of Messrs. Benjamin & Sarpy," while, in fact, he had only purchased a private stock of one of the partners. As a result, Messrs. Benjamin & Sarpy brought suit against Mr. William Brown, publisher of the "Philatelic Journal of America," and he was compelled to pay costs, apologize and recall the issue of the paper in which the damaging notice appeared.—J. W. M. S.

Chicago Notes.

The department stamps, surcharged "specimen," and the U. S. 1847 issue of government counterfeits are having an inning in Chicago just now, and there is a pronounced demand for them at fair prices.

Chicago is the largest market for Columbian stamps in the world. Some of the dealers here have stocks the immensity of

which cannot well be described. The Columbian issue was a veritable boon to local dealers.

One of the most magnificent collections of U. S. stamps ever disposed of to a dealer was a purchase involving a large outlay of money made by the United States Stamp and Coin Exchange recently.

Chicago Branch No. 1, P. S. of A., will resume its monthly meetings this winter, and it is expected that the prosperity of this organization will eclipse that of all the other local societies during the season of philatelic activity.

There are in Chicago several lots of stamps containing tens of thousands of specimens of all sorts, which were gathered by non-philatelic individuals, that are eyed greedily by the dealers here.

The engagement of Mr. E. B. Power, prominent in local stamp circles, to Miss G. Hansen, is announced. Mr. Power, by the way, is the latest accession to the ranks of the local dealers.

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A. L. DOHERTY.

Jacksonville Notes.

The collectors of Jacksonville have taken very little interest in philatelic matters outside of the city, but we are by no means dead; we have only been "lyin' low," like Br'er Rabbit.

This ancient city contains many treasures in the stamp line, some of which are owned by the collectors here, but by far the greater number are still in the possession of inaccessible "hair trunks." An unused 5-cent St. Louis was found here several years ago and it is probably the only unused specimen of this rare stamp in existence.

At the last meeting of the local Philatelic Society a beautiful pair of 5-cent New Yorks on the original letter were shown. Their only cancellation was the initials of the New York postmaster in red ink, so that practically they are unused. This pair and two single stamps of the same variety were found in one lot last summer in this city.

Mr. C. W. Alexander, the city librarian, is probably the most thorough philatelist we have. He specializes in U. S. revenue and envelope stamps. His collection of the former, besides being nearly complete, is especially valuable, as it contains several uncatalogued varieties.

The ignorance concerning stamp matters of the postoffice officials in some of the smaller cities is often amusing. The other day I asked the postmaster here for a package of the ladies' size of postal cards. When he had searched some time unsuccessfully I suggested that the stamps were blue. Then, after a few moments further search, he triumphantly produced a package of

the blue cards for foreign use. Our postmaster is a fairly intelligent man, but he couldn't tell the difference between a 1-cent and a 2-cent postal card.

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The annual dues are now due and payable and members are earnestly requested to forward their dues at once to the Secretary.

Notes on Rarities.

By E. R. Aldrich.

If it is a genuine provisional, the specimen of the Hawaii sold in the tenth Albrecht sale is one of the greatest rarities in existence. "5" is surcharged in red ink on the rare 13c vermilion of 1853. As the cancellation is pronounced genuine by experts, the chances are largely in favor of the authenticity of the stamp.

Among the rare uncatalogued stamps can be mentioned the 5c yellow 1875 issue of Luxemburg. An unsevered pair changed hands in New York in May, 1893.

Of excessive rarity are the Philipines 1859 5c vermilion on laid paper. Very few specimens are known to exist.

A dangerous forgery of the New Brunswick shilling exists on thin wove paper. Purchasers of this stamp should submit any specimen offered them to an expert.

The 1850 issue of New South Wales, commonly known as the Sydney views, can be found on four distinct kinds of paper: (1) hard bluish paper, (2) hard grayish white paper, (3) soft yellowish paper, and (4) ribbed paper.

Japanese Stamps.

Japan, the nation whose progress in civilization we are just beginning to realize, has an excellent postal system, which might be envied by some nations that plume themselves on their higher civilization. The "Yankees of the Orient" were among the first of Asiatic nations to avail them-

selves of the utility of the post-office. In 1871 postoffices were established in every large city in Japan, and stamps issued for the prepayment of postage on letters and parcels. Subsequently, in 1875, a set of stamped envelope were issued. The first adhesives were 48 mon, brown; 100 mon, blue; 200 mon, vermillion, and 500 mon, on woven paper. This issue was also printed on laid paper. The wove paper issue is now quite rare. The first envelope issue consisted of 1 sen, blue; 2 sens, yellow; 4 sens, rose, and 6 sens, brown. The design was the same as that of the 1871 adhesives. The next year another set was in use. They were the same as the preceding, except that the inscription in the center was 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 means, literally, mail ticket. Hoki means, literally, a skin or covering.

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 left hand corner, and the name and address of a person is written from top to bottom.—*Golden Days.*

An Error of the 1894 2c U. S.

I received, while buying some stamps at the postoffice the other day, a block of twenty of the 2c

1894 gummed on the printed side of the stamps, while the back of the stamps were ungummed. Upon inquiry I found that these were the only ones that the clerk remembered of selling and that there were no more of them in the office. I think that these might be considered as a government error and if these are the only specimens in existence (and I think they are) they will be quite rare. I would be pleased to receive any comments on them from brother collectors.

J. W. MILLER SCHMITT,
Springfield, Ill.

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The Confederate 2c 1862.

paper, used at Spartenburg, N. C., on Oct. 27th, 1862.

The ink looks muddy and is usually, but not always, of a darker shade than the smooth paper specimens. Owing to a change in the postal rates (single rate being advanced from 5c to 10c) cancelled specimens of this local print are nearly always found in pairs. Two hundred stamps were printed at a time, each sheet consisting of two panels of 100 separated by a wide center margin.

The stamp is said to have been counterfeited by one Upham in Philadelphia, either during war time or immediately after, but no specimen of this counterfeit exists. A rough wood-engraved impression was afloat a few years ago when packets of "faked" Confederate stamps were being placed upon the market, but Earee notes the only dangerous one and fortunately, as he remarks, this counterfeit is seldom met with and can be distinguished by the beak-like appearance of the nose.

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The Problem of the Hour.

By John Deveraux Kirke.

The universal topic of discussion in philatelic circles thus far this year has been the remarkable action of the U. S. Government in confiscating stocks of stamp albums, as containing illegal imitations of foreign stamps. The unexpectedness of the step, combined with the arbitrary spirit displayed by the government emissaries, has naturally caused much uneasiness all over the country.

Most readers probably know by this time the details of the affair; these can, therefore, be disposed of briefly. Suffice it to say, for the benefit of those unacquainted with the facts of the case, that late in December, Mr. Rothfuchs and several other Washington dealers, were visited by Secret Service men and their stocks of illustrated albums confiscated, on the plea that the cuts contained therein were a violation of the law, and that all similar albums were to be seized by the Treasury Department. The news of this event, spread broadcast by the daily papers, of course created an immense sensation among both stamp dealers and stamp collectors. It was rumored that New York and St. Louis would next be visited by the vandals of the Secret Service, and all stamp albums and catalogues found in

their boundaries would be declared "forfeited to the crown," and the crusade, once commenced, would sweep the entire land with unexampled violence and despoil dealers and collectors everywhere. Just how wide a confiscation or on what exact basis was contemplated is not known, for, fortunately, the officers were dissuaded from preceeding at once with further measures, and the illustrated album can rejoice over a temporary truce.

Immediately upon receipt of news of the Washington seizures, the Mekeel and Scott companies, the two principal album makers in America, and therefore the parties most interested in the matter, sent attorneys to Washington to argue the case before the authorities, and show them that the illustrating of stamp albums was a practice devoid of harm, whose suppression would be a great hardship to all philatelists. This the attorneys partially succeeded in doing. At least album makers and album sellers have been given permission to dispose of the stocks of catalogues and albums at present on hand.

But the government goes no farther. It will not allow illustrations in the future. Though it concedes to album makers the right to dispose of illustrated al-

bums already printed, it forbids the making of any such illustrated editions hereafter.

This incomprehensible attitude on the part of the government is awakening grave apprehensions in the most thoughtful of our cult. The most clear-sighted see that the loss of the right to use illustrations in our literature will be a serious matter. Without illustrations of the stamps described, how will the stamp album, the stamp catalogue and the stamp magazine teach us as much as they do now? Descriptive matter is, at best, vague and unnecessarily tedious; and to describe a stamp lucidly is, as everyone who has ever tried it knows, a matter of considerable difficulty. We can pour over a page of text, minutely describing each feature of some newly issued specimen, for hours, and yet obtain a far less clear idea of the stamp's actual appearance than a momentary glance at a cut of it would give. Illustrations facilitate the scientific study of Philately; illustrations simplify the identification in album or catalogue of unknown specimens; illustrations add to the interest of the reading matter in our magazines. In fact the prohibition of all illustrations of postage stamps in albums, catalogues and kindred works, would not only be an inconvenience and a hardship, but a serious blow to philatelic progress.

How shall that blow be warded off? In two ways only. Either

the government authorities must be convinced by the use of logical argument that their position is untenable, and that their recent action was an injustice; or the law under whose provisions the action was taken must be amended. The latter course is, to my mind, the most feasible. Already all the eloquence at the command of the legal representatives of the two great stamp companies mentioned above have failed to move the "moguls" of the Treasury Department from their original position; and it seems unlikely that any amount of remonstrance would open their eyes to the injustice and folly of their ruling. But it should be no difficult matter to induce some friendly Congressman to present a bill amending the law in satisfactory fashion. And were this done, the number of votes controlled by philatelists would doubtless inspire in the breasts of Washington politicians sufficient respect for the measure to insure its passage. Certainly something must be done, and that quickly, or the threatened death of postage stamp illustrations will become a reality.

Swamped.

From the *Chicago Tribune* we learn the facts in the Edna R. Brown million stamp matter. The postmaster at Zanesville, Ill., where she lives, gets only \$250 per year for handling the avalanche of mail which she receives daily. One day it was 17,000 pieces and the daily average is about 8,000. It is said that Miss Edna has long since passed the three million mark.

Iowa Items.

By E. M. Richmond.

The new organization, the National Philatelic Society, which was founded in the Hawkeye State on Aug. 28, 1894, and is officered by Iowa collectors, has already seventy-eight members and bids fair to be the society of the future.

There is a great scramble among Iowa collectors to obtain the 30 and 50c Postage Due, bright claret, the new varieties, and nearly every large postoffice in the State has been visited, but with indifferent success.

Iowa is at last represented by a first class philatelic magazine, and under the able editorial management of Mr. Quackenbush, the *Philatelic Review of Reviews* will surely place its name upon the pinnacles of journalistic fame.

It is perhaps not generally known that Herr von Furary has an agent in the U. S., whom he employs at a large salary to travel and pick up specimens for his collection. He recently visited Calmar, Ia., and picked up a lot of 5c 1874 envelopes at the postoffice.

I recently had quite a chat with Mr. Rolfe, traveling agent for the Iowa Union Telephone Company, and found him a veritable encyclopædia of philatelic information. His collection was begun in Germany, when he was six years of age, and now numbers over 15,000 varieties, including the U. S. nearly complete. I had a glimpse of a few of his varieties, which include the period-

icals complete, with exception of the \$24, the dollar value states, and others equally as good. He informs me that he recently purchased the \$60 newspaper at a country postoffice for \$15.

I also received a short visit from Mr. R. M. Bettsworth, of Cedar Rapids, and Mr. Louis Kramer, of Elkader, who were out working up the N. P. S., of which Mr. B. is Secretary. I found them both very pleasant gentlemen and only regretted that their stay was curtailed by the arrival of the hog train, upon which they were to leave.

An Iowa collector, who was recently taken in by a N. Y. dealer, gives vent to his feelings thusly:

"Twenty little reprints
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Mr. E. B. Jones, of Ruthven, intends publishing a check list of all philatelic publications, in the near future. Such a work by so well-known an authority will be of inestimable value.

Every one is clamoring for U. S. revenues and the demand far exceeds the supply. In fact it is becoming impossible to obtain the rarer perforated varieties at any price.

Speaking of revenues it is claimed that varieties have been found on ribbed paper, but I am inclined to think that they were used upon ribbed paper and received their impression therefrom.

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THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST appears for the second time under the new management, greatly improved. "Improvement is the order of the age," and THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST is up with the times.

Subscribers will always find the latest news in our columns; advertisers, a good medium.

Our columns are always open for discussions on philatelic subjects. We want more correspondents all over the world.

Philatelic editors may take warning and not tread on the coat-tails of His High Cockalorum, C. H. Mekeel. Mr. Mekeel's experience in courts reminds one that—

"Seen too oft

Familiar with its face

We first endure, then pity,

Then embrace."

Exchanges will please send one copy to S. M. Hamilton, Petersburg, Ill., one to the publishers at Springfield, Ill.

Any careful observer will readily see by looking over our columns, that it is our aim to place into the hands of our subscribers valuable reading matter every month. In order to do this we have employed some of the best writers the country affords.

Postal card collectors would do well to correspond with us. We have a large lot for sale at a bargain. Valuable for curiosities and bearing the inscription: "Please send me a sample copy."

"Not dead but sleepeth." As the *Penssy* informed us that the *Collector* was soon to be placed 'neath the sod, etc., imagine our surprise when the *Collector* came into our sanctum. R. M. Miller is at the helm, and the members of the S. of P. may rest assured that their official organ is beyond the "moral suasion" of the P. S. of A. boss.

Our March number will contain articles by the most prominent writers. Among them are H. C. Beardsley, Will M. Randall, E. H. Wilkinson, Col. Lector and others. Send in your dimes and read the best reading our hobby affords. And all this, twelve times, for ten cents. THE SPRINGFIELD PHILETALIST is a world beater.

We would call your attention to the article on the first page by John Deveraux Kirke. It is a meritorious production and the writer is one of philately's shining lights.

Among the needed reforms none is more often written about than an organization against frauds. Perhaps the best solution would be to form a plan similar to the Mercantile Agency. Any plan would be acceptable which in the prosecution of frauds would bring about quick results—like an ad. in THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST.

Notes and Comments.

We have received a copy of Davison's Philatelic Concordance Address Book," which is everything that the publishers claim for it. Besides giving the names and addresses of over 4,000 active stamp collectors, it also has a glossary of foreign terms translated into English and a philat-

telic concordance, which last is of great benefit to both old and young collectors.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News issued a very creditable twelve page edition on the occasion of its fourth birthday.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., of New York, have issued a little pamphlet entitled "How to Collect, From the Beginning Up." It will be very useful to young collectors.

That we are improving with age, any one who has received our two previous issues can easily see. The fact is, we have come to stay, and we are going to keep improving until we have reached that point where further improvement is impossible. We have secured the services of some of the best known writers of the day to contribute to our columns, and our readers may be sure of something good each month.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the withdrawal of Mr. Ed C. Ives from all matters philatelic. Mr. Ives been collecting for about four years and during that time has accumulated quite a collection of stamps. He formerly published the *Capital Philatelist*, which was the official organ of the I. P. S., but owing to circumstances over which he had no control he was forced to discontinue its publication. It is our belief that Mr. Ives has forsaken the shrine of the "Goddess Philatelia" for that of some other young lady of this city who possesses greater attractions. How-

ever, we will hope that Ed will some day take up stamp collecting with greater zeal than ever before.

An eight page and cover philatelic paper, contributed to by the foremost authors of the day, for the nominal price of ten cents cents per year. That is what you have in *THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST*. But it may not always be so cheap, so you had better send in your dimes (it will neither make nor break you) at once.

We had the pleasure of meeting and looking over the collection of Mr. F. S. Belden, of Chicago, not long ago. Mr. Belden's collection consists of about 8,000 well selected varieties and is mounted in a Mekeel album. His collection of U. S. revenues (perforated) is complete, and the unperforated issues lack but a few specimens to make them complete also. Mr. Belden travels about a great deal and therefore has many opportunities to pick up good stamps.

J. W. MILLER SCHMITT.

Gossip at Random.

By Ed H. Wilkinson.

The latest thing to create a furor in philatelic circles, is the confiscation of all illustrated stamp albums and catalogues, on the grounds that the illustrations violate some law regarding counterfeiting. The position the Mekeel Company has taken in this is not that of a majority of collectors. They state that the suppression of the printing of these illustrations will not cause any disad-

vantage to collectors. But it will, their statement being erroneous. It is an undisputed fact that these cuts are of far greater assistance to the embryo, or even semi-advanced collector, in placing his stamps and in pricing them than the most complete technical description can ever be. It is to be hoped that Uncle Sam's objections will soon be overcome.

Persons are frequently heard to complain that return postal cards they send out do not return to them, owing to their being utilized for other purposes. The remedy for this has been found, and lost as soon as discovered. The scheme was to surround the address on the reply portion with a large border, thus precluding any one from writing any other address on the card, the space around the printed address being occupied by the border. This circumvents the using of this portion of the card for other than sending it to the person from whom the entire card emanated, and whose address appears on this, the reply portion. Unfortunately, the law forbidding the placing of anything but the address on the face of the postal applies in this instance.

Apropos of the gum on our new stamps, the following is good, though not entirely original. A gentleman recently received a letter from some wag, and, as is often the case, the stamp had become detached from the envelope. In the space previously occupied

by the stamp appeared the words, "Paid, if the — thing sticks."

Why is it our Catalogue takes no notice of the U. S. document revenues perforated at top and bottom only? Most revenue collectors deem them worthy of attention. They undoubtedly exist in this condition and are certainly as legitimate as the ones perforated at sides only, which are given in this Catalogue.

Anent the new issue of our periodical stamps, recently announced, it will behove collectors to fill up their sets of the present issue before they become scarce. These stamps are dissimilar from most U. S. stamps in the fact that they have not shown any marked advance in price since they were first issued. Indeed, the majority of catalogues issued in the last few years show no alteration in their valuations of them since their advent.

What seems to be very scarce stamps in this country are the issues of Great Britain surcharged "Govt. Parcels." A number of large collections recently viewed by the writer did not have them. A western dealer received a lot of fifty from his English correspondent. He had them all disposed of in about two weeks, selling only one to each customer. It is not the price that makes a stamp scarce. It is the supply and demand.

Some extensive holders of Columbians seem to have become very anxious to unload a part of their stock, to judge from both

used and unused specimens that are being offered. The situation of one western speculator especially, is not to be envied. He has nearly a thousand dollars tied up in these stamps. It is not unusual to see all but the one dollar value offered at face or a slight per cent. above by dealers who wish to get rid of the superfluous stock.

Peoria Notes.

By Col. Lector.

The Mekeel vs. Jewett libel case promises to be of some little interest in philatelic circles, particularly to U. S. specialists. Besides other little things of note it may have to prove the authenticity of the error of the 5c, 1890.

It hardly seems possible to us that such an error could occur in the process of making stamps at the present time, specially in a quarter of a sheet; however, it may be a genuine error. We have not heard that collectors were rushing after them at the present low (?) price of \$30 each, nor do we foresee an immediate corner in these stamps.

The competition in U. S. postage dues, 30 and 50c, have brought so many specimens on the market that prices seem a little shaky, and an immediate rise in prices is not perceptible, unless it be on paper (Scott's 55th catalogue for instance). We doubt very much if these stamps would bring Scott's 55th prices, in open auction sale, and auction prices are the truest quotations on stamps.

The manner in which the 1894 stamps are put through the perforating machine is evidence of considerable carelessness, apparently, as badly perforated sheets are very prevalent. A well centered specimen of this issue is considerably harder to obtain than one of the 1890 set.

I recently saw some specimens of the 2c unused, where the space between the stamps for the perforation was entirely untouched on one side, and the perforation out into the next stamp fully 2 ems.

There was some talk of organizing a P. S. of A. branch in this city next fall. We ought to be able if the collectors will stick together. Perhaps we can induce the "Celestial City" of Pekin to contribute some philatelists.

I judge that Scott's 55th catalogue is not well distributed as yet, as their agents here have had their order in for some time, but have not yet received them.

There is a gentleman living here, who was formerly a collector, who is the owner of a 3c black U. S. 1861 type, unused, perforated and a beautiful specimen altogether. He has four of them which his father obtained from the postmaster of a small place some years ago. It is needless to say that the gentleman who owns the stamp has more than one prospective purchaser if he cares to sell the stamp.

Some of the collectors here had the pleasure of a call from Mr. S. E. Kirk, of Muskegon, Mich.

He has a very fine collection of U. S. well mounted. He is a genial, sociable and enthusiastic philatelist.

By the absorption of the A. P. D. and C. A., the Philatelic Sons of America reached the 1,000 mark in the membership roll. This is remarkable for a philatelic society so young, and the fact of a rapidly increasing membership speaks for itself.

I would advise every stamp collector who is well along in stamp collecting and philatelic knowledge, to join the American Philatelic Association.

There is a great national organization for the rest of the collectors, and whether a beginner, or whether he belongs to the great middle class, or even an advanced philatelist, he will undoubtedly be greatly benefited by joining the P. S. of A. The dues are 25 cents per year with an initiation fee of ten cents. Mr. F. M. Runstettler, 308 Green street, or Mr. W. B. Murray, 506 North Elizabeth street, both of Peoria, Ill., will be glad to forward you an application blank.

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The above will be admitted March 1 if no objections are received.

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Election.

Mr. Ed C. Ives, having withdrawn from the society, and therefore from the office of President, Mr. Ellwood Wagoner has been appointed to act as President pro. tem. and a special election is hereby called to elect a successor to Mr. Ives for his unexpired term. As he was also a trustee, a new trustee will also be elected. Nominations for these two offices should be sent to the Chairman of Trustees before Feb. 20, and the election will close on March 20. List of nominations will appear in the March number of this paper and the result of the election will be announced in the April number. Ballots will be prepared and sent out by the Trustees before the election.

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WHY I COLLECT STAMPS.

My treasures! Oh, my treasures!

I sing of thee in rythmical measures.

The thought, at death we must part,

Is surely enough to break my heart.

Mayhap you, gentle reader, will pardon my weak attempt at verse.

Oftimes have I wondered and reasoned with myself why so many persons are addicted to the collecting of stamps. My many attempts have never succeeded in solving this problem.

True, there is much pleasure in collecting stamps, but why pay out cold cash for little bits of paper? Why not collect lithographs, pasters, pictures, bits of different kinds of paper or the like, where no value is attached or money expended? When you ponder hours and weeks trying to analyze and place a single stamp, do you call that pleasure?

Are you in Philately for profit only? If this latter be the case, you cannot be termed a Philatelist. A person may in after years quit collecting, yet is doubtful whether they make much of an effort to sell his collection. It is is very unlikely when they embarked on the sea of timbrophily they did it for profit.

Taking the high prices some stamps sell at as a *point d'appui*, one will at once see the utter impossibility of getting a complete collection. In fact, it is doubtful if they ever amass a fairly credit-

able collection of stamps. Notwithstanding all of Philately's drawbacks, many are continually rushing into our ranks, and those who were one time prominent and active Philatelists, and have gone through shot and shell, and laid down their collections, are again joining the army of timbrology. Why is it?

Philately may be likened to love. Like a feeling of amorousness, Philately sweetly sinks its coils into us, and we cannot, or will not, shake it off. It has a steadfast grip on us and "we don't care if it has."

Every new year sees us growing. Who would have predicted fifty years ago that Philately would be as it is to-day? If anyone would have been bold enough to make such a prediction, who would have believed him? Will Philately correspondingly increase during the next half century, or has the culminating point been reached and henceforth Philately will wane, is a serious question. It is true there will be no hair trunks and old boxes of letters, and what will the almost unobtainable stamps now, be worth then? I am of the opinion that the star Philately will never wane as long as the earth moves and the sun shines.

Perhaps Philately is larger and better represented than any other class. We have more representa-

tive and larger stamp journals. Our columns are not filled with puzzle nonsense, nutshell stories, trashy advertisements and the like. We do not offer impossible inducements to get subscribers. Taking our Philatelic Societies, are not the dues smaller, and the advantages greater than any similar society? Aside from the direct benefit derived from the societies, is not the world continually offering special inducements to society members? I must again repeat that Philately is a wondrous craft.

We have our societies, auctions, catalogues, books and clear and clean literature—unexcelled, almost, in point of excellency.

From fairly reliable sources we learn there are about 650,000 active stamp collectors in the United States, and I know I am safe in saying there are 350,000 who were at one time Philatelists. I consider this is not an over-sanguine estimate. In other words, one person in every sixty-six is addicted to stamp collecting. Think of it!

There is a belief among the ignorant that stamp collecting numbers only men and boys. Not so! We have many prominent, as well as large collectors of stamps who are ladies and girls.

So much mention of the members of the royalty as Philatelists, has tended very much to incense the liberty-loving Americans against our pursuit. While these writers are probably not aware of it, they are nothing more or less, in one sense, than pessimists.

Why am I a Philatelist, is a hard question to answer. I believe I got my first start when I obtained a 10 cent cancelled stamp. After I had it, my desire for more was so great that I ransacked the house for stamps. Then I formed the acquaintance of a prominent Philatelist and got much information from him. My first collection was lost, but I started out again and hope I shall never forsake the ranks. I was once tempted to do so, but persevered, and am now indeed very glad of it.

What is there, dear reader, attractive about Philately for you? Could you lay down your collection to-morrow and forsake the ranks? I think not. Does not something unforeseen enamor you to your stamps so dearly, that it would be almost impossible to part with them? If you could screw your courage up to the parting point, do you think you could ever, forever, remain away? If you dispose of your collection now, are you sure you will never rue the day?

The Government, it is true, has set down on us by stopping the representation of stamps, but can we not outlive this injustice? Again, will not blank albums look almost as nice anyway? We can have our old catalogues to refer to.

This article is especially dedicated to some of my Philatelic friends who are contemplating seriously forsaking Philately. Think twice. E. QUERE PHILMAN.

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CONCERNING CANCELLATIONS.

By Eustace B. Power.

The study of cancellation, hitherto only very slightly touched upon, if at all, by the more general class of collector has from all appearances been taken up somewhat more enthusiastically of late and as a means of detection from fraud it would seem to be especially useful. The value of a stamp as a general rule is not altered in the eyes of a collector by the differences in cancellation, nevertheless it is true that certain obliterations are more highly prized than others. The second, third, and fourth issues of France command a far better value with square dot cancellation containing an anchor in the center than those with either a circular cancellation or the dots *minus* the anchor.

Again not long ago by order of the Governor in council the deficiency of stamps in Saint Kitts was remedied by a supply being brought from Antigua and used there, and there is no way to determining which were used in Antigua and which in Saint Kitts except by the cancellation, which bears a different number for each island—hence an Antigua red penny cancelled A02 is worth only 50 cents, but cancelled A12 (the Saint Kitts cancellation) it is worth ten times that amount.

As a factor in enhancing values the cancellation is a potent part. What, for instance, is a Chilian revenue, or in fact any revenue, worth without a genuine cancellation? This fact has unfortun-

ately been intimated to obliging postal authorities, and unless upon the original cover or good evidence that the specimen *was* once upon an original cover, collectors would do well to shun the numerous fiscal frauds that seem to be circulating around us; it was only the other day that Mr. Huber, President of the C. P. S., showed me a dangerous forged cancellation on a shilling revenue of Dominica, the only point that threw the specimen peremptorily from consideration being the fact that the cancellation was A02 when it should have been A07, in addition to which the cancellation of the genuine has three bars at each end and the forgery four. To reach a climax in the cancellation question, just obtain two fair specimens of a "split" Nova Scotia sixpence, offer one that has no postmark running out upon the cover to a prospective purchaser together with one that has a fine "gridiron" cancellation over the stamp and running well onto the original cover, and as Bill Nye says, "just watch."

IOWA ITEMS.

By E. M. Richmond

Iowa may not be a leader among the States as regards the number of collectors, but she is certainly one of the foremost in the scarcity of philatelic frauds. In fact I do not recall a single instance during the past ten years.

There does not seem to be any great scarcity of the 30c and 50c Dues at present, and at least a

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this number, the entire control and management of this paper is again assumed by the undersigned, as Mr. S. M. Hamilton has been forced by ill health to sever his connection with this paper.

However, the philatelic public may rest assured that THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST will continue to improve in the future as it has done in the past. Thanking our patrons for past favors and soliciting a continuance of the same, I am, yours truly,

J. W. MILLER SCHMITT.

While in Jacksonville the other day, we had the pleasure of looking over two valuable collections. One was the property of Mr. C. W. Alexander, the city librarian. His revenues and U. S. envelopes are nearly complete. The other collection was that of Mr. L. E. Milligan, which numbers about 5000 varieties. Among Mr. Milligan's oddities are three of the two cent carmine 1890 variety,

with the cap on the right hand. These are the first of this variety that we have ever heard of.

If every subscriber to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* receives as many copies as we do, we think that their boasted circulation amounts to very little. Of the twelve page edition of January 3, we received in addition to the copy for which we subscribe, no less than four sample copies; and every issue since then we have received one extra copy and sometimes two or three.

The *Rocky Mountain Philatelist* is a new aspirant for philatelic honors, hailing from Denver, Col., and if the publishers keep up the standard of their initial number, they will undoubtedly meet with success.

An eight page and cover philatelic paper for 10c a year. Did you ever see the like! If you have not already sent in your subscription, you had better do so at once, as after April 1, 1895, the subscription rate to this paper will be advanced to 20c per year and even then it will be cheap. It's a good thing; push it along.

The membership roll of the Illinois Philatelic Society is increasing, slowly but surely. Every Illinois collector should be a member. The Exchange Department, under the efficient management of L. E. Milligan, is now in full working order and members desiring to receive stamps from the department should cor-

respond with him. If you are not already a member of this society and are an Illinois collector, do not delay in sending to the Secretary for an application blank. The dues are only 15c per year and you get as many benefits from it as you do from any of the national societies.

The National Philatelic Society, organized in Iowa, Aug. 28, 1894, has changed its name as there already existed another society bearing that name. It is now known as the "League of American Philatelists." Louis J. Kramer, President; A. C. Hagensick, Secretary, Elkader, Iowa.

A WORD ABOUT RUSSIAN LOCAL STAMPS

The question has been raised of late as to the eligibility of these stamps to a place in our albums. They seem to be so very little understood.

I have made it a point for some time past to gather all the information I possibly could, though that was meagre enough, as there seems to be very little information to be had.

I discarded them some time ago, some six or eight years ago, from my collection. In my opinion their issue is really by persons interested not in philately's, but in their pocketbook's behalf.

The strangest thing about them and one which can be most easily used as an argument against them and a good argument it is, too, is the fact that though the official decree authorizing their use was not issued from St. Petersburg

until 1870, when an order authorizing the establishment and maintenance of rural post offices and the use of stamps for the rural districts was promulgated, with the provision that the stamp should be of such a design that they could not under any circumstances be mistaken for the Imperial stamps. Yet there are certain stamps claiming to have been issued some two or three years previous to this date.

The queer designs on the stamps are easily accounted for by the provisions of the decree.

I have seen it stated somewhere, I can't remember where, but I remember it was by an authority, that at least 90 per cent of the stamps never saw Russia at all, but came from the establishment of well-known German stamp dealers. Well, considering this to be so, what a pleasure it would be collecting stamps that only one in ten could be accepted as genuine. The uselessness of such a thing is too apparent, and I think it keeps most of our collectors from wasting their time on these labels.

If you want to collect something just as interesting, why not collect American Postmarks on different color papers. They are genuine anyway.

HERBERT CRANE BEARDSLEY.

NOTES FROM NEBRASKA.

Two formerly very successful societies of Nebraska, the Omaha Collectors Association and the Lincoln Philatelic Society, have

"lapsed into a state of innocuous desuetude," if I may be permitted to use this stereotyped expression. The former is showing signs of life, however, and will probably be running as lively as ever in a few weeks. The latter's prospects are not very promising.

One society in Nebraska that is far from dead is the Nebraska Philatelic Society. It is an exclusive State society, run on business principles, and conducted by an earnest, capable staff of officers. The outlook for it is very bright.

The first auction sale of this society, under the management of the new auctioneer, Mr. Wm. B. Hopson, was held in Omaha on Jan. 29. A number of rare stamps were sold. The bidding was quite spirited, and good prices were obtained. The present manager, with the co-operation of the members, will have a very successful department during his term of office. It is a fact that auctioneers are born, not made. Mr. Hopson fills his place to perfection.

Omaha is known to the philatelic world in general as being the place from which the *American Philatelic Journal* emanates, it is the point where Mr. E. S. Platy, Exchange Superintendent, resides. The growth of this department under this gentleman's management is something phenomenal, putting to shame the efforts of former incumbents of the office to make it successful. This department can not be eclipsed by

that of any other society in the country, taking into consideration the number of members and the age of the society.

Most societies have a library of some kind. The Nebraska Philatelic Society has one "as is a library." Mr. F. F. Tamblin is the manager, and although Bartley, his place of abode, is away out among the "sand-hills," he is making a very successful librarian. He can supply members with almost anything they wish in philatelic papers and catalogues, and it costs them nothing.

This society is proud of the fact that it has a lady Vice-president—something, by the way, few societies have.

A copy of this number of THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST goes to every active collector in Nebraska. Upon those who do not belong to the Nebraska Philatelic Society, we wish to impress the fact that they are missing a great deal while they are non-members of this, the most progressive, exclusive-State-society extant. It offers the same inducements as a national society, and has the advantage of being nearer home. The Secretary, Mr. L. Brodstone, Superior, stands ready to furnish application blanks to anyone contemplating joining. The expense is nothing—only a quarter a year. Brother collector, are you a member? If not, why not?

All Nebraska collectors who wish to keep informed in regard to the happenings in the stamp circles of the State, should sub-

scribe to THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST. It will contain, commencing with the next number, a monthly budget of news, gathered from all over the State. Keep informed about your neighbors.

ED. H. WILKINSON.

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score of dealers are advertising them at from 30 to 50 per cent. discount from catalogue prices.

An Iowa gentleman of my acquaintance, who is not even interested in stamp collecting has half a sheet of the one dollar Columbians laid away in his safe, and that isn't the worst of it, for he evidently intends to keep them there, for love nor money will not touch them. Do you never wonder what becomes of all the stamps which are "collected" by such rascals as Bishop? Does he place them in his album, and if so, is the Ferrary in it with that of the arch-schemer?

A man who lived down near the Sioux,
Had laid by a dollar Col. or tioux.
But he shortly did sell
And now he's in—well.
He's in a most terrible tioux.
Sioux! Hioux!

One does not realize how popular U. S. revenues are until he tries to purchase the rare varieties through auction sales. They bid fair to soon become an extinct species. Moral: Get in now.

A pretty little "fairy tale" is published in the February *Michigan Philatelist*, and we are glad to note that it differs materially from that old, old fable regarding the sweet damsel, widowed mother, ardent lover, cruel mortgagee and

the hair trunk, of historic renown. It appears that a young lady of Medford, Mass., was rumaging in the attic and found an old reticule in which were six stamps. If they had, by any improbable circumstance, been common stamps we should never have heard the story, but of course they were not—one never finds common stamps in an old attic. They were the 3c pink, 1861, and her father immediately gave her \$50 to expend in a trip to Washington, and was still \$40 ahead. How interesting.

PEORIA NOTES.

By Col. Lector.

Mr. F. H. Runstetler has sold his entire collection of U. S. and B. N. A., however, he does not intend to quit the ranks. He has started another collection of U. S., mounting it in a Mekeel U. S. album.

We understand that the postmaster here intends laying in a supply of the dollar values of the new issue, and keep them on sale. This will be of great convenience to local collectors, if carried out, as we had to send away for the higher values of the Cols.

Mr. W. E. Loucke has commenced a collection of U. S. stamps only. He was a collector several years ago, but dropped it until quite recently. He is ready to receive sample copies of stamp publications, price lists, etc.

Although the dealers declare, that the present financial depression does not affect their business in the least, we, nevertheless, fail

to see how it can help but affect it. Every other conceivable business nearly, is affected to a greater or less degree. We know this fact, that greater bargains are being offered this season, in stamps, than before for a very long time, and as the same grade of bargains are being offered in other lines of business to induce people to buy, it would indicate that business was not as brisk as formerly. Also for the reason that many of the best class of people, who never before have been out of employment, are out now; and when people are so fixed, they generally have to hustle to get the more necessary things of life, than indulging in stamp buying.

It has been decreed by the powers that be, that the mail from North Peoria shall be transferred to the Peoria postoffice, by the Knoxville Ave. Electric cars, a regular mail car being provided for the purpose. That is more like it.

It is estimated that there are over 75,000 stamp collectors in the U. S. alone. In round numbers, there were about 19,000 \$5 Col. stamps issued, and it looks as though some one was going to get left somewhere.

Papa—"Take a lesson from the postage stamp, my son." Sonny—"Why, pa?" Papa—"Because it always sticks to one thing, until it gets there." Sonny—"That is true, pa, but there is another lesson I might take from it." Papa—"What is that, my son?"

Sonny—"Never stick to anything until I'm licked."—*St. Louis Life.*

Mr. W. B. Murray is at present engaged in the pleasant occupation of transferring his U. S. stamps into a new U. S. album. U. S. albums are getting very popular here lately among U. S. specialists.

Mr. Runstetler was in great luck; not long ago he bought an unsevered, unused pair of the 24c mauve, 1866 issue, for \$2.50, from a gentleman who thought they were the lilac stamp of 1861. The value of this pair is *only* \$10.00.

About the only way to collect these new envelopes in cut square specimens is to get copies, with the wmk. directly under the stamp; something which happens probably once in every 75 or 100 envelopes.

One of the local collectors here has 5c, 1890 type, which is "off color." This stamp is neither the color of the regular 5c nor the regular 4c, but has a dull red-brown caste. It does not compare favorably with the so-called error, according to the authority of a gentleman who has seen them both; and it certainly is not a changeling, as it was obtained some time ago off a package by its present owner, before the so-called error was discovered.

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ILLINOIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Resignations Received—Eo. 6, Ed. C. Ives.

Applications—F. Kinn, 4019 N. Clark street, Chicago; ref., G. E. Bryant, W. R. Hamilton. Edw. C. Althen, 369 N. State street, Elgin; ref., G. E. Bryant, V. A. Harmer. Chas. H. Kreppahue, 2720 State street, Chicago; ref., G. E. Bryant, V. A. Harmer. Chas. Hausen, W. North avenue near Campbell, Chicago; ref., G. E. Bryant, V. A. Harmer.

The above will be admitted April 1 if no objections are received.

New Members—No. 24, F. S. Belden, 211 Wabash avenue, Chicago; No. 25, P. H. Shaffer, 999 W. Madison street, Chicago.

Members will please forward their dues for 1895, amounting to 15 cents, to

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TRUSTEES REPORT I. P. S.

The following nominations have been received and official ballots will be sent out at once:

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Application—J. Walter Smith, Noble, Ill., ref., Geo. E. Bryant.

I must again urge the members to forward their dues (25c) at once.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Our Superintendent of Sales, Mr. S. M. Hamilton, having tendered his resignation, to take effect immediately, the Trustees have appointed Mr. J. C. Mulford to fill the unexpired term.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT S. OF P.

I have been reappointed resident Vice-President of the S. of P. It is my duty to make every effort to build up the society in this State. If every member can and will secure one application, we can surpass any other State in membership.

GEO. E. BRYANT, Sec.,
709 Maplewood ave., Chicago, Ill.

TRUSTEES REPORT S. OF P.

The first meeting of the trustees was held Feb. 20, in the rooms of the C. P. S. The resignation of Superintendent of Sales, S. M. Hamilton, was accepted, and J. C. Mulford appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The proposed union of the Illinois S. of P. and the Illinois Philatelic Society was discussed at length and a special election ordered. The polls close April 1, 1895. Send all ballots to Board of Trustees, care of G. E. Bryant, 709 Maplewood ave., Chicago. Simply write "For" or "Against" union on a blank sheet, sign your name and forward in sealed envelope marked ballot.

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We have neither time nor inclination to sort these stamps, and by putting them up in packets of fifty, taking them just as they come, we will just about be even on them by selling at 25c (silver or postal note) each. To make sure you get your money's worth, we'll put each lot up in an entire envelope worth 20 cents, but you must inclose return postage.

In every fifth packet will be found a slip entitling the holder to Scott's 55th free. If you don't get your money's worth, it's because your money's worth more than other people's money's worth.

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PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS.

By E. Quere Philman.

One thing has always appeared very strange to us. That is, why do all philatelic publications appear on or about the same date every month. I see no reason why they should; on the contrary, I aver they should not appear about the same date.

This matter has been taken up by the shorthand publications, with good result. In this latter class, there are only eight or nine periodicals and now they appear upon different dates.

A philatelist does not like to receive all his magazines at once, and then be compelled to wait a whole month before he sees them again. There are enough papers to warrant one being published on every day of the month, but we do not urge this measure.

It would be appreciated, however, if some papers would appear promptly on the 1st, some on the 5th, some 10th, some 15th, some 20th, some 25th, and some on the 30th of every month. Here, the philatelist would be supplied with reading matter the entire month.

It would also be to the publisher's advantage. More time would be allowed to review each paper; and a paper appearing on the 25th, could review all up to that date, as could the one appearing on the 1st, review every

paper of the preceding month. Some papers are published on the 1st, some 15th, and some 25th, now, but they are too unequally divided and not prompt enough in appearing.

Of course, the above refers to monthly papers. Now as to weeklies, there are enough to appear on every day of the week, and I fail to see why they all come about the same time.

If new papers, just starting out, would make the date of issue on the 5th of each month, and so state in their paper, and others on the 10th, and so on, it would set the ball to rolling, and undoubtedly be the means of gaining subscribers and advertisers, as well as to show the older papers an example. It might lead the latter to follow suit.

I have said it would gain subscribers. It will. If people know a paper will appear regularly on a certain date, and they need some philatelic literature to read about that time, they will generally subscribe. As an example, let us cite some papers (it is not necessary to mention the names here) that appear regularly on a certain date. Don't they appear to be on a healthier basis than their uncertain brethren? Is not the rate of increase quicker?

Now as to advertisements. A dealer does not like to advertise

in several papers appearing about the same time. "What's the use," he argues. "Perhaps about a dozen papers reach about the same subscribers at the same time. If they see my ad in one of the papers it is just as well as if it was in the twenty. But, if my ad is in twenty papers appearing upon different dates, then they are constantly reminded of it, and I am willing to pay for the ads in twenty papers."

If a dealer has a special inducement to offer to the public, and he wants it published immediately, he will go to the paper that will first be out. Thus, if the papers appeared on the dates mentioned above, and a dealer receives a consignment on the 10th of the month, and wishes to have his ad in the paper immediately, he will send it to the paper appearing on the 15th, and to the one on the 20th, etc. Thus everybody is benefited. Nothing is lost.

To the writer who writes for several papers it is surely a help. He does not have to prepare his manuscript all at once, but can take special time and pains for every one, and thuswise render better work, than when he is crowded and cramped for time, and in a stew to get his article forwarded in time. He has time to think. "Deep thinking makes clear writing."

In conclusion, I would urge the publishers to have their papers appear on different dates. It will do no harm, but much good.

CHICAGO NOTES.

By Eustace B. Powers.

The 34th auction sale of the C. P. S. promises to be a grand success if quantity of bids make a success or failure. Dr. Cottlow tells me the competition for the revenues is especially strong on the \$500.00 specimen offered in this sale.

Mr. J. H. Huber has returned from New Orleans, and Mr. E. J. Spierling from Memphis.

A Chicago collector ran across a three kr Hungary lithographed for the sum of *three cents*, and on an A. P. A. circuit book at that!

The reprints of the 1851-55 issue, once almost wholly neglected, are now distinctly in demand, nice copies fetching good healthy prices. It is noticeable that the Scott Co.'s prices do not *always* prevail, the 1d on 6d Dominica listed at \$75 recently fetching \$180 in New York, whilst an outer line 1855 hardly finds a market at one-third its listed price.

The issues from the West Indies have found another victim in the person of that well known philatelist, Mr. J. McKnight Storrow, whilst M. W. H. McDonald the indefatigable treasurer of the C. P. S., has a collection of "West Indians" that require some sturdy beating.

Mr. Washington Hering, Chicago's postmaster, unwittingly raised a hornet's nest around his head when touching upon the 5c "error" in his speech at the C. P. S. banquet on March 7.

THE VALUE OF A U. S. COLLECTION

By Herbert Crane Beardsley.

How many times have you been asked by interested friends how much a complete collection of United States stamps was worth? Many times I'll wager; and what was your answer? Would you say a thousand dollars and think to impress him with their high value, or did you say ten thousand and wonder why you exaggerated?

To show you what one is really worth, I have spent several hours in figuring up the prices in Scott's 55th Catalogue and hereinafter appears the result; in cases where Scott didn't price, I referred to Mekeel's latest list, and if not found there I referred to "Our Catalogue," but I found a good many stamps not priced at all, most of them great rarities:

Kind of Stamp	Var. Cata- logued.	New—Not Priced.	Value New.	Not Pric'd Used.	Value Used.
Provisional...	15	5	\$ 1695.50	1	\$ 2727.00
Reg. adhesives	191	21	2046.42	33	1481.86
Carriers	42	20	719.00	3	2225.00
Special Del.	48035
Newspaper	47	...	395.05	...	411.90
Unpaid	28	4	18.73	4	11.08
Department	101	...	411.46	1	382.44
Envelope	277	2	1284.60	...	1130.97
Wrappers	49	...	112.91	2	82.06
Lettersheet	10402
Official env.	59	...	407.65	...	282.60
Official wrap'r	4	...	8.60	...	6.02
Postal cards	22	...	13.88	...	10.46
Telegraph	103	22	252.80	10	109.36
Locals	573	5	9812.73	5	9312.73
Revenues—					
Document	383	...	1273.69	...	1273.69
Match and Medicine	944	...	2253.83	...	2253.83
Confederate—					
Locals	85	20	3922.50	14	15494.00
Reg. Issue	25	1	27.51	4	29.83
Total	2953	109	\$24252.20	77	\$37425.27

Thus we find that there are 2953 varieties of U. S. stamps according to Scott, and an unused collection barring the 109 which are not priced, would be worth

\$24,258.20, and it would be safe to say that by the time the 109 were purchased that it would cost thirty thousand dollars. A used collection, leaving out the 77 not priced would be worth \$37,325.27 and the 77 would probably cost enough to bring it up to forty thousand dollars.

Would that I were the lucky possessor of any of the above, and I don't suppose for a second that I am the only one who wishes the same.

NOTES FROM NEBRASKA.

Nebraska collectors expect to have a good representative at the P. S. of A. convention at Denver next August. Mr. Brodstone, of Superior, requests all who expect to go to write to him, notifying him of their intention. They should make arrangements to all stop at the same hotel, and go to the convention hall in a body. It is predicted that a man from a point farther west than the location of the present president will be in the race for the presidency. With the support of the members residing in the west, he will make a hard fight for the office.

Pardee & Co. is the title of a new stamp firm in Omaha. They have opened up a sumptuous office in the Bee Building, one of Omaha's finest office buildings. The manager reports a flourishing business, despite the dullness prevalent in stamp circles.

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By the resignation of Geo. E. Bryant, of Chicago, the Illinois Philatelic Society and the State Branch S. of P. have lost a valued member, an efficient officer and a faithful worker. Successful organization of the collectors of Illinois was his theme, and when unable to carry it out for lack of time, he resigned, that the good work might go on. Judging from the energy of his past we bespeak for Mr. Bryant a successful future.

News reaches us that E. C. Ives, the genial ex-President of the I. P. S., has fully recovered from a severe attack of the mumps. S. M. H.

COMMENTS.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for February, contains a well written article by John K. Tiffany on the U. S. 1890 5c error, in which the authenticity of the error (in the minds of the Mekeel Co.) is fully established.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* for March, contains nothing of particular interest to collectors except an article on "How to Clean Stamps," by Every Paget.

In fact the Pency hardly ever contains anything of interest to collectors in general and is evidently published to boom its publisher and to express the personal opinions of its editors.

The *Lone Star State Philatelist* continues to reach us regularly every week, but if the publisher intends to depend on his advertising patronage to support his paper, the L. S. S. P. is evidently not long for this world.

The *American Philatelic Magazine* for February contains some interesting notes and articles.

The March number of the "paper with the red cover," the *Michigan Philatelist* is on hand and contains a few good articles, while a great deal of space is devoted to "blowing its own horn."

We have also received *The Dixie, Weekly, Canadian Philatelists*, and the *Philatelic Californian Era*, and auction catalogues from R. F. Albrecht & Co., and C. L. Moreau. J. W. M. S.

PENCILINGS.

Dixon's H. H.

The dismal failure of the attempt to make the seeming ribbed paper specimens of the different values of the 1872 issues seems to meet with the unqualified approval of the great majority of collectors, and even the capped varieties of the 2c carmine seems to be losing favor.

The prices at which the different varieties of due stamps can be obtained would indicate that the "authorities" had erred when

they priced these specimens in the last edition of the various catalogs, as nearly any one of the higher values can be obtained at from 50 to 75 per cent. less than the catalogues asked. Did the catalogues err or did they fail to have the corner on the market that they thought?

The organization of several new State societies is one of the most encouraging signs of the advancement of "Philatelia's cause" that has been manifest for several years. The drawing together of collectors by local ties cannot be too much commended, and what the local societies do for the city collectors, the State organizations can do for those who live in places too small to support a local society. Let the good work go on.

The finest specimen of the campeche local of Mexico ever offered for public competition (if not the only so offered) was sold in the 15th sale held by J. J. Casey in 1888, and brought \$10.25.

The upward tendency of prices in many of the stamps of the U. S. and the British colonies will sooner or later tend to make generalization (at least in groups) in place of specialism. In fact if the present rate of increase continues most U. S. stamps will be out of reach of the ordinary collector, and the speculators who are mainly responsible for the enormous advances will have the pleasure of viewing their investments instead of selling them.

E. R. A.

firm, the Nebraska Stamp Co., of Smithfield, and the Capital Stamp and Publishing Co., located at Lincoln. Messrs. Parmallee & Brown, also of Omaha, have an extensive trade in U. S. stamps.

Mr. F. S. Parmallee, a partner in this firm, has been endeavoring for some time to secure a "corner" on the 90c justice. After purchasing all that were offered to him, and many more that were not, he is disposing of them, realizing good prices. Six, at nearly catalogue prices, were sold in one week. He says at this rate it will be a long time before his stock is exhausted.

An amusing episode is related by this gentleman that happened when he was purchasing these stamps. He stopped in the office of a prominent Chicago firm, and asked to see such specimens of this stamp as they had for sale. Four or five were produced, and offered to him at a price most collectors would think outrageous, it being in advance of the market quotations. Not so with Mr. P. He calmly produced the amount required, placed the stamps in his pocketbook and walked out, leaving the astounded dealer to meditate as to what sort of a moneyed crank he had come into contact with.

There is one collector who resides in Nebraska who will not affiliate with the other collectors of the State. Guy W. Green has so far successfully resisted all overtures to join the Nebraska Philatelic Society, and will not

enter into correspondence with any of the collectors of his State. They may, in his consideration, be too good, or not good enough for him. No one has been able to ascertain why he holds aloof in this manner. He is certainly very unlike his namesake, Roy F. Green, who is always ready to answer any correspondence he may receive, and to lend his aid to all projects for the advancement of philately. Guy W., however, is a very busy man, and this should excuse his few shortcomings in this line.

A traveling man, who collects and speculates in stamps, was recently interviewed by the writer. His particular hobby is to purchase, but never to sell, unless to better his stock. Among some of his treasures he exhibited were about forty of the 90c 1869 and 1875. This gentleman is of the opinion that these stamps have reached their maximum value. They are in great demand, however, and can never be purchased for any less than the prevailing prices. The 1875 set, particularly, is a very good investment.

What can make a collector more sad than to be compelled to part with his collection? A prominent collector of Lincoln, after devoting several years to collecting, recently was compelled by unforeseen circumstances to dispose of the major part of his collection. Happily, he was able to obtain good prices. Among the gems he sold was a complete unused set of all sizes and papers of the Reay issue of U. P. envelopes. About \$90 was offered him for the set.

ED. H. WILKINSON.

JACKSONVILLE NOTES.

Mr. F. S. Belden, of Chicago, was in this city recently. He had his stamp collection, which contains about 10,000 varieties with him, and he kindly allowed a number of the collectors here to examine it. Mr. Belden is a general collector, and his collection of several foreign countries is complete, while a great many more lack only a few varieties.

The Jacksonville Philatelic Society met on the 15th of March, at the residence of Mr. Stout. President Woods gave his inaugural address, complimenting the society on its four years of active life and prophesying many more years of prosperity. He was followed by Mr. Moore with an essay on "Shades of United States Stamps," and by Mr. Read with a paper on "Perforations." After the meeting our host favored us with a generous banquet, and the moon had soared high in the sky before we toiled homeward.

The 2c 1890 cap variety is ignored in Scott's 55th catalogue, so of course the Mekeel Company leaves it out of theirs. Gremmel however, catalogues all three varieties of the cap. The stamp with the cap on the right 2 is unpriced; the cap on the left, is priced at 25c used, and at \$1 unused, and both .twos capped is priced at 5c used and 50c unused. As I have examined a larger number of the 2c carmine than any of those whose accounts I have read, I give my results. 15,000 stamps were examined, and 380 stamps with the cap on the left

2, 138 with the cap on both twos and only 3 with the cap on the right 2 were found.

So far the 2c of 1894 has been issued in only 7 distinct shades of red, namely, pink, carmine, crimson, rose vermillion, scarlet and yellow red. Save the pinks.

Now that the *American Philatelic Journal*, *The Philatelic Journal of America* and *The American Journal of Philately* are published in our enlightened land, we await with "bated breath" the arrival of *The Journal of American Philately*, *The Philatelic American Journal* and the *Journal of Philatelic America*. Soon may they come and long may they spatter ink.

L. E. M.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

The following is the result of the special election for President and Trustee:

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P. H. Shaffer..... 3 votes
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Earl Stevens..... 7 votes
Clifford White..... 6 votes

Mr. Geo. E. Bryant having sent in his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. S. M. Hamilton is hereby appointed to act in that capacity until the next regular election.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member—J. Walter Smith, Noble, Ill.

Resignations—Geo. E. Bryant, Chicago.

Owing to increased business and lack of time, Mr. Bryant has been forced to resign his position as Secretary of the Illinois S. of P. All members who have not yet paid their dues will please forward them at once to the Secretary.

The editors and publishers of the SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST are among the few who are not running their paper to boom an outside business. In other words, we are issuing a regular periodical and not an advertising circular. The items and news matter are designed to please and instruct, and incidentally to bring in a little profit to the publishers.

Items of Interest from Springfield.

I noticed in an evening paper not long ago, the report of the meeting of the "Springfield Philatelic Society." This is the first time I ever heard of a Philatelic Society in this city, and I made inquiries at the News office and found that the report had been sent in by mail, and from all appearances it was intended for some other Springfield.

Mr. Henry Mischler, who possesses what is probably one of the best collections in the state, is at present engaged in the delightful occupation of transferring his collection into a fine new album, which he has just purchased.

R. M. Booth, the genial librarian of the Illinois Philatelic Society, intends to make a trip to Chicago some time in the coming summer, in order to purchase some stamps to complete his sets of U. S., of which he already has a goodly number.

Mr. S. M. Hamilton, formerly of Petersburg, has removed to this city in order to take the position of circulation editor on the Evening Telegram. Mr. Hamilton has also resumed his interest in the SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST.

The Penny for February has been received here. A new feature this month is a series of personal notes by the official editor of the P. S. of A. These notices should prove very interesting to members of that society.

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ANENT "NOTES."

There was a time when "Bamboozleville Notes" or "Stray findings by the wayside" were perused with much delight and gusto by the mass of persons commonly called stamp cranks, alias Philatelists.

When Samuel Weller lost his collection by fire, or A. Mastern was visiting Mr. Sodoso, or the like, notes thereof were then read with much interest. It was all very well in the halcyon days of youth, but times have gyrated wonderously since then. Years ago, times were radically different. Then the newspapers were glad to tell about Sam Jones' new mare, or the excellent team of Farmer Smith, or chronicling new issues in the way of infants and the similar. Now, however, times have changed. The space devoted to personal gossip has been filled with items of general importance and current literature in the larger papers. Papers issued in small towns still continue—though not on as great a scale as of old—to devote space to personal mentions. This mainly for two reasons: the countryman likes to see his name in print, and it causes him to work more to support the paper. Secondly, this gossip is about the cheapest "space filler" obtainable. Money, with a rural editor, is generally a scarce article, and con-

sequently he is not able to obtain many articles of any literary merit.

Time hath also wrought a great change in our Philatelic publications. Yet much is the parring that can yet be done with impunity. As an evidence of the advance of literary product in the field Philatelic may be taken some of our prominent stamp journals, and not a column is devoted to notes. Note writing, figuratively, requires a very small amount of intelligence and literary ability. Philatelic journalism has so far advanced, I think, as to expedite the abandonment of these profligate sayings.

Notes (I do not refer to those of a momentary value) are of very little value to a Philatelist. It is probably pleasant to hear Stiles has recovered from his long illness, or the like, but it would be just as well as not to print it—for nine-tenths of the readers may not know Stiles. But, does it do any good? Is it (these notes) not merely space fillers? And, is space so useless as to thus be dealt with?

Again many things creep in to fill up space that would not otherwise get into print. The veriest trash sometimes, or things that should have never passed the editor's wastebasket.

There is another subject I wish

to touch upon before I lay down this "quill." That refers to a certain class of note writers. For the lack of a better name, I shall call them "Duplex" writers. While they may be called Philatelists in one sense of the word, they are misguided. The love of money tempts some people to do horrible deeds. "All's not gold that glitters" is an excellent rule for these "Duplexers." This old axiom should always be borne in mind.

The reader, mayhap, is patiently (or otherwise) waiting for an explanation of the term "Duplex" as I use it. By this, I mean a certain class of note writers who send in substantially the same "notes" to two or three (and sometimes even more) different papers. While the pay, it must be admitted, for Philatelic writings, is very meagre, to attempt to sell a MS. half a dozen times is an outrage. Such a writer also, as a general axiom, endeavors to "puff up" himself whenever it is possible. No true writer writes to advertise himself.

It is to be hoped the days of "notes" are on the wane. They have only a temporary effect at best. We, preservers of our Philatelic files, must have a care as to what we save. Literature—if it is of the right standard—never grows old. I regret as much cannot be said of notes. Even if they are interesting reading in after years, very little, if any, instruction is derived therefrom.

EVERY PAGET.

CHICAGO.

By Every Paget.

The two hundredth meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Thursday evening, April 18, at room 1233 Masonic Temple. The meeting was an interesting one, and about twenty members were present, among them could be noticed many new faces. This is the last meeting the Chicago Philatelic Society will hold in room 1233 Masonic Temple.

The room committee reported they had secured room 551 Marquette building, and the next meeting will be held there. The Society will start on a new century, so to speak, the third century of its existence, in Chicago's new fine sky-scraper, the Marquette building. The rooms are far better than those now occupied by the Society, and as we have the reputation of having the best rooms in the country, our new rooms will be even better.

The meeting of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the Philatelic Sons of America (which promises to be a very interesting one) to be held Thursday evening, April 25th, will close up the old rooms.

A three cent green 1873 United States stamp on ribbed paper was examined and pronounced genuine by the members.

Mr. Huber, our president, explained the modus operandi of the manufacture of the paper. When the mat becomes worn, pressing against the pulp, it gives the paper the ribbed appearance. If, however, the paper should pass

over a heated cylinder, or over more than three ordinary cylinders, the paper loses the ribbed appearance. Ribbed varieties can sometimes be easily distinguished by the naked eye, but more often it is necessary to remove the gum and examine the stamp under the microscope in order to distinguish the ribbed paper. Or, practically, in other words, all paper is more or less ribbed.

The Wendt-Cottlow discussion was revived, and the governing board gave a decision on the matter, and it was decided further discussion or consideration by the society be dropped. Carried.

The list of members and the constitution of the Chicago Philatelic Society is out in pamphlet form and presents a very neat appearance. All the dead timber has been removed, and there are now six honorary members, fifty-seven active members, and sixty-nine passive members—a grand total of 132 members, which is a fine showing for the society.

I have examined some of the two cent counterfeit stamps, and from a non-Philatelic point of view, they are a fairly good counterfeit, and will, as a general rule, pass under the ordinary individual's eye without detection. But, from a Philatelic version, they are very bad. They are about one and a fourth ems too long, and of the wrong shade. The paper has evidently been stained before the impression in order to try to give it the proper color, and as a consequence the white parts are dark.

Evidently the photo-engravure process has been used and the head, as in all photographs, is very bold, and Washington seems to be smiling. Instead of the hair being in the color of the stamp it is fluffy and almost black. All in all, from a Philatelic standpoint, they are "rank."

The Chicago Branch No. 1 of the Philatelic Sons of America, will put up a ticket for the coming August election, at its next meeting, April 25th, and Chicago Branch No. 1, of the American Philatelic Association will also most likely enter a ticket for the coming American Philatelic Association election. The next meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Philatelic Association will be held May 9th, at room 551 Marquette building, corner Adams and Dearborn streets.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

A gentleman recently picked up a superb pair of the 5c yellow, 1861. This stamp is catalogued at \$5. He has been offered several times this sum for the pair. One collector proffered him a 90c 1869, and a number of other good stamps for his treasures, but he declined to exchange, in anticipation of a decided advance in their value. It is the writer's opinion that Scott prices this stamp much too low. Its valuation is as inconsistent with the supply and demand, as is that of the much talked-of postage due stamps.

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Of all sad words that ere were writ,
The saddest are these—"Please remit."

We wonder if the *Philatelic Review of Reviews* has turned up its toes to the daisies and, like the little girl in the story, lived, bloomed, and then went to heaven.

A prominent southern dealer has hung out the three balls and now offers to loan money on collections. If you want to attend the Denver convention, but lack

the necessary price, why here's your chance to raise it.

"The P. S. of A. has not yet reached the crucial point in its history "echoes" the spoiled child of the Alleghanies.

And we sincerely hope that the customary pre-convention "squabbles" will not be of sufficient consequence to start the P. S. of A. on a downward course.

All things come to him who waits,
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And you'll get them all the quicker.

VERNON A. HARMER.

For the first time since the organization of the Illinois Philatelic Society, in October, 1893, it becomes our painful duty to chronicle the death of a fellow member. Vernon A. Harmer died of pneumonia, at the home of his parents in New York City, April 5, 1895.

Mr. Harmer was employed, as western agent, by a large jewelry firm in Brookly, N. Y. In his visits to Chicago he formed a partnership with Geo. E. Bryant, the firm being well and favorably known as Bryant & Harmer.

Mr. Harmer possessed one of the most complete collections of South and Central American stamps in this country.

While only 19 years old, he was an exceptionally bright young man and with bright prospects.

A prominent southern philatelist is soon to be wed. Look out for "new issues."

Revenues is now owned by Dr. F. L. Risser, of Lincoln, he having recently purchased it of the party who formed it. It consists of nearly every known variety of the document revenues, on all papers, perforated, unperforated and part perforated. The match and medicine are also very complete. The collection abounds in pairs, blocks of from four to fifty, shades and oddities. These stamps were gathered at the time of their issuance by a gentleman who knew nothing about stamp-collecting whatever, he gathering them only to gratify some whim, apparently. The price paid for it by the fortunate purchaser was a mere song.

The latest thing in the specialty line comes from a collection in Southern Nebraska. He devotes his attention only to those stamps having for their design the head, bust or figure of some noted person. Under each stamp in his blank album is the name of the personage depicted thereon. It is certainly a unique collection, and instructive as well as interesting.

A Nebraska stamp dealer came very near being "taken in" by the rogues who were caught selling counterfeit U. S. 2c stamps last month. Luckily, he escaped without serious loss.

Counterfeits of a more dangerous species have been in circulation in the west during the last few months. Certain dealers have been endeavoring to dispose of their forgeries to those unsophisticated collectors who were un-

wary. The fraudulent stamps will deceive the young collector, but one glance serves to convince those familiar with the appearance of the genuine that these are all bogus. They all seem to emanate from one eastern city. It is hoped the guilty party will soon be apprehended.

"Shooting craps," with stamps for the stakes, is a popular game with the newsboys of Omaha and Lincoln. The much handled bits of paper soon lose all resemblance to a stamp after fulfilling their purpose in a few games. Nevertheless, as much value is attached to them by those youthful gamblers as the advanced collector gives to his treasures. Perhaps our pessimistic philatelist will decry this pastime, and point to it as one of the "evils" of our hobby. The pessimist is always ready to make himself an object of ridicule of all fair-minded collectors. ED. H. WILKINSON.

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PEORIA NOTES.

By Col. Lector.

"Approval Sheet Thieves" is the title of an article in the February number of the *Dixie Philatelist*, by "Chipmunk." Chipmunk, or who ever did the spelling, had better learn how to spell "thieves."

It is with much regret that we announce the departure from this city of our brother philatelist, Mr. F. M. Runstetler, for Chicago, where he has accepted a lucrative position with a life insurance company in the Old Colony building. While Peoria loses a prominent Philatelist and a very congenial gentleman socially, Chicago will be the gainer, and we trust that the P. S. of A. members and Chicago Philatelists in general, will give him a warm welcome.

Probably some of our readers know of the "cracked die" variety of the U. S. 4c green 1883 issue envelope. The principal difference which has heretofore been noticed, is the existence of a fine line running from just above the cross of the left "4" to the lower lip of Jackson. Another difference which, however, I have not seen chronicled is the fact that the "G" in "postage" being closed thus "G" in the "cracked" die, while in the ordinary die it is the normal G.

Philately may or may not be a science, but just the same when it comes down to a close and careful study in U. S. envelope stamps, it is not very far removed from a science.

Some dealers and collectors are

not content with three shades of due stamps, so they are now classifying them into another shade; a sort of a brown, between the yellow-brown and red-brown. It is very slightly tinted with yellow, yet perhaps, a trifle of a reddish cast about it, and is easily noticed on comparison.

Verily, what are we coming to anyway? "Shades of the 1894 2c stamp" will be the ejaculation of surprise of the future generation of philatelists.

There are eight collectable shades of the new 2c stamp, and about three of the 1c. Have you "got 'em?" Of course, there are innumerable sub-shades if one wants to spend time collecting them.

If the government is going to issue \$5 stamps with every set of stamps, it is to be hoped that there will not be a new issue very often.

Another new devotee of philately has been added to the ranks of Peoria collectors in the person of Mr. H. T. Baldwin, Jr. He collects U. S. stamps only, and is quite an enthusiast, and very pleasant gentleman socially. He is open to the receipt of sample copies, lists, &c., and we may incidentally remark that he has some very choice duplicates that he is willing to exchange for stamps not in his collection.

Those collectors who are contemplating going to the State Fair at Springfield, next September, should not fail to take the necessary steps to have a more enjoy-

able time than they otherwise might, if they neglect to join the Illinois Philatelic Society, which holds its convention at Springfield, during the fair. It only costs 15c per annum, and application blanks can be had from Mr. S. M. Hamilton, of Springfield, Ill., or from Mr. W. B. Murray, of Peoria.

The way the P. S. of A. increases in membership speaks for itself. We now have 1,220 members, with some 50 applications. It is likely that by the time that the convention holds forth, we will have over 2,000 members. All collectors should join without fail. Application blanks can be had from F. S. Fox, Secretary, Reading, Pa., or from W. B. Murray, Peoria, Ill. Send for one.

We note that in the February number of the "Lone Star State Philatelist" that a gentleman down there in Texas claims the discovery of a new variety of the 1c U. S. 1856, with double perforation on one side. Mr. F. M. Runstetter, of Peoria, has had one in his collection for about three years; and I have heard of specimens of this variety before.

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Death—14, Vernon A. Harmer, Chicago.

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Well nigh a quarter of a century has drifted by since philatelic journalism gained ascendancy in the minds of collectors. Each year has exhausted to a greater or less extent the subjects of interest to the collectors until the writer of to-day finds it difficult to interest his readers.

This difficulty has proven itself to be the barrier athwart the pathway of the aspirant to journalistic fame. Inability to surmount which invariably consigns a name to oblivion. Yes, there is a vacancy to be filled, but it cannot be supplied by other than up-to-date writers—men whose very pens flow with twentieth-century ink.

We might offer a bit of brotherly advice to those now journeying in troubled waters, and may you avoid both the shoals and the rocks. First, last, always—*be original*. Originality is the guiding star to success, to which style, diction and the like are merely satellites. Later day sentiment is opposed to the hackneyed; and public sentiment when once against you is a Jupiter's thunderbolt, from which you cannot recover.

Too many are guilty of having gone back to their old files for a subject, which costumed in the gaudy garb of the author's magniloquence, may pass for a time

in the arena of philatelic journalism. We hold that it is the prerogative of the progressive philatelist to condemn as faulty any "New Chapter on Advertising," or a novel rendition of that threadbare topic "Philately."

"He who by the plow would thrive,
Himself must either hold or drive."

The experience of a century has proven Poor Richard's proverb. For no one to-day, can "thrive," in journalism, by depending upon others.

There is a story told in the "Arabian Nights" applicable here. A difficult task must be performed before the goal can be reached. The youth bold enough to attempt such, is told to follow the magic bowl, which is then rolling down the hill, cautioned not to cast a glance backward, on peril. No sooner does he set out on his journey, than he encounters an irresistible foe. Many luring voices call to him, but he remembering the admonitions, goes bravely on; until at length the voices change to mockery, and finally to the calling of vile names. No longer able to bear these reproaches, he turns to smite them with his sword and falls, turned into a small black stone.

So among the writers of our hobby, but few reach the goal because they look backward instead of forward. Plagiarism in ideas,

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Josh Billings says "It's better not to know so much than to know a lot that isn't so." Some of the recent troubles over the so-called "errors" cause us to say, like the quaker, "Yea, verily."

In the meantime, what has become of *The Collector*? It begins to look as if the good ship "S. of P." had gone down with all on board.

What if Perry did have a flea in his ear, as alleged by our observing friend, it is no more striking than the fact that certain P. S. of A. members are troubled

with a presidential bee in their respective bonnets.

And now comes our esteemed Philatelic *Review of Reviews* whom everyone thought had perished, and unmercifully reviews the papers which declared that it had joined the "Grand Review."

"Shun plagiarism like a pestilence."—*Quackenbush*. And Beecher says the same about "going in debt."

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We are aware that a great many collectors lay aside their stamps during the summer months, and seemingly lose all interest in the pursuit of the hobby. Now the SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST proposes to give its readers some exceptionally good reading matter this summer, and to those who receive this number as a sample copy we make the following offer: The first person in Illinois sending us 20c for a year's subscription will receive a Scott's 55th ed. catalogue. The first person outside of Illinois who sends in their subscription will also receive a catalogue. All the papers are mailed the same day, so that every one will have an equal chance. In addition to the above, every one who sends in their subscription before the 15th of July will receive a packet of 50 varieties of good foreign stamps, provided a self-addressed stamped envelope is included with the subscription.

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A Vacancy.

as well as in words is a siren voice, luring you upon the rocks. The successful writer of to-day must invent, not appropriate. He must view philately from "behind the footlights" or perceive, in the curtained future, the consummation, of all our hopes, "the philatelic millenium."

The number of stamp papers and the interest manifested in them by collectors, creates a demand for choice literature, to supply which requires progressive thinkers. The mere mechanism of hand and pen will not fill the vacancy. If you are a philatelic writer trodding unsuccessfully, the rough pathway to fame, the above remarks are respectfully, but earnestly dedicated to you. We have tried to impress upon you, the one essential to success, summing it all up in that one word—"originality," without which excellence cannot be attained.

S. M. HAMILTON.

Comments.

The *Eastern Philatelist* enlarges considerably with its April number and now presents a distinguished appearance. In this number, that pleasant writer, L. H. Benton, pens a very amusing piece entitled "A Few Choice Postmarks," and though not strictly philatelic, yet everyone, doubtless, would prefer it to other more dry articles. Mr. Benton is one of our most pleasant authors, always finding some subject out to the common to discourse upon.

Gus Luhn.

The *Southern Philatelist* is soon to be issued with Mr. Luhn at the helm, "better and more newsy and refreshing than ever." Mr. S. of P. President will find it difficult to keep his promise regarding the newsy part with the blank, blank summer months before him.

Another Error in the 2c '94.

Mr. Garford Perier chronicles another error in the 2c rose of the present issue. It is the failure of the inking machine to make any impression inside of the triangle, thus leaving a triangular blank in the two corners of the stamp. H. L. Wilber notes two varieties in the 5c chocolate of the same issue. One has a ground work of cross lines, the other with perfectly horizontal lines as the back ground, and much lighter than the first.

John R. Hooper.

The *Eastern* for April editorially remarks that petitions are being circulated in Canada requesting that Mr. Hooper be allowed a second trial, as the first was not considered just, he being convicted entirely on "circumstantial evidence."

Local (?) Notes.

The *Michigan Stamp*, a diminutive sheet from Clarion, Michigan, (the editor of which very wisely omits his name) makes a very good "hit" at the local notes which appeared in the *Michigan Philatelist* under the head of "Michigan Notes." I have often noted that the local notes could with greater truthfulness, be headed

"general notes," as they seldom contain any "local" news. The *Michigan Philatelist* was wise in omitting them from their last issues.

The New Variety of the 90c 1874.

The great interest that has been taken lately in the stamps issued between 1872 and 1882 by the National and Continental Bank Note companies, led me to conduct some private investigations on a large scale concerning them. My efforts thus far have been crowned with unlimited success.

For months I have been quietly buying up the 90c value of this issue until at present I have nine thousand perfect copies of this stamp. Nine thousand, you will observe, is a large per cent of the total issue, and from such a stock the most definite results may be obtained in regard to die differences.

For weeks, I searched through this lot of stamps in order to find some mark which would distinguish the engraving of the Continental Bank Note Co. from that of the National Co. The figures, letters and ornaments were examined with a powerful microscope but without success. Finally, at twenty-three minutes past five in the afternoon of April 20, a mark was discovered.

Exactly in the center of the right ear of the immortal Perry is a large red dot, invisible to the naked eye, but clearly discernable under a high power microscope. There are six short lines extending from this dot in

as many directions. In front of the dot are two white specks which might be taken for eyes. On the whole the figure resembles an insect. By actual measurement the dot is one-seventeenth of a millimeter in length, and one twenty-eighth m. in breadth.

I had intended to give this newly discovered variety my name, but fortunately, my modesty overcame this desire, and we will call the stamp, "Perry-with-a-phlee-in his ear."

Only five copies of the variety were found in the whole nine thousand. Ears which contained legs and other portions of insects were common, but there were only five perfect insects in the lot. By a chemical analysis of the ink on these stamps the insects were found to be exactly twenty-three years of age. The non-insectiverous stamps were much younger. This proves beyond doubt that the variety was issued by the National Bank Note Company.

As the "Perry-with-a-phlee-in-his-ear" are so extremely rare, I advise collectors to procure a copy while they are still obtainable. I will sell my stock of the variety at \$30 per stamp until ten are sold, then the price without further notice, will be advanced to \$50. I guarantee the price will be no lower.

When the news of the discovery of the "Perry-with-a-phlee-in-his-ear" is copied into the *Philatelic Journal of America* and other great American and foreign

journals, I hope due credit will be given to THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST for the first announcement of the variety.

L. E.

Hamilton for Vice-President.

The requests of many "Sons" particularly in Illinois, have induced S. M. Hamilton, of Springfield, Ill., to make the race for Vice-President of the P. S. of A.

Mr. Hamilton is the editor of the SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST, and Secretary (and organizer) of the Illinois Philatelic Society. He is too well known to need further comment.

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President's Address.

My Dear Brothers: In making my first greeting to you as president, I wish particularly to impress upon you the importance to the society of three things:

First—Meet all just dues to the Society promptly. Remember that the officers cannot perform their duties, that in fact, the society cannot move, without money.

Second—Pay particular attention to the exchange department.

Remember, that in one sense, it is the life of the society. The importance of paying all bills in this department *very promptly* is even more manifest than in the first for the reason that if you set the example and make others wait for their money, the rest will follow your example and make you wait for yours.

Third—Be a missionary. If there is any philatelist in your town or city who is not a member of the I. P. S., try and persuade him to sign an application. There is every reason why our State should have the largest state society in this country, and with your earnest co-operation and help we will make it so.

Yet a word, let every one of your thoughts (philatelic) and words be directed towards the furtherance of the Illinois Philatelic Society.

Fraternally,
GAYLORD SEXTUS WILCOX,
President.

Exchange Department.

The business of this department is steadily increasing, but I still need more good stamps for circulation. I wish to correspond with every member of the I. P. S. The stamps on the exchange sheets are especially suited for collections numbering 5,000 varieties or less. The total value of sheets received by the manager is \$226.83 Total sales, \$46.50, or 21 per cent. This department will not discontinue during the summer months but will remain more active than ever.

Respectfully,
L. E. MILLIGAN,
Manager.

Convention.

Nominations for the city in which to hold our annual convention should be sent to the trustees at once as the election will be held next month.

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On to Denver.

Surely there can be no subject of more interest to the collecting fraternity than that of the Denver convention. With all the assurance which enthusiasm can lend, we have firm confidence that this gathering will exceed the most sanguine hopes. All hail! For our society can have no superior among the organizations known to the pursuit. The energy of youth created it; the activity of youth maintains it.

Our society need draw no lesson, no inspiration, from the varied experiences of older, but less fortunate, associations. Grounded upon the broad principles of equality, the opportunity to serve its interest becomes a survival of the fittest. In view of all these gratifying circumstances, who can predict, with certainty, the result of the next concurrence, who can limit the possibility of our future? It requires no philosopher to solve the mystery of success.

Through the centuries men have always demanded a just representation in the administration of affairs; and never more emphatically, than when our own "brave boys of '76" revolted and dared tyranny to intrude. So, but two summers ago, a score of stalwarts threw off the yoke, and that grand organization, The Philatelic Sons of America, was the result.

A phenomenal past, a progressive present, are the greatest incentives to a crowning future. With good men as the vanguard of these assembled hosts, next year

will bring the realization of our hopes—the dawn of a new creation. S. M. H.

Society Notes.

We are glad to note the change of rooms made by the Chicago Philatelic Society. The new rooms are fitted up even better than were the old ones.

The political pot is boiling and will continue to do so until after the conventions. The candidates for office, this year, are, almost without exception, men of excellent character, so that philatelists should have no difficulty in selecting competent officers for their respective societies.

The rise of the P. S. of A. is steady, and to an uninterested observer, it seems to be "the" society.

A. P. A. members are preparing their fishing tackle as it is reported that large sized bass are lurking in the foamy deep around Clayton.

The Pacific coast wants a representative on the official board of the A. P. A., and it is quite probable that either H. B. Phillips, or H. J. Crocker will be elected to represent that vicinity.

The Anti-Seebeck Society is meeting with but indifferent success, so that we may truthfully say that the majority of American collectors are not yet ready to condemn the fascinating Seebecks.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society keeps its place at the head of the state societies, but the probabilities are that it will not do so long.

The Peninsular Philatelic Club of Detroit, will hold no more meetings until August.

The A. P. A. now has over 900 members and there is a balance in the treasury of over \$1,000.

The A. P. A. convention at Clayton, N. Y., will begin on Tuesday, August 13, and continue for five days.

The New England Philatelic Association is now on its feet, figuratively speaking, and is on the high road to success.

See that you vote for Detroit as the seat of the '96 conventions of the P. S. of A. and L. of A. of P. If the conventions are held in Detroit, many Canadian collectors will attend, as it is only five minutes from her majesty's dominions.

Many people are posting up about Denver and vicinity.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

Notes.

Col. Lector.

There seems to be difference in the 15c, type of 1872, other than the plain label. The difference referred to is in the figure 5, which on comparison with the other variety, a difference is noticeable in the engraving. It is a little hard to describe, but is soon detected on comparing the two varieties; although the difference is not so great as in the two varieties of the 12c.

Every member of the Ill. Philatelic society should be a member of the P. S. of A., and every P. S. of A. member in this state should become a member of the Illinois Philatelic Society.

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It is refreshing for philatelic editors to think of the restful vacation we are soon to take among the Rockies. I fancy I can see a careworn brother of the quill stealing quietly away, seeking solitude, where undisturbed he can bathe his troubled brow in the celestial waters of—an irrigation ditch.

The convention is to the philatelist what thanksgiving is to the small boy. An unreasonable comparison? Why no—'tis a veritable feast where the abnormal appetite of the office seeker is quelled, and where journalistic craving for something substantial is pacified.

By an oversight, in our last issue, the name of the author of "Comments" was omitted. We have only to mention the name, W. Lionel Moise, and the public will recognize it. A few recent and well written articles have placed Mr. Moise prominently before the public.

Some of the office seekers will have to wait until after August to find out whether that "boomlet" was a bomb or a bubble.

Notes.

Concluded from page 1.

There are undoubtedly a great many collectors whose eyes are being opened to the fact, that there is a great deal more to be found out regarding United States stamps, than they ever supposed, or had any idea of.

As the warm weather comes on, we would advise collectors not to put away their collections, but to keep their weather eye open for bargains.

All P. S. of A. members should vote for St. Louis, Mo., for the place to hold the next annual convention. The southwest part of the country and St. Louis, in particular, has never had the chance to show what it can do in this line, and as it is a good philatelic center and well located, it would undoubtedly draw a very large attendance.

A local collector, bought the 1868 5c brown, used, embossed, for the regular price of the 1861 5c brown, in 1893, from a dealer here at that time; and the collec-

tor has always been under the impression that he struck a bargain; as the specimen is fine, and was worth 75c when it was bought, and the price paid for it was 25c.

I was shown a freak the other day, in the way of a 2c green 1894 envelope; in which the upper right hand part of the stamp, was an albino, and the lower part full color. Upon closer examination the envelope was evidently folded diagonally across the stamp, where the same was impressed, making a part of the color on the outside and a part on the inside of the envelope. The color having come through the paper somewhat, made the entire stamp green on the inside of the envelope, but the upper diagonal half was a great deal darker green. It is a freak pure and simple, nevertheless quite interesting.

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Since my last report, stamps valued at \$86.90 have been received and circulated. Sales have amounted to \$24.11. The following are some of the prices received: A fine pair of 1847 on letter went for \$2; a good copy of the 10c black 1847 brought \$2.15; a beautiful pair of 5c New Yorks on original cover were sold for \$16.

The names of a few gentlemen who are reluctant to part with a few cents will be published if they are not heard from soon.

L. E. MILLIGAN,
 Superintendent.

TRUSTEES REPORT.

The annual convention will be held in the city of Springfield during the State fair week. All railroads make excursion rates then, and of course, all Illinois collectors will try and come to the greatest fair in the greatest state.

The election will be held on August 26th. Nominations should be sent to the chairman of trustees, and they will be published in the August number of the official organ, and the result announced in the September number. Don't nominate anybody for an office unless you are sure they will accept the office if elected.

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THE FIRST GUN.

Signals the Battle and Awakes the Sleepers.

There has been some lively skirmishing, of late, preparatory to the great contest to be decided in August. Mr. Kissinger is the only candidate certain of election, the chances of the others are all subject to varied fluctuations, before the summer wanes. Mr. Paget is not so confident as heretofore and the strings he has held on the second place seem to be slipping through his precocious fingers. The truth is, that the gentleman for months, like the Turk, has been dreaming of the hour when the philatelic world should realize his political power, until suddenly he was aroused from his slumbers by a hot ball thrown into his guarded tent.

It came in the nature of a July *Pensy* announcing the candidacy for the Vice Presidency, of Samuel M. Hamilton, and simultaneously conveying the news of the withdrawal, in the latter's favor, of Lewis G. Quackenbush.

Concerning the race for Secretary, it seems that Mr. Fox is making no fight, although he will receive the unsolicited support of a large and admiring constituency, who cherish his record for faithful adherence to duty and loyal support of the society. Mr. Carstarphen, of Denver, is making an admirable campaign and winning many friends.

Ego, Ego.

In a recent article on himself, and (more minor things) the rest of the candidates, Mr. Every Paget uses the personal pronoun *thirty* times. Whenever an aspirant's head is capable of distention, politics never remain inert. We know of no remedy but time, and the Denver convention will be the panacea for such distorted ills.

Brief Flashes.

Roy Farrell Greene has declined to run for any of the offices this year.

The Michigan is now the official organ of the League.

The candidacy of Robt. M. Bettesworth, of Chicago, for President of the L. A. P. is announced.

Bishop, French, Rosenthal, Mott are the candidate for Treasurer of the P. S. of A. Each name characteristic of ability and integrity. It is hard to choose between friends.

A "wire" from Pike's Peak says "It begins to look like Carstarphen."

Nebraska deserves to be represented when the slate is made, at Denver.

Clayton? Where's Clayton? Why couldn't the A. P. A. have selected Kaesville?

The S. of P. will hold their primaries this year, at Clayton, N. Y. the same week that their grandfathers meet, in convention assembled.

It's worth your while to read Lewis G. Quackenbush's article on "The Journalistic Side of Philately."

We take pleasure in announcing that Mr. Chas. G. Hart, of Pipestone, Minn., is a candidate for Librarian of the League of American Philatelists. Editor Hart is an able man.

We are in receipt of a neat special list of single stamps and sets, from W. H. Walker & Co., of Denver. It is concise and attractive, and the firm are to be congratulated upon its appearance.

The article on the "new 90 cent var., 1874," (Perry), which appeared in our last issue, seems to have excited some comment. The author's stock is, no doubt, exhausted before this time.

Albrecht & Co.'s vest-pocket catalogue is up to date in every particular.

The withdrawal of Lewis G. Quackenbush in favor of Hamilton for the Vice Presidency, will no doubt augment the lively interest already taken in the contest.

Mr. Roy M. Booth, of Springfield, recently disposed of his large collection of foreign stamps, and now specializes in U. S., exclusively.

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AN IDEAL PRESIDENT

Was Charles Esterly Severn.

As the shades of evening bring to a close a bright and prosperous day, we oftentimes indulge in pleasant reflections of its achievements. So now, in the dusk of a successful administration, we cannot pass by without a word of commendation to those whose lofty principles and unswerving fidelity have borne us along the crest of the wave.

History must chronicle this as one of the ablest and most gratifying of administrations, and write it indelibly in the archives of our pursuit that it may serve as a model and an inspiration to every age. Charles Esterly Severn draws the curtain upon his presidential term—lays aside his crown.

He has maintained the dignity of our Association, and a grateful society unites with us in bidding him godspeed in the achievements of his highest aims. S. M. H.

Among the Societies.

Irving E. Patterson.

Local and state societies are increasing rapidly. This is a step in the right direction.

Chas. E. Severn and Roy F. Greene will not run for office this year. Never mind, they are exceptions to the general rule and as such will become famous.

The Worcester Co. Philatelic Society is the title of a society recently organized in Worcester, Mass., with twenty members. Mr. W. F. Abbott is President, and Mr. A. C. Woodward, Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Kessler, Jr., of Detroit, originator of the wheelbar-



SAMUEL M. HAMILTON
EDITOR SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST AND CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT P. S. OF A.

row idea, "Its a good thing, push it along," is a candidate for Ex. Mgr. of the L. of A. P. Mr. E. A. Stigeler, the present incumbent, is also a contestant.

Let all members of the Michigan Philatelic Society attend the first annual convention to be held in Detroit on Aug. 5. Every one expecting to attend should notify the Secretary at once.

If you want an ideal place to hold the '96 convention, cast your vote for Detroit, "the city of the Straits."

Mr. W. H. Barnum, the popular Cleveland collector, is daily becoming stronger, and Mr. Carstarphen's chances are becoming beautifully less.

Mr. Ed. Rosenthal has withdrawn from the race for Treas-

(Continued on page 5.)

A SURE WINNER.

Kissinger Says Hamilton Will Win.

Clifford W. Kissinger who is in a position to know more about the state of affairs in P. S. of A. matters than anyone else, writes thus to Mr. J. W. M. Schmitt of this city: "Hamilton is getting there. Your efforts are not in vain. Keep it up, he will be second man.

Hamilton Their Choice — Candidates Withdraw in His Favor.

Lewis G. Quackenbush and Roy Farrell Greene, both nominated for Vice President, have withdrawn in favor of S. M. Hamilton. The attention of the many friends of the above named gentlemen is called to the fact in order that no votes be wasted upon those not candidates. Your friends Greene and Quackenbush will appreciate any support you give to Hamilton.

Joins the Army—Roy F. Greene in Line.

Mr. S. M. Hamilton, editor and publisher of THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST is in the race for Vice-President honors in the Philatelic Sons of America. As a compliment to the bright journal he represents, it having done "yeoman's" service for the society, Hamilton should receive the votes of a grateful society.—Roy F. Greene, in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

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(Choose carefully—as Ed. Wilkinson says.

Michigan will furnish the Treasurer. Bishop is in the lead, but—

Don't vote for more than one candidate (especially for President).

W. H. Barnum has the "greatest show on earth" (of being elected Secretary, we mean).

Ed. H. Wilkinson, of Lincoln, Neb., will attend the convention, and all proxies entrusted with him will be placed in safe hands.

It is generally understood that our friend, the "specimen copy" fiend, will make a bee-line for the "sample" room the minute he lands in Denver.

There will be no night session of the Denver convention. The delegates will spend their evenings around the council tables of the summer gardens, sipping the mixture of Rocky Mountain apolinaris and—?

As we predicted, the contest for the Vice Presidency is the liveliest of them all—or was until all the candidates (save one)

withdrew in favor of Hamilton. When Messrs. Quackenbush and Roy F. Greene add their support to any cause, it is high time to expect results.

Concerning our candidacy for Vice-President we believe that we have tried to retain our enthusiasm within the proper bounds of modesty, leaving commendation and praise to those whose consciences are less subject to the pangs of remorse caused by exaggeration and the like. We can offer no more in return for your suffrage than a continuance of past efforts for the society's welfare and, in case of election, a faithful adherence to duty. To our friends who have already given us their support, we wish to extend our warmest thanks. In view of your efforts, as the contest now draws to a close, confident in the result, we rest our case.

Kramer's Victory is Conceded by All.

Present indications lend a shade of plausibility to the opinions current that Louis J. Kramer, the well known Iowan, will be elected by a comfortable majority to the office of Auction Manager.

Kramer is the "highest bidder" for the place, and when the "hammer falls" at Denver, announcement will be made from the "block" (the Cass & Graham, most likely) that Louis J. Kramer is the lucky man.

Mr. Kramer is an able representative of that bright galaxy, the League of American Philatelists, and in advocating his cause the P. S. of A. members of the League make no mistake.

When Mr. K's opponents join the majority and extend him their support, isn't it about time for you to do likewise?

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PEORIA NOTES.

W. B. Murray.

I was surprised and pleased to receive a call from Mr. O. O. Ingersoll, of Galesburg, last week. I regret that our time was so limited; however we managed to swap a few lies on stamp topics.

I hope there will be quite a number of Illinois collectors at the State Fair at Springfield in September, especially during the Illinois Philatelic Society convention.

The mail carriers here have new mail bags for collecting the mail. They are more on the order of a valise, and are a great improvement on the old mail sacks.

A collector here has twenty entirely distinct varieties of the current 2c stamp in his collection.

A point of voting for P. S. of A. members—We want Hamilton for our next Vice President. Don't forget this.

The *Pennsy* for June and July has had nothing much in it except campaign talk; and if we mistake not, there is considerable wire-pulling being done.

I noticed in both the May and June numbers of the *Eastern Philatelist*, a communication relating to an emblematic design, to be worn by philatelists as a mark of recognition among them, especially in a strange place, where there is very little, if any, chance of getting acquainted, especially through introduction. We think this to be a remarkably good plan if carried out properly, and wonder why it was not thought of before. Take the members of most any large organization, for instance the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and many others, there is an emblem or sign common between them by which they recognize each other and become acquainted, no matter whether

they are in a strange place or not. Why can't collectors have something of the kind? I see no reason, and think it might be the means of many pleasant friendships being formed.

Some dealers are getting philately down to a pretty fine point. There is an eastern firm contemplating issuing a monthly price list of such U. S. stamps as continually fluctuate in price. If things continue this way we will soon have a daily and weekly report of the U. S. stamp market, and the annual catalogue will be a thing of the past.

I made a flying trip up to Chicago some six weeks ago over Sunday. I arrived there Saturday evening, however, and dropped around to the C. P. S. rooms in the Marquette building, but found no one there. I am sorry it was closed, as I would have liked to have met some of the Chicago collectors.

The only things that are hot now days are the weather and the P. S. of A. campaign. But I'll tell you, boys, the two head officers of the P. S. of A. want to be Kissinger and Hamilton, and don't you forget it.

The P. M. here has all the cent values of the 1894 issue. In course of a conversation with the Asst. P. M. recently, he informed me that he rarely ever sold any 50c stamps, for other than collectors' purposes; that very few ever saw actual service in this post-office.

For some unknown reason, except the P. O. D. perhaps, the electric canceling machine has been removed from this office and all stamps are now cancelled in the primitive way, by hand. This way, however, has necessitated an increase in the force of clerks.

Of Mutual Relations

No stamp paper can exist, for any length of time, without advertising patronage. Neither can a dealer, of the craft, succeed without at least some publicity.

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Watermarked U. S. Stamps

Another variety of the current issue of the United States stamps has appeared. It is that with a water-mark, and we have already seen the two-cent value of this variety. It bears the letters "U S P S" in large capitals, one letter appearing on each stamp.

For forty eight years the stamps of this country have appeared on plain paper, the government relying upon the superior quality of its engraving to prevent counterfeiting. The recent counterfeits, which have been mentioned in this column, have probably been the cause of this action on the part of the Post Office department. Most foreign countries have used the water-mark from the very first introduction of the stamp, but only our revenues and stamped envelopes have hitherto been marked in this way.—*Golden Days*.

BRIEF FLASHES.

Seebecks are doomed.

Have you voted yet?

Now is a good time to join the P. S. of A.

The League wants a good Secretary. Patterson or Zann, which?

L. E. Milligan, the good-natured and popular Exchange Superintendent of the Illinois Philatelic Society, is at present making an extended trip through the south. He writes us from Big Springs, Texas. If any collectors chance to meet Bro. Milligan we are sure they will find him a "hale fellow well met," and well up on stamp topics.

We regret that Brother Ingersoll of Galesburg, stopped short of Springfield, in his trip to Peoria. Never mind, we will all meet here during the State Fair.

Look at the candidates for the various offices of the Illinois Philatelic Society. All good men. Send in your vote.

One of the questions to be raised at the I. P. S. meet in September will be a "bill to raise the dues." Join now.

We want you to do all you can to get the P. S. of A. up to the two thousand mark next month.

W. Lionel Moise sent in some "good things" this month. Too late for our August No. though. You see it is our record, "We have never been late.

Our thanks are due to Mr. R. L. Brodstone for his kindly assistance in our little campaign.

Cast your five votes for Kissinger for Secretary of A. P. A.

We recently had the pleasure of jalling upon Mr. W. B. Hartman, of Berwyn, Illinois, while in Springfield. Mr. Hartman is a pleasant, genial gentleman, and quite enthusiastic in the pursuit. His collection is a large one, numbering up in the thousands.



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HIS ELECTION ASSURED.**Barnum Will Be Secretary.**

There has been a sharp rivalry between the opposing candidates for the Secretaryship, and for a time the result was considered doubtful. Recent movements have, however, changed the whole condition of affairs, and the contest now wears an entirely different aspect. When Mr. Frederick S. Fox withdrew, the friends of Mr. Carstarphen began to sniff the air as if signs of danger were in the wind. The appointment of Mr. Barnum to fill the vacancy, by President Severn, was a great surprise to the Denver collectors, who had looked upon Mr. Barnum as the only formidable opposition to Oney K. Upon investigation it was found that the retiring Secretary, Mr. Fox, had requested President Severn to appoint Barnum, thus designating his choice in such a way that even the most unobserving could take the hint. Mr. Fox was the choice of the members for another term as Secretary, he having added greatly to the list of members and faithfully performed the duties imposed upon him. His many friends will approve of his wise selection and join him in electing W. H. Barnum.

Mr. Heusinger Weds.

The marriage of Mr. Edward W. Heusinger and Miss Teodolinda Bruni was celebrated at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bruni. Only the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony which was performed by Father Dimoline.—*San Antonio Express.*

Our space forbids us to publish the detailed account which follows. Mr. Heusinger is a philatelist of national prominence and his many friends will join us in hearty congratulation.

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The Pacific Northwest is After the Official Board.

Messrs. Walter L. McMullin, H. F. Bartels and H. Moeller, all of Portland, Oregon, are candidates for Trustees of the P. S. of A. The members of the Pacific Northwest are urging their election upon the grounds that that portion of the United States should be represented, owing to the fact that there are a large number of collectors there who could be induced to join, in case the official board came from that locality.

The "Sons" from beyond the Rockies have displayed sound judgment in selecting, as their standard bearers, such an able triumvirate, and you may hear more of them after the smoke of battle lifts itself from the scenes at Denver.

Bertram J. Bishop, of Michigau, is Making a Hot Fight.

Among the candidates for the various offices, none is making a more ardent campaign than Bertram J. Bishop, of Wyandotte, Mich. There are a number of zealous workers in and about Wyandotte, who are untiring in their efforts to secure the coveted plum for their favorite. Mr. Bishop is a capable young man, well qualified for the position to which he aspires.

Theo. Q. Pardee Has a Strong Following.

The fact that Detroit is one of the most potent philatelic centers in the United States, renders Mr. Pardee's cause more sanguine.

Chicago Has a Good List of Candidates.

Apace with the enterprising spirit which prevails in every locality, Chicago furnishes her share of political aspirants.

S. B. BRADT

has been nominated for Vice-President and will doubtless receive the support of Chicago collectors. Mr. Bradt is the foremost man

in philatelic circles in Chicago, having a record for honest dealing and remarkable enterprise.

E. B. POWER

is in the race for Exchange Superintendent. Mr. Power is well known through his writings.

J. A. PIERCE

aspires to the position of Purchasing Agent, while

S. B. HOPKINS

would see the bad side of things, in the capacity of Counterfeit Detector.

TRUSTEES.

A long list of applicants "official" board wanted, completes Chicago's modest claims. And Chicago usually gets what she asks for.

Has Never Been Late.

Our first exchange for June is THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST, of Springfield, Ill. The June number arrived on the 27th of May. Such commendable regularity speaks for itself, and could be well imitated by many other publishers.—*Lone Star Philatelist.*

We might as well remark here, that THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST proposes to set "other publishers" some examples in the way of what a modern stamp journal should be.

A Word About Barnum.

W. Hamilton Barnum, of Cleveland, is a young man of exceptional worth, enterprise and merit. His long connection with philately renders an introduction useless. Among his supporters number the most prominent philatelists who appreciate the fact that he has secured a large number of members to the P. S. of A. Mr. Barnum goes into the convention with a large constituency, and his many friends claim a sweeping victory.

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urer of the P. S. of A. in favor of Mr. Theo. Q. Pardee.

We have received a neat circular from Mr. E. B. Power, Chicago's candidate for Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A.

OUR NEXT NUMBER.

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TRUSTEE REPORT.

The following nominations have been received and ballots will be sent out immediately. Result of the election will be announced in the September number of the official organ. The convention will be held during the State Fair, and every member who can possibly get to Springfield should attend.

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WHOLE No. 14

P. S. of A.

Kissinger, Hamilton, Barnum Kramer and the Oregon Trustees! The ticket advocated by THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST wins.

Very seldom is a report of the convention of a leading philatelic society presented to the public wherein the reporter does not state that the meeting was the most successful and more delegates present than ever before convened together. This custom can be followed with veracity by writers this year, as the second annual convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was undoubtedly better attended and more successful than any previous meet. The Western members outdid themselves in their efforts to completely outdistance any convention ever held.

As the full official report of the convention appears in the *Pennsy*, only the most interesting points will be given here. The Committee on Credentials consisted of Messrs. Beard, Fritz and Potter. This committee was unable to present its report until the fourth session, August 28, at 2:20 P. M. The following was the vote cast for the leading candidates for each office:

President—Kissinger, 368; Severn, 10.

Vice-President—Hamilton, 176; Paget, 115; Wing, 45.

Vice-President (Canada)—Weatherston, 115; Staebler, 99; Wicks, 70.

Secretary—Barnum, 223; Carstarphen, 133.

Treasurer—Mott, 102; Bishop, 95; Pardee, 72; Ashcroft, 57.

International Secretary—Drown, 211; Green, 59; Eberlin, 40; Fox, 40.

Librarian—Becker, 130; Pardee, 93.

Exchange Superintendent—Brodstone, 192; Power, 67; Burleigh, 52.

Exchange Superintendent (Canada)—Ketcheson, 132; Maddigan, 60; Baker, 43.

Attorney—Keech, 357.

Purchasing Agent—Connor, 145; Beamish, 83; Bruce, 46; Pierce, 30.

Auction Manager—Kramer, 162; Lawton, 96; Crowell, 46.

New York Purchasing Agent—Perrin, 188; Schiff, 60, Toppell, 54.

Chicago Auction Purchasing Agent—Wolsieffer, 321.

Counterfeit Detector—Hopkins, 242; Kessler, 59; Pirlie, 42.

Advertising and Subscription Agent—Edwards, 187; Russell, 154.

Official Editor—Beardsley, 173; Ashcroft, 115; R. F. Greene, 58.

Trustees—Bartells, 122; Moeller, 118; MacMullen, 112.

Proxies were held as follows: Kissinger, 50; Brodstone, 50; Beard, 50; Beardsley, 40; Beamish, 50; Carstarphen, 50; Severn, 14; Zahn, 20; Bradley, 19; Hayward, 15; Wilkinson, 15.

The election was quite satisfactory to all, no ill-feeling being exhibited by any.

Following the Credential Committee's report, the reports of the various officers were made. From all of these, the following points are extracted: There are now 811 paid up members, 1,352 on

the rolls; \$245.80 received by Treasurer during the year from various sources; stamps valued at \$1,358.43 were sent in by members to the Exchange Superintendent; of these, 40 per cent. were sold. The Attorney reported \$648.95 collected by him during the past year.—*Reported by Ed. H. Wilkinson.*

A. P. A.

Tenth Annual Convention Meets at Clayton.

On Tuesday, August 13, at Clayton, N. Y., the tenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association assembled to elect officers for the ensuing year. After the usual business, the appointing of committees, etc., President Tiffany delivered his annual address, which was full of enthusiasm, oratory and encouragement. This speech satisfied the most skeptical that John K. Tiffany was the man for the place, and that a new lease of power would undoubtedly be granted him. And it was.

The Committee on Credentials, which was composed of C. H. Mekeel, H. E. Dents and J. F. Beard, completed its laborious task during the seventh session, after three days of uninterrupted labor.

The following was found to be the result:

Total number of votes cast...	667
John K. Tiffany.....	711
N. W. Chandler.....	626
C. W. Kissinger.....	530
Alvah Davison.....	467
Eugene Doebelin.....	431
William C. Stone.....	391
H. B. Phillips.....	130

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And now let us turn our attention to building, enlarging and extending our great national society.

A good solution to the national button scheme would be for the rest of the collectors at large to join the P. S. of A., and get one.

We must decline, with regret, the invitation to attend the convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, which meets at Omaha, September 16.

We like to see the *Lone Star* shine as brightly as it can, but when our articles are taken verbatim we would appreciate a little credit other than our initials. Perhaps, happy thought, the editor of the weekly of the first magnitude thought the initials "S. M. H." a sufficient acknowledgment.

"We will pay our respects to this young genius later on," pipes our good friend, Maj. (?) Egan, in a recent allusion to the editor of THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST. Presumably the "Majah" was contemplating defeat and await-

ing the opportunity to gratify his natural inclinations to hit a fellow when he is down.

Can the "Majah's" gray hairs make his folly venerable?

Fraud or Error, Which?

Mr. Every Paget telegraphed a prominent P. S. of A. member soon after the Committee on Credentials had reported, claiming that the result was incorrect and asking the above-named committee to recount the votes. Whether or not Every charges fraud upon the part of Messrs. Beard, Fritz and Potter, we are not prepared to say, beyond the logical conclusion which must necessarily be drawn from such bold assertions. Mr. Paget lacked 61 votes of having enough to elect him, but his notions of his popularity were so taken back that he "heaps up" insinuations that the friends of Messrs. Beard, Fritz and Potter will not relish by any means.

A. P. A.

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The present Board of Trustees, Messrs. Rode, Kraut and Igunz, were re-elected without opposition.

Among those present were: Eugene Thwing, C. B. Warner, R. O. Williams, J. K. Tiffany, A. Strauss, Wm. C. Stone, Arthur F. Stone, James H. Stebbins, J. W. Scott, J. A. Scheidt, John W. Schaefer, Edward Rosenthal, George W. Rode, J. D. Rice, L. G. Quackenbush, Hugh C. Barr, R. M. Miller, J. M. Bartels, A. W. Bachelder, J. F. Beard, Fred. Michael, A. L. Becker, F. H. Burt, Charles E. Cummings, N. W. Chandler, Alvah Davison, H. E. Deats, E. Doebelin, Dr. P. J. Eaton, Jacob W. Fox, H. S. Gerding, Charles E. Green, Hy. Gremmel, V. Gurdi, W. K. Hall, J. Oakley Hobby, George A. Holland, H.

F. Ketcheson, Clifford W. Kissinger, C. P. Krauth, P. J. Kranz, John Lehmann, J. N. Luff, Gus. Luhn, C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

Springfield Notes.

Roy M. Booth has just returned from a visit in Terre Haute, Ind., and reports a pleasant time. Roy is always on the trade so far as stamps are concerned, and as he took his fine stock of duplicates with him, we suppose he has come back with many rare beauties for his collection. He made the trip from Springfield to Terre Haute overland with his horse and buggy in order that he might have an opportunity to look for old "hair trunks" at all the farm houses that he passed, and also that he might examine into the stocks of all country postoffices that he ran across.

What is undoubtedly the greatest State Fair in the country will be held here from September 23rd to 28th, and during this week the Illinois Philatelic Society will hold its annual convention. The work on the State Fair grounds is being pushed night, day and Sundays, in order to have it completed in time for the fair. One of the principal edifices will be the Agricultural building. This building is surmounted by the mammoth dome of the Horticultural building of the World's Fair and is the largest dome in the world. Let every loyal Illinois collector join the greatest State Society and attend its annual convention at the greatest fair in the greatest state.

Mr. W. B. Murray, the Peoria correspondent of THE SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST, was in this city a few days ago and spent the day taking in the town with "ye editor" and "ye business manager." Mr. Murray is a thorough philatelist and a genial talker, and we hope to see him again at the State Fair.

J. W. M. S.



MR. JUDSON N. BURTON.

Mr. Judson N. Burton, of Madison, N. Y., is the only philatelist in America making a specialty of monthly auction sales of stamps, and as such he has attained quite a prominence. He began collecting in 1885, and dealing in stamps in 1889, while his first auction sale was held in 1893, and he has had unlimited success with them and in nearly all cases secured good prices. In connection with his stamp business he also runs a job printing establishment. He is a member of No. 417 of the A. P. A., having joined in 1893; he is also a member of No. 1268 of the S. of P.

He will continue his sales during the season of 1895-6.

J. W. Miller Schmitt.

We present herewith a portrait of our business manager. We do not wish to impress the philatelic public with any extraordinary idea of our business capacity, but having the space to spare, and as the cut was lying



around in our office with no other mission in this life than that of a paper-weight, we have decided to cast it upon the wave of public sentiment to sink or swim.

W. H. Kessler, Jr.

Foremost among the collectors of the Northwest is the subject of this sketch, W. H. Kessler, Jr., of Detroit. Close application to his studies and to his business has developed in Mr. Kessler a young man of exceptionally good qualities, far in advance of the average young man of twenty.



At the annual convention of the Michigan Philatelic Society he was chosen president, due not only to his popularity, but also in recognition of his efforts to secure the P. S. of A. convention seat for Detroit in '96. The junior member of the well known stamp firm which bears his name has established an enviable reputation for his company, by prompt attention to business and honesty in his dealings. Mr. Kessler's ability as an organizer has been tested in the recent up-building of the Peninsular Philatelic Club, which now has over fifty members.

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WHOLE No. 15

THE RAREST STAMP.

An Interesting Chapter on Philately and Philatelists.

The recent discovery of the St. Louis bear stamps at Louisville and the discussion of their value has raised the question, "Which are the rarest stamps?"

The question is hard to answer. Even professional stamp collectors disagree on that point. Among the rarest are the New Haven stamps issued by that city before the general government began issuing postage stamps. They are valued at \$2,500. The issue of the Confederate States are rare and valuable, as also are those of Moldavia and the first issue of the Hawaiian Islands. The issues of the cities of St. Louis, Millbury, New Haven, Baltimore and Brattlaboro are rare and worth from \$100 to \$1,500 each, according to the variety and peculiarity of the dies from which they were printed. The first issues of British Guiana and Mauritius are among the rarest in the hands of the philatelists. Another very rare stamp is the "Connell" variety, which is a series issued by the Postmaster-General of New Brunswick, Mr. Connell, who had his portrait on them. The home government ordered them destroyed.

The first postage stamp was issued by Great Britain in 1840. Brazil came next in 1843, Switzerland issuing a series later in the same year. In 1844 a number of countries began issuing stamps.

From 1845 to 1847 several cities in the United States issued stamps

of their own to prepay postage on the mails, and in 1847 the United States began to issue them and the local stamps were withdrawn from circulation.

The different designs on postage stamps alone make them interesting. Everyone recollects the recent issue of Columbian stamps, with representations of events in the discovery of America. As a rule United States stamps bear the heads or busts of prominent statesmen, but other countries do not adhere to that rule. The stamps of Afghanistan bear a tiger's head, China a dragon's head; Liberia, elephant or rhinoceros; Australia, swan; New South Wales, bird of paradise and ostrich; Newfoundland, fishing smack, seal and codfish; Canada, beaver; Japan, peacock; India, square block; Perak, bounding tiger; Panama, map of the isthmus; Mexico, burro, poen, stage coach, ship, railroad train; Victoria, queen on her throne; Chili, Columbus landing; Nicaragua, landing of Columbus on Cat Island; New South Wales, map of Australia. The early stamp of Moldavia has a rude head of a bull, surmounted by a star and resting on a hunter's horn for its design. The \$10 timbres, or internal revenue stamps of Mexico, dated 1880, have a portrait of Iturbide in the center, surmounted by an eagle standing on a cactus with a snake in one of its claws and its bill.

The collecting of stamps seems to have passed the fad period and become a science, for men of wealth, culture and education are

engaged in it, and large firms dealing exclusively in postage stamps have sprung into existence. Probably the wealthiest collector in the world is M. Philip L. R. von Ferrary of Paris. He has a collection worth \$1,000,000. —*St. Louis Republic.*

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ED. H. WILKINSON.

Should Cuba be Free.

In the event of Cuba's victory, which would result in her freedom from Spain, every loyal philatelist would rejoice and be exceedingly glad. It would mean—it would mean a new issue of stamps.

Convention.

Owing to the fact that there were no members present, it was impossible to hold our convention this year, but we hope for better results next year.

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"Kramer."

Kramer, the winning candidate as Auction Manager in the recent election of the P. S. of A., and whose photo appears here, is the head man in his father's meat market, at Elkader, Iowa.



Kramer

He began his collection in 1887 and has been an ardent follower of Philately ever since. U. S. postage and revenues are his favorites, and his album contains many fine specimens of the early issues.

The past year he has devoted much of his time to society work, being organizer of the League of American Philatelists and its president for the past year.

Mr. Kramer is also an ad. writer, a writer of business English, and is doing profitable work in writing advertisements for retail merchants.

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BRIEF FLASHES.

The Duke of York is about to sell his collection. Why can't our good friend, Gus Luhn, advance him the money to carry his lordship through the social circles of the season? Just to keep the Duke in philately, don't cherknow?

We presume that the demand for sample copies of the *Daily Philatelist* rendered it inexpedient for the editor of that three dollar a year (hold your pulse) publication, to favor us with a copy. Say, boys, what does she look like?

Well, if you're not going to have that "emblem button" shut up about it.

The Boston imitation of the Chap Book laments the action of the A. P. A. in the selection of Mr. Kissinger for Secretary as a serious misfortune. Mr. K. does run a successful stamp paper, but is this any reason why he should be assailed by the pompous prodigy from the Hub?

Canada's only stamp paper is doing its best to rekindle the philatelic flames which have so long smouldered. Things in the Old Dominion will begin to "liven up" now, and it is to be hoped that the election of Mr. Weatherston will be an inspiration to collectors there to join the P. S. of A.

The P. S. of A. may reach the two thousand mark if the members will be more active. Let's build it up. Have a sky scraper—not a canal boat.

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*J. W. MILLER SCHMITT, Chairman.
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THE NEW OFFICERS.

The newly elected officers are all well known. The society is particularly fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. B. Murray, of Peoria, as secretary. Mr. Murray is a young man of wide acquaintance, having been instrumental in securing many new members for the P. S. of A. Doubtless, his activity will prove to be of great value to the I. P. S.

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A DAY WITH CHICAGO DEALERS.

(BY THE EDITOR.)

To the lover of the quaint and the curious a ramble through the great stamp emporiums of a metropolitan city affords a most agreeable luxury. Knowing that "painting the rainbow" is the prerogative of the artist of the future, we shall not attempt to tell of all we saw while in Chicago. There were stamps, stamps and stamps; good ones and bad ones, rare ones and common ones, grilled ones and "smooth" ones, new ones and tawny ones, black, brown and red. In fact there were all kinds of stamps. We hesitated, lest our curiosity might get the better of our judgement, in entering as an unbidden guest into the castles of phil. The cordial reception given us by Mr. J. A. Pierce banished timidity as a morning sun relieves the darkness of its duty as night watchman.

Mr. Pierce has an endless variety of rare stamps, the collections of a quarter century. We were shown, among other things, a complete set of Columbian stamps (cancelled by the Chicago postoffice,) mounted on 1876 Centennial envelopes, red, yellow and green. The only set commemorating the two "Worlds Fairs" in existence. Mr. Pierce values the set at \$500.

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While in his office we made the acquaintance of Mr. Charles E. Severn. We had expected much in the popular ex-president and were not disappointed. Touching presidential possibilities and the

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Secretary's Report.

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Upon examination of such records as I have so far been able to secure, I find that we have a total membership now of 36, there having been two resignations and one death reported. Application blanks and information will be cheerfully furnished by communicating with the Secretary. Address all letters to

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Notelets.

BY GORDON C. CORBALEY.

John K. Tiffany began collecting in 1858 and now has a collection of over 16,000.

The entire series of United States stamps on water-marked paper has been issued.

The thousand and one shades of red to be found in the current 2c stamps are caused by lack of experience in mixing ink.

The St. Antonio Jubilee stamps of Portugal seems to be in great demand among philatelists. We hoped that stamp collectors would know better, but it shows that all the fools are not dead yet.

The official surcharges on some of the stamps of Deccan will readily wash off in water. This should be true of all surcharges.

The plates of Corrientes stamps are said to be in the hands of private parties.

The flag-ship of Columbus on the 3c stamp is minus a mast and improperly trimmed.

The first auction sale of postage stamps was held by J. W. Scott, May 20, 1870, in the old Mercan-

tile library building, in New York City.

Green, blue-green and yellow green are the three most prominent shades of the five cent register, Canada, while the two cent is found in orange, vermilion and brown.

Why do not North Borneo and Labuan follow the example of other British colonies and watermark their stamps C. A.? These letters are said to mean "cash in advance," and that seems to be the way these states sell their labels to collectors.

Henry Gremmel recently picked up a barrel of Cuban stamps for a mere song. He is now offering Cubans at wholesale, very cheap.

A Day With Chicago Dealers.

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Minneapolis meet, Mr. Severn laughingly remarked that he had been the recipient of many requests for his support. The genial ex-president has profited by past experiences and well knows that promises so far in advance are extremely hazardous.

F. WENDT

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A. L. DOHERTY.

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THERE ARE OTHERS.

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STAMP COLLECTORS MEET.

International stamp Exhibition—The Awards.

The Metropolitan Philatelic Club of this city celebrated its first anniversary yesterday and held under its auspices the first international stamp exhibition ever held in the United States.

The doors were opened at 10 o'clock and from then on a stream of people flowed in and out of the rooms witnessing the display which was an exceedingly fine one, coming from many foreign countries. Over 400 persons placed their names upon the register.

The rooms were prettily decorated with bunting, flags and large brass eagles. Shortly after the doors were opened Ed W. Heusinger, president of the club, rapped for order and declaring the exhibition opened, delivered the following address:

"Ladies, Gentlemen and Brother Members of the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio—Having been appointed by your club as president of the same, to open this exhibition, and having myself for some time been interested in the subject to which this exhibition is devoted, the honor thus conferred on me affords me great pleasure and still greater pleasure to state that this is the first philatelic exhibition held in America, though there have been various philatelic exhibits at fairs, etc., the most important having been that of the Columbian Exposition.

"These exhibitions are held annually in Europe, but especially in England, France and Austria. In these countries, including Germany, the science of philately has made more progress than in other countries. The United States follows next, especially the

Eastern States, California and our own State. This exhibition is something unusual in America, as before stated, and was originated by our club, which is undoubtedly one of the most enterprising clubs of its kind in the United States and even in America. I have only to quote a few words from Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, published in St. Louis, in which the well-known philatelic writer, Lewis G. Quackenbush, says: 'If some philatelic philanthropists were to offer a medal to the most progressive and enterprising of America's local stamp societies it would surely go to the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio, Tex. This live society has long been setting a pace that much more pretentious bodies in much larger cities have found difficult to follow, and we hope that its latest enterprise will settle the question. * * * * *

"It is to be hoped that the laudable example set by our Texas brothers will stir up some of the philatelic clubs of the north to the holding of similar exhibitions. The stamp societies of New York, Boston and other great stamp centers are certainly put to shame by the activity of this earnest little band.'

"These exhibits which we will examine to-day embrace about everything in connection with our science, for philately is indeed a science. Collecting stamps and pasting them in an old copy book is not scientific work, but when we study our stamps for shades, varieties, why and when issued, how made and printed, perforated, engraved, etc., then only does stamp collecting become a science.

"We often hear people say: 'What sense is there in people spending time and money in collecting and arranging a lot of pieces of paper?' and frequent-

ly when showing our collections we hear the remark that they don't see any value or beauty in stamps, and even say, 'What are they good for?'

"It will not be necessary for me to say what vast amount of useful information can be learned by the study of a well arranged collection, I only quoted the above remark to show what some people think of our science.

"I have now only to declare this exhibition open:"

At 1 o'clock the judges examined the bids and awarded medals as follows:

For the best general display of postage, telegraph and revenue stamps, envelopes, postal cards, curiosities, proofs and essays, counterfeits, stamps on original covers, books, papers and everything in connection with philately—E. W. Heusinger; second best, H. W. Reuss.

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For each of the best collections of telegraph and revenue stamps of any or all countries—Walter Morley, London.

For the best display of stamps in sets and packets—Hy A. Reuss.

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The exhibition closed at 5 o'clock and at 5:30 an auction sale of rare stamps was inaugurated, it being the first ever held south of St. Louis.

At 8:30 o'clock the annual meeting was held, reports of officers made and the following officers elected:

President, E. W. Heusinger; Vice-President, E. G. Cervantes; Secretary, John C. Roth; Assistant Secretary, F. J. Murphy; Treasurer, Henry Reuss; Librarian, Julius Jermy; Superintendent, Charles Roemer; Counterfeit Detective, C. F. Finchan.

The affair ended with a grand banquet at 10 o'clock, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following address was delivered by Mr. Henry Reuss:

"Gentlemen and Members of the M. P. C. Present: With your kind attention a few moments you will allow me the honor of addressing you in a few brief remarks on the success of the first anniversary of our club and philatelic exhibition, which we hope will never be forgotten in the history of philately. It will be remembered that just one year ago to-night this, the 13th day of November, a small band of philanthropists, as our worthy contemporaries call us, joined in hands and organized what is now titled the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio, the purpose of this club being for the promotion of philatelic science and geographical knowledge of each stamp issuing country of the entire world; also to try to complete our hobby called stamp collecting. But ourselves as others see us, called stamp cranks, I am sorry to see that so few of our American philatelists taking part in our exhibition, by telling our foreign friends and members outnumber them in exhibits, and only hope that it was not due for the lack of vim for which Americans are noted for, but simply jealousy.

"We have made but one fruitless effort which was tendered us with a blank, and that was an invitation sent to the American Philatelic Association of St. Louis, to hold their next convention in 1896 here. It seems although that their generosity was still with them, as they sent us some pitiful tale of woe that the distance and expense and so few members to the association were located in the south, never taking into consideration our beautiful scenery and surroundings for which our city is noted, or the sport which our northern friends would very much like to see. By allowing me, in behalf of our club, to tender our sincere thanks to our energetic young President, Mr. Edward W. Heusinger, to whom is due our success of this grand and world renowned Metropolitan Philatelic Club; I am also personally thankful for the honorable position bestowed upon me in the capacity of treasurer of the club. I will try and serve the club in that capacity to the best of my ability.

"Toast—May we all live to be present in many more enjoyable events which in future the club may bring forth."

The exhibition viewed in every light was a most successful one and reflects much credit upon the Metropolitan Philatelic Club.—San Antonio Express.

Notes on U. S. Stamps.

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The St. Louis 5c. and 10c. priced at \$100.00 and \$75.00 are rapidly advancing. They now bring \$130.00 and \$100.00 respectively.

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The varieties of U. S. stamps are becoming more and more numerous every day. Who, a few years ago would have dreamed of so many?

If you have not got the 1894 on plain paper you had better get them if you can. Dealers now want more for them than for Columbians.

There is quite a difference in the quality of the plain and the water-marked paper. The former is on thick, soft wove paper and the latter on that thin hard paper as used for the 1872 issues.

When the U. S. started to watermark their stamps they did not make a new paper that would take a watermark and show it plain, but they used some paper which was on hand, and which, as you probably know, does not show the watermark with any degree of distinctness and in some cases you cannot find any trace of it in whole sheets. The attention of the Bureau has been called to this fact, and the paper is likely to be changed without notice, so beware that your collection contains a complete set of the present water-marked series. R. M. BOOTH.

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Although The Springfield Philatelist has been much improved and the reading matter set in smaller type, which now gives our readers more choice reading than any other stamp paper published, the subscription price remains the same. The "Springfield" is now the only stamp paper in the world that is set with typesetting machines. By the use of the

matchless Mergenthaler linotypes we are enabled to give more news in less space. We have led the advance—others must follow. Our desire to place the "Springfield" second to none is now fully realized. In placing our paper in the hands of subscribers every month on time—never late—we have not only fulfilled (as all honest publishers should) the agreement made when we took the subscription, namely, "twelve numbers on time and full of interest." In view of our faithful performance of this obligation we now ask a continuance of patronage from the old and a trial from the new.

Along about the middle of November the combination number of Beardsley's "International" contained a prediction that Bertram J. Bishop would be elected treasurer of the P. S. of A., at the last August convention. A prophecy, made two months after an event should be a trifle more accurate. But then this is about as near as Beardsley's paper ever comes to the mark.

Circulation and quality are the two essentials to a good advertising medium. True worth must be based upon their collective value.

One of the junior organs devoted in its way to stamps, makes this candid confession: "Our subscribers and advertisers will lose nothing by our missing two numbers," as their contracts have been extended two months.

We are glad to note a change for the better in the Washington Philatelist. Not a single publisher received the "lash" of iconoclastic criticism through the columns of the November number. The veteran Major seems to have taken the advice tendered him by Lionel Moise, in a recent article concerning criticism.

The following stereotyped ad. is going the rounds of some of the junior organs: "There are three things that pay—a gold mine, a government bond, and an ad. in this paper." The advertisement was cop-

led from certain papers devoted to advertising and we brand it as stolen goods, unworthy of the dignity of a place in stamp papers.

In these days of competition we have abundant opportunity to study good, sound business methods. The successful publisher of a stamp journal of today must keep in touch with his advertising patrons—must follow their interests from the copy hook to the composing room and thence out into the big world. He must see that their ad. is well displayed, the presswork neatly done and then, but half finished, he must attend rigidly to the circulation of his papers. The quality of circulation must be considered. Care that no subscriber gets a sample copy and avoid sending samples promiscuously, two or even three to the same person. If compelled to send out specimen copies, revise your lists, get new names of active collectors and use all honorable efforts to give your advertiser the best possible value for his money. This is a sure way to success.

We were decidedly surprised to notice that the names of Messrs. Louis and Henry Flachskamm, of St. Louis, were objected to, presumably by a member of the P. S. of A. We have always found these gentlemen honorable in every respect and we cannot but feel that the objections are purely malicious. However, it is too serious a matter to trifle with and we presume that the charges or reasons will be fully published by the trustees. The one who rendered the charges will be called upon to produce the necessary evidence in support of his claims, and do so publicly, or else the matter will be dropped. In this connection we desire particularly to call attention to the manifest injustice of the system of publishing an objection to an applicant until the same has been fully considered, by the trustees. At all events let us hear the objections—the public may be its own judge.

The philatelic public is learning to overlook the pair-of-duce bluffs made

by the pompous professors of St. Louis. The Boston Stamp Book is now very much worried (?) over its recent troubles with the aforesaid. We predict that when the Mekeel Co. are "called," the matter will be compromised by the former making a contract with the latter for advertising—paid advertising.

Every member has read President Kissinger's address; every loyal member will respond.

Why not amalgamate the two societies—P. S. of A. and the S. of P.? We venture that there would be little if any opposition. The Springfield Philatelist calls for opinions.

U. S. Grant, of Dallas, Oregon, recently joined the S. of P. We wonder what General Grant ever did to his namesake?

Among the new members of the P. S. of A. this month we note the name of H. H. Zobel, of San Francisco. Mr. Zobel, it will be remembered, has long remained refractory, and we wonder with what weapon was he cudged into the fold?

J. Henry Thomas, the "Jersey Skeeter," who has attained considerable prominence of late, will furnish the Springfield with some of his (the only) Jersey Jottings next month.

Thanks.

We are in receipt of a neat little work, "Railways and their Employes," the author being Mr. Ossian D. Ashley, President of the Wabash Railroad Co. The book is replete with ideas both conservative and practical, and is of exceptional interest not only to railroad men but to the public in general. A few copies of the work were distributed among employes of the road and were well received, as it shows the interest taken in the employes, by the highest official of a great system.



R. M. BOOTH.

R. M. Booth, whose likeness is annexed, is one of the hustling publishers of the Springfield Philatelist. Mr. Booth is a specialist in United States stamps, having sold his valuable collection of foreign in 1893, and investing the proceeds in United States varieties. Several additions of many rare and costly stamps have increased the value until now his collection is one of the most complete in this country.

Chicago Notes.

E. B. Power.

The first auction of the Chicago Stamp and Coin Co. proved to be one big success from start to finish. The sale was well attended and some records established, amongst them the following are worthy of notice:

U. S. Justice, 24c., unused.....	\$ 9.25
U. S. Justice, 30c., unused	18.00
U. S. Justice, 90c., unused	40.00
U. S. Agriculture, 12c., unused..	9.60
(New Cat. \$8.00.)	
U. S. General, 3c., embossed all over.....	13.00

Hungary, 3 kr., litho., used.....	11.55
(Catalogue \$7.50.)	
Nova Scotia, 6 and ½ of 3d, entire,	12.55
New Brunswick, ½ of 6d, entire.	13.50
Wurtemberg, 70 kr., violet.....	11.30
(Cat. \$8.00.)	
St. Kilts, 6d, olive, unused,	14.50
(Cat. \$10.00.)	

Amongst well known Chicago collectors the following I noticed as being "in evidence:" Messrs. Wolff, Morgenthau, Jerrems, Abrams, Michael, Gardiner, Lefever, Severn, McDonald, Gregory, and Stieglitz. The total net amount of the sale was \$1,475.10 and the company were complimented on holding the first auction held in recent years in this city.

Dealers here report brisk trade in general, and the demand for fine U. S. is increasing. Plate numbers have a few adherents here, but the old time collectors seem disinclined to follow up this branch of the hobby.

Mr. J. E. Williams, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was a visitor last week. He showed me a block of twenty 90c., 1872, National print, that he picked up somewhere in that state for 90c. apiece. Hair trunk and old postoffice finds are NOT dead yet !!

Mr. S. B. Bradt, the old-time dealer and collector, is now associated with B. S. Ross, the wholesale U. S. dealer. Mr. Ross is also a mail carrier, combining the two pursuits very easily.

Frank Massoth, our very genial friend, in the Marquette building, has gone to Auburn, N. Y., on the stamp forgery case as a witness for the government. It is reported he is to spend next summer's vacation at Buzzard's Bay as a guest of Grover Cleveland.

Meanwhile keep your eyes on the \$2.00 P. O. w'm'k, but the w'm'k is so indistinct be very careful to use your benzine test before purchasing, as sometimes only the minutest portion of one of the watermark letters shown on the specimens, and

dealers are not as scrupulous as they should be. The sooner our government adopts a sensible watermark the better it will be for all concerned. We suggest the design of eagle—nothing could be better.

That the P. S. of A. vice presidency went to Hamilton is a matter for great rejoicing. We failed to find amongst any of the other candidates a single member that we thought good enough for this most responsible position. Chicagoans say "Hurrah!" and C. W. Kissinger flaps his wings at having such an efficient vice.

Minor Varieties of United States Stamps.

United States stamps will always be sought for by every true American philatelist. They offer some special inducements to each variety of collector. The beginner gathers them because many varieties may be easily obtained. The budding philatelist collects them on account of their beauty, and half-unconsciously he feels a thrill of patriotism as his eyes rest on the imposing countenances of his distinguished fellow-countrymen. The speculative collector finds a rich field in Uncle Sam's stamps for reason of their rising qualities. And, finally, the advanced philatelist (among whom I take the liberty to class myself) find the stamps of the United States enticing on account of the immense number of minor varieties which may be discovered among them.

It is with these minor varieties that I wish particularly to deal in this paper. I have seen in the philatelic magazines recently a number of notices of infinitesimal errors, as they may be called, of U. S. stamps, and considering that some of my discoveries in this line are perhaps not wholly without value to the philatelic public, I beg leave to chronicle the following uncatalogued and heretofore unknown varieties.

My discovery of the new variety of the 90c. 1874 has already been heralded by the Springfield Philatelist and although

I have not yet received a letter from President Tiffany concerning it, I am expecting one daily.

To begin with splits. I have a triangular piece of a 10c. black 1847 which represents one-third of the original stamp and which was used in conjunction with a 5c. stamp of the same date to prepay the postage on a letter requiring 8 1-3c. I have also one-eighth of a 24c. stamp of 1856 on the original envelope used as a three cent stamp.

In perforation, etc. I have a rouletted 1c. blue 1861 that I have never seen catalogued, so I suppose it is unique. However, I should like to correspond with any one who has a similar variety and I should be delighted to hear the opinion of some other advanced philatelist on it. I will not mention my perforated and grilled oddities at present, for want of space, but will pass to some queer errors in engraving I have seen.

One is a 7c. 1872 (National die) in which the venerable Stanton wears a goatee. I cannot account for the strange misstrike, but there is not the slightest evidence of the Pefferian whiskers which were accustomed to adorn his idealistic countenance, and a faint wisp of a goatee is the sole remnant of his luxuriant crop of wind-sifters.

I will end the list of minor varieties with an account of an error similar to the last. This is a \$5 green state department which bears the ordinary portrait of Seward with the single exception that his nose is as viciously pugged as that of an Irish kitchen queen. Seward with a pug nose is a mistake that never should have been allowed an exit from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. It is a disgraceful calumny on that honored gentleman and were it not for the colossal value of the stamp I would destroy it out of pure patriotism.

The aforementioned oddities may undoubtedly be discovered by careful searching among United States stamps and I earnestly recommend all philatelists who specialize in United States stamps to seek for them diligently.

LAURENCE EDWARDS.

BRIEF FLASHES.

The next national convention of the A. P. A. will be held at Minnetonka Lake, Minn. The delightful resort is about twenty-five miles from Minneapolis, the seat of the P. S. of A. convention. Arrangements should be made to hold both during the same week that the meet may be the greatest of the great.

Mr. J. F. and A. W. Shaw, of Jackson, Mich., have purchased the entire stock of stamps of the Crittenden-Borgman Stamp Co., of Detroit.

Although a nom de plume, add to your fraud list the name of John V. Hoffman, Norristown, Pa. The philatelic public are under obligations to Joe F. Beard for the information.

The Albemarle, published by George D. Galloway, at Eau Claire, Wis., devotes a few pages each month to stamp collecting. The move is becoming quite popular among all publications which reach the young men. The truth is that two-thirds of the young men who read at all are interested in stamps.

"It is well to advertise but better to advertise well."—Printer's Ink.

C. E. Severn, of Chicago, is responsible for the above. In fact, it's not the only one C. E. has contributed to the well-known "Little schoolmaster in advertising."

The London Philatelic Association was recently organized in London. Undoubtedly London can boast of more collectors than any other two cities combined.

W. S. Weatherston has resigned the secretaryship of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

The Philatelic Press Association seems to have died, proverbially speaking, for want of breath. Although organized last August, as yet there has appeared no official report.

The Queen City Society now has a membership roll of one hundred and forty-eight, and is still increasing.

O. K. Carstarphen, of Denver, is conducting a vigorous campaign for president of the P. S. of A.

The A. P. A. members have packed their trunks for the Minnetonka meet next year. What! It isn't any more premature than this filibustering for offices to be filled then.

A writer of note recently contended that he had just as much license in spelling the word "facts" "phacts" as has our western contemporary in spelling "philatelic" with an "F."

As yet we have heard nothing from the promised Missouri Philatelist, promised from St. Joseph.

Arthur Wendell, of Detroit, Mich., has opened an advertising and subscription agency.

In spite of the recent victory of the Majestic, of the White Star line, the American line will continue to carry the mails between this country and Europe. This is in keeping with a contract now existing between the United States and the last-named company.

Lewis G. Quackenbush has charge of the advertising department of Stearn's Cycles.

J. E. Hartley, of Norwich, Conn., is engaged in the arduous task of resuscitating the S. P. S.

The Dixie Stamp Co., of Nashville, Tenn., have sold out to I. E. Patterson, of Guelph, Ontario.

Announcement is made that the Philadelphia Stamp News will appear next month from Philadelphia.

Chas. W. Grevening, of New York, publisher of The Stamp, will remove to Morristown, N. J., where he will conduct a mail order business.

A. G. Allison, of Toronto, has purchased the library and stock of stamps of W. S.

Weatherston. It is supposed that Mr. Allison will join the already large army of dealers. Not too large, however, as the roomiest apartments are at the "top," and a large stock will insure success.

"Michigan was entirely left out in the P. S. of A. convention."—Northern Philatelist.

All things come to him who waits, brother, and out of that triumvirate which recently organized a branch in Detroit, we can find excellent timber for officers next year.

Where is the Philatelic Year Book promised by some of our prominent P. S. of A. members? Come; time's called.

A Postal Card Incident.

It would be strange if the long heralded death struggle between the armed nations of Europe were precipitated by the design of a postal card. That such a thing is not inconceivable was shown by a recent conflict between the officialdom of Austria and that of Italy. The latter having issued a special card in commemoration of the taking of Rome twenty-five years ago, the Austrians—to whom the capture of the papal city gave especial umbrage—seized every specimen that came to their frontier, refusing to admit the offensive emblem into their territory.

Hostilities will come when some cause of diplomatic conflict—perhaps as insignificant a cause as this—is taken up by that ever uncertain element, the public opinion of the nations involved, just as the Benedetti incident was taken up by the French sentiment in 1870. A spider's web once saved Scotland, and some similar trifle may yet plunge Europe into war.—Munsey.

The publication of the Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book is in keeping with the usual enterprise of the wide awake Nebraskans. In no state in the Union is there as perfect a state organization and we only wish that every other state would strive to excel.

Why Not Take a Census?

The question of how many stamp collectors in the U. S., is one of interest to all. Here are some figures: 60,000,000 people in the U. S.; 30,000,000 males; 20,000,000 above the age of fifteen; 10,000,000 of these unable to read, paupers, criminals, etc. This leaves us 10,000,000 from which to base an estimate. From our knowledge of ordinary localities we would say that one in every hundred males was more or less interested in stamps. By such conclusions we are able to draw, we think, that 100,000 collectors is a very reasonable estimate of the number in the United States.

The above is only an estimate, but it may serve a purpose. Why not take a census? The liberal publishers of stamp magazines who desire to spread the science as well as to obtain as nearly as possible a complete census, could easily accomplish the task. How? First advertise in every possible way to secure the names of all interested in stamps. Youths' Companion, St. Nicholas and magazines of that class would bring in floods of postal cards, from collectors whose names never appeared in a philatelic directory. Such a publication would not of course bring any one any great profit but there are countless ways by which the expenses might be defrayed—subscriptions for the work in advance, popular subscriptions of small amounts and the like. Every publisher realizes the need of a good directory. The fact is evidenced by the five catalogues of a prominent firm that at this moment lie on my desk. Four of these were wasted. The pursuit has outgrown a 5,000 list of names, besides we should reach that class of collectors who are beginners, for they are the buyers of to-morrow. If a number of aggressive and public-spirited philatelists would combine the work would be mere bagatelle.

The Proper Study.

At the close of the year of 1895 we think a proper time to review the interesting phases which philately has assumed during the last twelvemonth. The year has marked an epoch. It has been an era of discriminations. From a mere classification of variety the pursuit has been reduced to minutest distinction, and we find an era of popular madness as compared to which the silver craze in political affairs was mere bagatelle. But ours to review, not to criticize.

Two important conditions have changed the world, until now the outlook is anything but pleasant to the everyday philatelist, who, while having a desire to keep abreast the wave of advancement lacks the time necessary for minor discrimination.

The first of these is the idea of collecting plate numbers. It deviates from the original intent to gather varieties and is only a step from the school-boy fallacy of amassing great numbers. To many it seems but the saving of the waste paper which usually surrounds a sheet of stamps. True, each plate bears a number, and a difference may exist in shade, but what does this indicate? Poor workmanship—purely and simply. The intention on the part of the government, unquestionably, was to have all the stamps of one issue exactly alike. In view of this fact, we should call them the same, and since the plate numbers indicate but the time of the printing the order, or something of minor importance, we should dispel any idea of variety. We do not place our ideas before the public with any expectancy of settling the matter. We can only point to a fallacy and rely on the sober judgment of the people:

None the less important in the history of the past year has been the Seebek craze. The proper study of stamps comprehends such as are legitimate, used for the purposes of carrying mail and actually representing the

country issuing them. The pursuit originally adapted itself to the existing circumstances—now conditions are made to attract the hobby. We all appreciate the folly of making a new coat four sizes too large when the wearer already has one beyond his size. Why make stamps when we have plenty uncollected? Where is that modern Alexander who, having collected all the known varieties, yet sighs for more? The greatest argument against the making to order is that the casting in of spurious issues "leavens the whole." The intrinsic value of a coles stamp in question is lessened when numerous counterfeits are in the field, and lessens the pleasure where doubt of genuinity exists. By all means we favor the extirpation of all the refuse that tends to clog the aggressive course of genuine stamp collecting. It is sewage that runs along the main channel and in branching out permeates the whole.

The Boston postmaster introduced a decided novelty recently. A publishing house informed him that it was about to send 700,000 circulars through the mails, and he soon calculated that it would take two men nearly three weeks to cancel the stamps. It occurred to him that, with the permission of the Department, at Washington, a method could be introduced that would not only prove a great saver of time, but would expedite the mailing of the matter by the publishers. The plan was to have a canceling plate made large enough to cancel one sheet of a hundred stamps at one impression, and to cancel them in advance of use. He asked permission of the Department to do this, and it was granted, the only preliminary required being that the design of the canceling stamp used should meet with the approval of the Department. A design was made and sent to Washington, where it was approved without the suggestion of a change. The plate made from this was placed on the printing press in the postoffice, and the 7,000 impressions (100 stamps being canceled at an impression) were worked off in a day by two men, one feeding and the other inking. The stamps were then separated and affixed to the wrappers by the publisher in the same manner as would be required in ordinary cases.—Golden Days.

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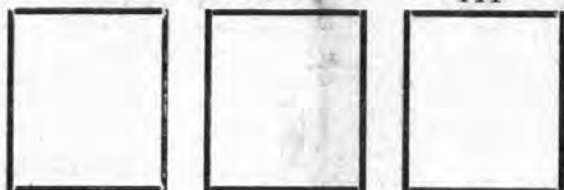
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Confederate Postal Curiosities.

There is a fascination about the collecting of stamps generally, and there is an added fascination in the gathering of the specimens of a favorite country, or group of countries. The specialist who collects the issues of those countries of his choice only, can be said to experience the highest type of philatelic pleasure.

There are few countries which can offer so attractive a field, one so rich in reality and in promise, as the quondam Confederate States of America. In addition to the regular issues and locals, there are, if one wishes to step beyond the strictly legitimate lines of collecting, the pictorial Southern war envelopes, the oddities in envelopes and other postal curiosities, which appeal to the antiquarian as well as to the philatelist.

There has been no paucity of literature on the Confederate issues. Major Evans and Mr. C. B. Corwin published articles on the general issues some years ago, which were authoritative, and E. R. Aldrich, Gus Luhn, "C. S. A." and others have written valuable data. The general issues and many of the locals have been exhaustively treated of and it is difficult to tell anything new about them.

The Confederate stamps in general are admittedly ranking favorites with the specialist, and they receive much of the attention that is their due from American collectors, but at the same time there is a tendency to slight those semi-philatelic postal relics of the Confederacy, which are in many ways worthy of the philatelic eye. Reference is made to the envelopes made of wall-paper, of wrapping paper, of newspapers, of title pages of books; to the envelopes turned inside out and used

twice; to those bearing steamboat cancellations and official franks; to the pictorial Southern war envelopes, and the many quaint and curious covers.

The philatelist who collects his Confederates on the original envelopes is certain to accumulate a greater or less number of these oddities, but as a rule, it is only to the stamp that any value is attached in the collector's mind, and the curious cover is preserved only as a badge of authenticity for the stamp upon it.

It would not be violating the canons of philately were the stamp collectors to save all the Confederate postal oddities that he could secure; even were he to gather them more for the envelopes, etc., in some cases, than for the stamps themselves. He may accumulate one hundred specimens of the commoner ten-cent blue, but if each is on a cover which commends itself by its curiousness, the lot will be a worthy one from the philatelic view.

The time will come when every relic of the greatest fratricidal struggles will be treasured by appreciative collectors. To-day, there are men who are not philatelists that collect the pictorial war envelopes of both North and South, and they do not allow cost to balk their endeavors to obtain desired specimens. If once the great body of collectors of America of every sort turn its attention to the interesting Confederate postal curiosities, and see what an inviting field spreads itself before them, it is not unlikely that these men, non-philatelists though they be, will eagerly secure these speaking relics of the Confederacy.

If the collector who especially favors the Confederates combines with his philatelic tendency, a taste for the curious, he is fortunate; for then, he truly

appreciates the opportunity that is afforded him by the Confederate postal curiosities for indulging both bents, and he takes advantage of it while he may.

Anything out of the ordinary is worth keeping. The Confederate envelopes ingeniously constructed from odd material; the symbolical and pictorial war envelopes, Southern in sentiment and bearing Confederate stamps; the official envelopes employed by the various departments of Jefferson Davis' cabinet; the surcharged U. S. stamped envelopes, etc., etc., are worthy of careful preservation, and they should receive greater notice from collectors than is at present accorded them.

Perhaps it will remain for others than philatelists to discover their sentimental and historical value, and stamp collectors may shake off the indifference with which they generally regard them, all too late.

C. E. SEVERN.

The Golden Rule.

"Who hasn't heard of the Springfield Philatelist?" Echo answers: "Why, nobody."

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This is all there is to it. The method is not patented and it is just exercising common sense on the Golden Rule Principle.

Canadian Notes.

As I was passing down Wyndham street, Guelph, recently, I saw a roll of wall paper covered with stamps in the

window of Mr. J. E. Nelles, labeled "The wall paper of the future."

The Scott Co. would greatly improve their catalogue if the prices of Canadian revenues were added. These stamps are steadily rising in value and bid fair to equal the revenues of the United States.

Mr. W. S. Weatherstone, having resigned as secretary-treasurer of the Dominion Philatelic Association, Mr. I. E. Patterson, of Guelph, has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term. The D. P. A. is being thoroughly reorganized and will present a better appearance hereafter.

Mr. A. F. Wicks, of London, is doing the largest business in Canada, and says that the holiday trade is much larger this year than it was last.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, the ex-Superintendent for Canada of the P. S. of A., has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

Mr. I. E. Weldon, in the holiday number of the Eastern Philatelist, states that an effort is being made by some members of the Dominion Philatelic Association to consolidate the D. P. A. with the P. S. of A. As Mr. Weldon remarks, if the project is carried out much dissatisfaction will result. Surely there are enough collectors in Canada to maintain a national society.

Raymond Baker has a very interesting article on "Nova Scotia Stamps" in the E. P.

The Western Stamp Co. have opened an office at 8 E. King street, Toronto.

The Ottawa Philatelic Society have elected the following officers for the current year: President, H. P. Bunnell; Vice-President, W. H. Hunter; Secretary-Treasurer, C. W. Robertson; Ex-Superintendent, A. F. Sladen.

The Stamp, of Groveland, Mass., propose to have a Canadian editor every month. We wish them success in their new venture.

Mr. Wm. R. Adams, editor of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, has purchased a printing establishment and will print the C. P. M. himself hereafter.

The local branch of the Dominion Philatelic Association has been formed in Toronto.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

The Stamps of Austria.

If you are collecting stamps for their beauty alone, by all means do not come to Austria in search of specimens. But, on the other hand, if you wish stamps of first-class philatelic value, those of Austria are on a par with any foreign stamps. However, most of them can be procured very cheaply.

1850 was the date of the first issue. Three kinds of paper were used, viz.: Ribbed, thin and thick. The values were 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 kreuzers. Two colors were used on thin paper for the 1 kr. stamp, yellow and orange. The total catalogue value of the issue is: Used, \$3.61; unused, \$14.10. However, the only ribbed paper varieties catalogued are the 3 kr., 6 kr. and 9 kr. used.

Reprints of the thick paper varieties are common, and, as usual with this class of trash, are a pest to the amateur collector.

The stamps of '58 and '59 were chiefly noticeable on account of their being still more unsightly than the first issue. Reprints are again to the front in this issue, but can easily be distinguished by the difference in perforations, the genuine stamps being perforated 15 while the reprints are perforated 10½. In the next issue of 1861 the genuine stamps are perforated 14 while the reprints are the same as the preceding.

With the stamps of 1863 the Austrians began to watermark, the word "Briefmarken" being used in the sheet. Here also begin the varieties in perforations, there being no less than ten used, as follows: 9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11, 11½, 12, 12½, 13 and 14.

The total catalogue value of all the adhesives from 1858 to 1891 inclusive, is: Used, \$9.30; unused, \$30.25. This is excepting three or four unpriced varieties. This makes the total general issue catalogue, \$12.91 used. They could certainly be purchased for \$7.00 or \$8.00, which is certainly very low for a country like Austria, complete.

Of course there are the newspaper, newspaper delivery and newspaper tax

stamps and the unpaid letter set, but the collection of these is optional.

The postal cards of Austria are probably the most unique of any in the world. They are issued in the following different languages: Bohemian, Italian, Polish, Ruthenian, Slavonic and Illyrian, there being eight different designs in addition to the different denominations and colors, we have an extensive number of post card varieties. As they are all catalogued quite low, one might easily and cheaply mount the complete set, which would make a very interesting curiosity.

Another curious thing is the pneumatic card. Part of these contain a list of stations, at the left side, at which they may be delivered. Two cards of the 1883 issue are inscribed with the names of thirty-one stations. Pneumatic envelopes and letter-cards are also used.

The stamps for Austrian post-offices in the Levant and Lombardy and Venice might be commented upon; but they are of not so very much importance.

Last and least (in this case) are those miserable apologies for stamps, used by the Danube Steam Navigation Co.; doubly miserable because to get an original copy is almost impossible, and the markets seem to be stagnated with such reprints as these.

BERTRAM J. BISHOP.

Springfield Notes.

By a "Springfield Philatelist."

The genial F. S. Belden, spent Christmas in this city, and during his stay here some one of our collectors were almost always to be found in his rooms at the Leland, looking over his magnificent collection, or trading stamps with him.

A P. S. of A. branch is to be formed here in the near future.

S. M. Hamilton, editor-in-chief of the "Springfield," has removed to Pleasant Plains, Illinois, where he is the managing editor of the "West Sangamon Gazette," an eight page weekly newspaper.

Many sheets of stamps are handed out

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1896.

With this issue of the "Springfield" we begin our third volume. Our career has been somewhat checkered, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have issued twelve numbers promptly on time, during the past year, and that our paper is appreciated by both dealers and collectors alike, as is demonstrated by the large number of new subscribers that we are receiving daily, and by our ever increasing advertising patronage. Are you with us for '96?

In our December Chicago notes we quoted our correspondent as saying the Chicago Stamp & Coin Co. held the first auction in recent years. This was a typographical error and should have read "one of the best auctions," etc. Dr. Cottlaw held two very successful sales under the auspices of the Chicago Philatelic Society last season.

A new paper promised from Nebraska by Messrs. Wilkinson & Brodstone, but to date we have not seen it.

The International "Philatelist" has sprung upon an unsuspecting and underserving public a "Defeated Candidates" ticket, composed of Carstarphen, Paget, etc. We are surprised to see the name of Every Paget as a candidate for vice-president, as he promised us faithfully, before the last election, that, whether successful or not, he would run for president in '96. Why did you take a back seat, "Every?"

We are not prepared to announce, as yet, our choice of candidates for the '96 election. It is needless to say, however, that it will not be the "D. C." ticket mentioned above.

A re-organization of the Illinois Philatelic Society has been proposed, and full particulars will be given next month.

Mr. T. S. Kum, a Chicago collector and dealer, has discovered another cap variety in an 1890 2c. carmine. In the stamp which he showed us the cap was on the left side of the left hand 2.

The Press.

The Evergreen Philatelist for November contains 18 pages of advertising matter and about eight pages of reading matter. It is set in very large type and what there is of it is easily read.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp is without a doubt one of the leading stamp journals that we receive. Its leader for December, "The Rich and Rare Departments," is very interesting and instructive.

The December Michigan Philatelist disappointed us somewhat in not having another dream to relate. Perhaps the dreamer cannot sleep any more for fear of what will be his lot hereafter.

The November Pennsy is up to the usual standard of that excellent publication, and lists 69 new members and 34 applications for the P. S. of A.

The American Philatelic Magazine for November reached us in the latter part of December. "Puritan" has returned from Joliet after quite a long stay, hav-

ing been pardoned out by the famous Governor Altgeld, and proceeds to "roast" the "Springfield" in an 18 line "Chicago note."

Beardsley's International is another "philatelic" paper that reaches us a month behind time. Its publisher kindly devotes about a half page of his valuable (?) space to the "Springfield."

A collector said to us the other day, that he didn't mind receiving a paper the last day of the month for which it is dated, but to receive a paper dated November in the last week of December is the "last straw," etc.

The Boston Stamp Book reaches us on time. It contains 20 pages of reading matter, among which is a sort of editorial apology to the Mekeel Co. The balance of the eighty-page edition is devoted to a catalogue of auction sales by its publishers, and the New England Stamp Co., and a few advertisements.

Unheralded and unannounced, the "Daily Stamp Item" has appeared, published by the Mekee Co., of St. Louis. It is to be published every day in the year except Sunday and will be a typical stamp newspaper. Its publication by such a well-known firm insures its regular receipt for the time for which you may subscribe.

Many other papers have been received which we would like to mention, but space forbids.

Thanks.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following catalogues, lists, etc., for which the publishers will please accept our thanks:

Auction Epitome from R. F. Albrecht Co. This book is very useful as a reference list as it gives the prices realized on every stamp that has been sold at auction through the publishers.

Catalogue of English Stamps from Walter Morley. This publication is

the most complete book of its kind ever issued and should be in the hands of every collector of English stamps.

Price list of stamps, sets, packets and wholesale lots from F. Cormack. This pamphlet is very neatly gotten up and some good stamps are advertised in it.

Sample packet "Queen of the West" from the Queen City Stamp Co. The catalogue value of this book is two or three times the price asked and is a bargain for any one who buys one.

'96 Price-list from Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co. This is gotten up in the usual attractive style of that firm.

Advance list of Sidney Hurtig's wholesale catalogue for 1896.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to be present at a banquet to be held at the Union League Rooms by the Chicago Philatelic Society, on January 9, 1896. We regret that we will be unable to be present.

The Interstate Philatelic Association.

The month of August, 1895, saw the dawn of the agitation for a philatelic society in the Pacific Northwest. A state organization for Washington was the original plan. But Oregon and the "Evergreen State" are closely connected, so an association of the two states was soon acknowledged as the better plan.

In the September number of the Evergreen State Philatelist was an announcement of the contemplated organization. This seemed to do little good and few letters were received. So it was reprinted with a call for nominations. This time the assurances of support were numerous.

In November, a list of the nominations received was published. The plan was for each member to send his ballot to the Credential committee, the Portland trustees serving in that capacity. With each vote, ten cents was to be enclosed as a guarantee of good faith. The list of charter mem-

bers being compiled from those voting.

When the time for voting came, the ballots poured into Portland. Philatelists far and near came forward and joined our band. Portland alone furnishing sixteen members. When the polls closed on Dec. 11th, 41 ballots had been received. Edward F. Barth of Seattle, Wash., being elected president.

With forty-one charter members our society is founded, not on the shifting sand but the solid rock. Few associations have had a better start on the grand road to success than this band of western philatelists.

We mean business, and to carry our society on to the zenith of success and power is the ambition of each member.

Well known philatelists occupy the offices, the Portland trustees all being office-holders. The president is the resident vice president of the P. S. A. A committee composed of Messrs. Moeller, Bartels, and McMullin, is at work on a constitution, which will be ready early in January.

All collectors resident in Oregon or Washington are requested to join the I. P. A. The benefits of such a society are well known, so I need not dwell on them.

"Onward and Upward" is our motto, as will be evidenced by our progress in the next few years. Are you with us on the grand march to success? Far better enter while the I. P. A. is young than wait until it has climbed the ladder of success and all infantile troubles are past. Then you will be welcome, but now you are needed.

GORDON C. CORBALEY,
Waterville, Wash.,
Secretary I. P. A.

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from the stamp window of the post-office here without plate numbers, inscriptions, or in fact, any of the margin, attached. It is reported that a prominent collector here has a "pull" with the

stamp clerk, who detaches the strip of three stamps with plate number and inscription attached and saves them for him.

Mr. R. M. Booth, who has been advertising quite extensively for plate numbers, is thinking seriously of securing the services of two or three clerks to help him answer the enormous lot of letters which he receives daily. One bright collector recently sent him a big stack of margins on which the plate numbers and inscriptions were printed, but, alas, from which the stamps had been removed, thus utterly spoiling them for collecting purposes.

Chicago Notes.

We have had several visitors in town this week, amongst them Lieutenant Bandholtz, of Fort Thomas, Kentucky. The Lieutenant had a very fine lot of U. S., which he used in trading to good advantage with local dealers. He kindly showed me his album, each stamp being so spaced (with a border round it shaded gray) that the specimen had the appearance of being mounted on the face of a block of wood, the whole appearance of the page being very pleasing to the eye.

Doctor Cottlow promises us an auction sale early in January. C. P. S. sales are always welcome and the class of stamps generally offered are of a superior quality.

Chicago proper ought to give the Springfield a strong subscription list. A local paper (and Springfield will be a suburb of Chicago some day) should command all the near-by support possible.

Postal authorities in this city recently found out that some of the clerks at the stamp windows of the Chicago post-office were selling dollar values (un-watermarked) to customers at a premium over face value which, I am told, resulted in the suspension of one clerk and an inconvenience to others who had contemplated doing a little stamp business on the side.

I recently saw a pair of 3c. grilled all over on the entire cover, dated Milwaukee, 1867. This would seem to prove that Scott's date (1868) is entirely wrong.

Louis J. Kramer, the popular auction manager of the P. S. of A., will be in Chicago to attend the Cycle show January 4-15, 1896.

THE SPRINGFIELD.

THE PAST.—The "Springfield Philatelist" was launched on the uncertain sea of philatelic journalism early in 1894 as a four-page quarterly (size 3x4) by its present business manager, and continued as such until 1895 when the firm of Schmitt & Hamilton was formed and the paper enlarged to a 6x9 eight-page and cover magazine. In this form its publication was continued until July, 1895, when it was again enlarged to a three-column four-page paper. After three or four issues, its publication in this form was discontinued and the "Springfield" became what you see it to-day. In December, Mr. R. M. Booth succeeded Samuel M. Hamilton as a member of the firm of publishers, which is now Schmitt & Booth. It was during the past year that the S. P. became famous in philatelic politics. Through its efforts, with the able assistance of several philatelists who are too well known to need any introduction, the world-famous "Springfield Philatelist Ticket"—Kissinger, Hamilton, Barnum, Kramer and the Oregon Trustees—of the P. S. of A. was elected, the most hotly contested office being that of vice-president, to which Hamilton, of the "Springfield," was elected.

So much for the Past. The Present you have before you, and as for the Future—well, send us your quarter and see for yourself. We will have monthly contributions of up-to-date articles by C. E. Severn, Roy F. Greene, and B. J. Bishop, while newsy fin-de-siecle notes will be furnished by Patterson, from Canada; Power from Chicago; Thomas (the famous "Jersey 'Skeeter") from New Jersey, and many other prominent philatelists.

Our Portrait Gallery of prominent collectors and dealers is our special feature, being original with the

"Springfield." This month we present the portrait of Mrs. L. Disselhorst, who enjoys the distinction of being the "only lady stamp dealer in the world." Next month the handsome countenance of Irving E. Patterson, our Canadian editor, will greet you, and before long we hope to show you a group of conspicuous Springfield Philatelists.

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a year later purchased a stock of United States and foreign stamps and started what has now grown to be quite an extensive business. Mrs. Disselhorst realizes the value of the Springfield as an advertising medium and her "New Year's Offerings" will be found in our advertising columns.

Reminiscences of the Crescent City.

By W. Lionel Moise.

During my late visit to New Orleans, I experienced much pleasure from intercourse with several local philatelists. The most prominent of these was Mr. W. J. Morgan, of the Hibernian Bank. His collection is considered the most complete of any in this city of philatelists. Mr. Morgan is exceedingly modest as to the real value of his collection, a very unusual state of affairs, to my thinking.

Among the more youthful collectors, none are more enthusiastic than Mr. H. G. Hoffman, of Charles avenue. He has adopted a most original style of collecting. Instead of placing his stamps in his album, one by one, as he obtains them, he reserves them in envelopes, each in its proper envelope. Upon hav-

ing collected a goodly number, he then places them in his album, en masse. Mr. Hoffman is also a very ardent collector of philatelic literature, as is evinced by the frequency with which his name appears in the exchange columns of our magazines. His father and younger brother also possess very fine collections.

New Orleans is not behind in lady collectors either. During my short stay there, I met some dozen or so, very ardent lady philatelists. Among those who worship at the shrine of the Goddess Philatelia, might be mentioned Mrs. James Buckley, Mrs. A. Lamberton, Misses Anna and Georgia Fowler. Mrs. Buckley has a very fine collection and takes much interest in U. S. stamps.

Miss Anna Fowler, a most beautiful and attractive young lady, is a general

collector, although she is stronger in U. S. than in foreign. Her popularity among both sexes insures excellent opportunity for exchanging, that great advantage of collecting.

The fascinating Mrs. Lamberton owns many choice stamps and seems to enjoy collecting in seclusion.

Mr. Edgar Pilei (pronounced Pela), well known as the auction manager of the S. P. A., as well as aider in the formation of same, is a clerk in one of the largest stationery establishments in the city, and finds very little time to attend to his collection. However, several rarities are possessed by him.

E. D. Alleyne, a clerk in the New Orleans Sugar Refinery, is a very promising young man owning a fine lot of

stamps. His late father was also a stamp collector, and left many old numbers of magazines to Mr. Alleyne.

Last, but by no means least, is F. M. Thomas, now owner of the Thomas Stamp Co. He is a married man and has a very attractive little wife. He has recently moved to 35 Royal street, and opened up a very large stamp establishment. He will shortly publish a magazine which will be a credit to philately.

Among other collectors who might be mentioned, are, H. L. Morgan, G. L. Rivers, M. J. Luce, H. C. Stier, O. J. Mayer, F. W. Rickert, G. K. Rinard, Wm. Henderson, W. Gowland, J. W. Heft, and others too numerous to mention.

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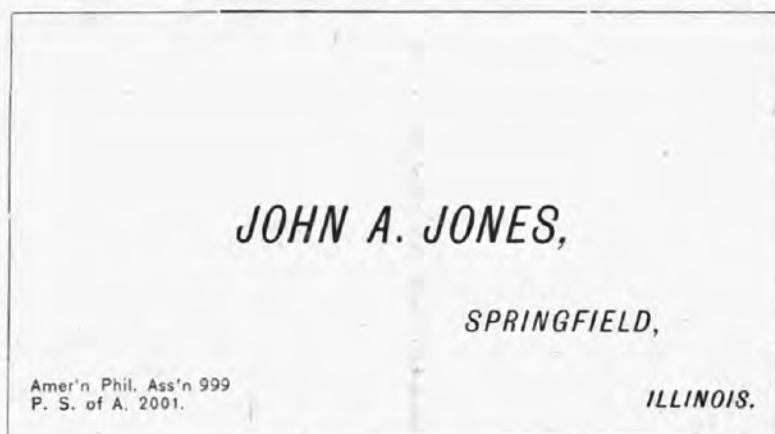
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AUCTION PRICES.

Auction sales of stamps have become established so firmly in the philatelic calendar, that they will never be displaced. As sure as the stamp season begins, so do the auction sales. Collectors expect and make provision for them and they have their places in the accepted order of things; they are no longer the exception but have become so common as to be affairs of a day, where once they were events of a month. An auction sale to attract unusual attention or to be talked about nowadays, must contain stamps of the rarest die.

The selling of stamps at auction has benefited philately and philatelists in many ways, which readily present themselves to the mind. The auction affords an outlet for the disposal of stamps at short notice by a method eminently fair for the one who does the selling, and the buyers. Especially is this true with regard to the purchasers of the stamps; were it not so, the auction sales would not have multiplied so rapidly nor would they enjoy the great amount of patronage that they now claim.

It is not often that a bidder pays too much for a stamp at an auction sale; that is, if he bid in cold blood and not allow the excitement of the moment to obscure his judgment. The collector who sends in his bids can calculate at his leisure how much he will pay for a lot that he needs.

It has been alleged that the prices which stamps bring at auction are the true values—that the worth of a thing is that which it will bring in open market, but this is not wholly true, especially in the instances where the articles disposed of have no intrinsic value.

There are many details having no connection with the stamps themselves, which enter into an auction, and which have an influence upon the results of a sale. The conditions under which it is held; the manner and extent in which it is advertised; the pulse of the bidders present; time, place, the weather, etc., are factors which affect the prices obtained at an auction sale to such a degree as to preclude the adoption of auction prices of stamps as standard values.

Many collectors will not bid on or offer to buy stamps which they have not the privilege of examining beforehand. Thus, the competition that this large division of buyers would create is lost in the stamp sales, and makes the average price lower than it would be, otherwise.

Again, a collector will receive a catalogue and notice that it lists some stamps that are greatly desired by him. It is his intention to bid on these lots but not feeling in the mood for writing just then, or for some other reason, he defers doing so. The catalogue is mislaid, perhaps, the date of the sale is forgotten and the auction comes and goes without receiving the stimulus of his bids. After the sale is over, he sees in print the prices which certain lots brought and he may find that some of the stamps were knocked down for fractions of the prices that he intended giving.

Though auction sales are very popular, it is seen that all stamp buyers do not patronize them; consequently, this lack of competition on the part of those who do not take part in the sales, has a tendency to lower the selling prices.

There are collectors who would not think of paying so much for a stamp at an auction sale, as they would to a dealer for the same specimen and their bids

are usually lower than the prices they would be willing to give in the regular way of buying.

For stamps other than the great rarities, for stamps that the average dealer has in stock, auction prices are not the fairest criterions of their value. The prices, generally speaking, are uniformly a shade too low. When a stamp of commanding rarity is sold at auction the price that it brings must be accepted as its true equivalent, as such a specimen is not to be bought at the stamp dealers' as a rule, and the collectors who need it in their albums are forced to bid on it, and knowing that the stamp is seldom offered, they are tempted to give the highest price.

Auction quotations are valuable in their way; they are indicative of much and the student of them gains data which may be turned to profit, but it is not strictly true, except in some isolated cases, to say that they reflect the real values of the wares. Even in philately, auction is somewhat synonymous with sacrifice.

In closing, it may be said that it is the wonderment of many, especially of those outside of philately's pale, how stamp auction values have retained their vigor and held their own during the past few years of demoralizing financial conditions. When comparisons are instituted between auction sales of stamps and auction sales of other commodities or luxuries, the contrasts are amazing.

Auction values of nearly everything with the exception of philatelic wares have shrunk in a most decided manner. Indeed, art, real estate and general auctioneers say that they have never known an era which can parallel the present in shrinkage of auction prices.

It is remarkable how, in the face of the general adverse circumstances, auction prices of stamps maintain their briskness, and it is a good cause for congratulation among the well-wishers of philately.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

I. E. Patterson.

"If at first you don't succeed; try, try again" seems to be the motto of the "D. C." ticket of the P. S. of A.

Many collectors have never seen the two-cent Canadian letter sheet which is good only in the larger cities where the free delivery system exists.

London now has a philatelic society. With such enterprising dealers as Staebler and Wicks at its head, the society should be a very successful one.

The proposed Toronto Branch of the Dominion Philatelic Association has fallen through and the Toronto Philatelic Society is the only local society in Toronto.

We object and are of the opinion that the readers of the "Springfield" will sustain our objections, to being classed as handsome. We do not belong to that class of whom it is said their face is their fortune and are a dismal failure as an ornament.

Canadian dealers have advanced the price of the eight-cent registered to \$2.50 and the prospects for another raise in the near future are good. Only 50,000 of these stamps were ever in use and probably a large number of these were destroyed.

THE SEEBECK QUESTION, AS "POOR RICHARD" PUTS IT.

Seebecks are generally conceded to be an evil, but, to give further proof, "Poor Richard" says, "What maintains one vice will bring up two children;" or, translated, "What buys a set of Seebecks will purchase two sets of stamps of good character." The two sets may not be catalogued at quite as much, but you have something against which no brother collector can say anything. There is no dearth of desirable stamps. The dearth generally comes in the money with which to

buy them, therefore buy only those stamps with unblemished origin, for as "Poor Richard" says, "Little strokes fell great oaks." If you stop buying, selling and collecting Seebecks you will be one of the little strokes which all together will fell the great, ugly, gnarled Seebeck oak. And if you are going to join what will sometime be the large majority, "never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day," as "Poor Richard" says. Don't put off taking your stand on the right side of the question. Stand out bold and defiant. Give your philatelic friends to understand "where you are at." E'en though you are the only one in your town to give up the "gumbugs", remember that the goddess "Philatelia" is with you and that others are probably looking to you to take the lead. "Strike while the iron is hot." To-morrow you may think of how pretty they look or what a big hole in your collection they will make when thrown out. Don't take time to think. Get rid of them somehow. Sell them if you will but get them out of your album.

While you discard the Seebecks others are probably doing so too, and as "Poor Richard" says, "It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright," it will be woefully hard for the Seebecks when "We, Us & Co." i. e. the collectors of the United States, the collectors of Great Britain, the collectors of the great, wide world, knock the bottom and the inside out of the Seebeck bag by discarding the worthless pieces of paper. It will then be woefully hard, I say, for the Seebeck bag to stand upright.

There will be nothing left to hold it. There will be no collectors to buy them and then—then and only then will the philatelists of the world be able to point with pride to their hobby.

HENRY B. BRIGGS.

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

Who can tell something about the United States sanitary commission stamps? I find the 30-cent value illustrated in an old album. The design

consists of an eagle surrounded by ornaments. The value in words is above.

The one-shilling stamps of Victoria and New South Wales, instead of being watermarked a "1," which would be confused with the "1" of the one-penny, are watermarked a "12," meaning twelve pence.

I have seen a two-pence blue, New South Wales, Scott's type A 15, watermarked a single lined "2." The one pence is catalogued as being watermarked both double and single lined numericals while the two-pence is only catalogued watermarked double lined. Does anyone know anything about this variety?

All United States stamps are first engraved on a die, several impressions of the die are then made on a roller. Impressions from the roller are then made upon the plates used in printing. The following are some of the ways in which minor varieties of the design are caused: By the a shifting of the roller during the making of the plate, causing the top and bottom parts of the stamp to be doubled; by missing the guide lines, causing them to appear in the stamp; by retouching the die roller or plate—each plate is retouched, but some of the dies and rollers are not; by a brittle roller—small pieces break off and become imbedded in the plate, causing white blotches to appear in the design; by re-entering—that is, impressing the roller twice on the same stamp in the plate; also by the wearing of the plate.

The back of the Bureau's stamps often show an offset, the same being, of course, reversed.

The Postoffice Department are now stamping weather forecasts on the backs of letters, with the back stamp. It is only being tried on a small scale.

The Department wishes to have private postal cards, that is, allow persons to make their own cards, merely affixing a one-cent stamp instead of a two-cent as would be required under the present regulations. It is argued that the Department would be at less expense in manufacturing cards.

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We present to our readers this month two excellent articles relating to philatelic auctions. There has been much discussion of late as to whether auction prices were governed by catalogues or vice versa. Mr. C. E. Eevern, the foremost philatelic author of the day, has prepared an article on this subject which is well worth reading.

Mr. J. Henry Thomas, the "Jersey Skeeter," has also furnished us with an article on "Philatelic Auctioneering," in which he gives us an insight of the method employed at philatelic auction sales.

The practice of laying aside stamps and collection during the summer months is fast becoming unpopular, and stamps are bought and sold with as much avidity in the spring and summer as they are in fall and winter. The "Springfield," in order to start the spring and summer trade with a boom, will issue on April 1 an especially large

edition of thirty-two pages and having a circulation of 5,000 copies. The advertising rates for this big edition will not be advanced to parties who contract for ads to run three months or more, nor to our regular advertisers. Parties using one-half column or more in the April number will be charged the regular rate, but transient ads of less than one-half column will be inserted only when accompanied by cash amounting to ten per cent over the published rate. Copy for this big edition should reach us not later than the 15th of March, and copy for the March issue must be in our hands not later than February 20.

If you want to be "in it" let us know at once how much space you can use and we will reserve it for you.

THE PRESS.

The "Rocky Mountain Stamp," now over a year old, is typographically the handsomest philatelic magazine that we receive. It contains its usual quota of interesting matter and its front cover page is illustrated with a view of the Spanish Peaks.

The "Michigan Philatelist" opens up the New Year with a poem, to which the author (luckily for him) has neglected to supply his name. Mr. Wing has withdrawn from the firm of publishers and Mr. W. H. Kessler, Jr., is now the associate editor.

The "Pipestone Philatelist" has reduced its subscription and ad. rates, and has also reduced its size to four pages, which will be the regular size hereafter.

The "Suburban Magazine," of San Leandro, Cal., is a very interesting monthly magazine of current literature. The fact that its editor is interested in philately is demonstrated by the appearance of several philatelic notes each month.

The "Daily Stamp Item," the first number of which was issued on Janu-

ary 1, 1896, by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., comes regularly every day and is always anxiously looked for. Second class rates have been obtained and the daily is an assured fact.

The "Pennsylvania Philatelist" for December consists of 128 pages and cover, and is replete with excellent articles and notes by well-known authors. It also gives the pictures of many prominent philatelists and the convention group at Denver.

THANKS.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following: 1896 price list from R. B. Waterbury, of Ionia, Mich.; a copy of the Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book, issued by Messrs. Hopson & Platz, of Omaha. This little book is very neatly gotten up and contains the names and addresses of over 500 collectors residing in Nebraska.

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Postal card from H. A. Fowler informing us that Henry Ades Fowler is no longer interested in philately.

Wholesale price list for January from R. R. Brown, Keyport, N. J.

CHICAGO NOTES.

E. B. Power.

The forthcoming auction of the C. P. S. is going to be a good one. Dr. Cotlow showed me the lots on Sunday and they contained some fine things, especially a red Mauritius on blue paper

on part of the cover, and some fine U. S. lots.

The Chicago Stamp & Coin Co. hold their auction on February 18. Catalogues are now on the press.

The man Eastman, who swindled several New York dealers, was reported to be in town. Dealers, so far, have not been favored (?) with a visit.

What is the matter with the five-shilling Barbados ochre? Listed at \$2.50 and selling at \$6.00. Reports that they are still on sale in the Island are wrong, the supply having been exhausted some time ago.

A local collector bought about fifteen Treasury 24c. from a non-collector for 25 cents apiece. Hair trunks are not in it.

The Woodward sale in Boston will probably be the best ever held in this country for its size—600 lots, valued at \$20,000.00.

Plate number collectors of Great Britain would do well to thoroughly examine a specimen of plate 9 of the little halfpenny before purchasing. I have seen several specimens of plate 19 with the first numeral neatly painted out with the same color as the stamp. Speaking of this, examine any 1 shilling Cypruss you may possess. If on any plate except 13 they are assuredly bogus.

W. H. MacDonald, President of the C. P. S., is now collecting Confederate bills and hopes to complete them. Doctors are unable to exactly agree upon what kind of disease this may be.

Why is the 6 ore Sweden with a post horn only listed at 4c? Nine collectors out of ten fail to find this stamp on sheets or in a dealers stock. It must be scarcer than its listed price would seem to indicate.

PHILATELIC AUCTIONEERING.

By J. Henry Thomas.

Having for some past attended all the auction sales of stamps, or at least the greater part of all the larger ones, that have been held in New York City recently, I have a very fair idea of their usefulness both to the advantage as well as to the detriment of our hobby.

There is a vast field for improvement in the methods of the management of the sales, but philatelic auctioneering is still in its infancy, and time will remedy the defects that now exist, and they are many, as experience will teach.

The most serious mistake the firms make, those under whose auspices the sales are held, I mean, are to have themselves or their representatives, to open the bidding as each lot is put up. This is entirely out of place, and the sooner it is done away with, why it will be more to the advantage of philatelic auctioneering than any other reform. This is the age of reform, you know, so we must have it in our ranks also. Imagine any large commission house, be it dry goods or any other line of business, having an auction sale of their manufacturers' output, at which they should open the bidding. Why, the idea is perfectly preposterous. Now, I would like to ask, is there any difference between these classes of auctions? About as much as there is between six in one hand and half a dozen in the other.

At several sales that I attended, just through this manner of business, the interest fell flat, many a lot being bid on at such an enormous price that perfectly astonished those present. Many a bargain that could have been obtained was lost through this style of business, and many others will if this is continued, and, perhaps, may finally kill this auctioneering business entirely.

Should there be a doubt by these dealers of a good stamp going at too low a figure, just add a reserve price

to that lot on the catalogue, and that will settle the matter.

I notice that most of the large bids were from westerners, the class that send their bids by mail to the firms having these auctions. These collectors must have a vague idea of these philatelic auctions. Get a few "tips" before you wish to enter into this line of "biz," my western friends, this is for your own as well as to the advantage of other collectors, no offense, however.

It is to be regretted that so very few metropolitan collectors, those residing in and in the vicinity of New York City, attend these auctions. A few are seen scattered about, but the larger part of those present are dealers. What is the trouble, are the sales not enough advertised, do their collections not interest them enough, or are they not aware that philately has also reached that stage of having auctions? Where lies the fault, brother philatelists? You miss a great advantage; here many a bargain can be obtained to grace and beautify your collections, and varieties you never thought of possessing, can be secured at reasonable prices. There is a wide-open field here, so step in ere it is too late.

BRIEF FLASHES.

There are now three Scott Co.s in New York City.

Albrecht & Co.'s 35th sale will be held February 11 and 12.

The first sale of the Walter S. Scott Co. will be held February 6.

Henry Ades Fowler is no longer interested in philately.

E. W. Heusinger intends to issue an address book of Texan Philatelists before long.

The Queen City Stamp Co., of Cincinnati, will hold their first auction sale in the near future.

A State branch of the P. S. of A. has been organized in Pennsylvania with the "Pennsylvania Stamp" as official organ.

The P. S. of A. has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota and shares of stock are 25 cents each.

Charles G. Hart, editor of the "Pipestone Philatelist," will issue the Minnesota Philatelists' address book on April 10.

The "Western Philatelist" is a new one from St. Joseph, Mo. Vol. 1, No. 1 contains a half tone engraving of Oney Carstarphen, of Denver.

A new paper has been issued from Philadelphia called "Watson's Monthly Stampsonia."

J. W. Miller Schmitt, business manager of the Springfield Philatelist, was the first subscriber to Mekeel's "Daily Stamp Item."

Mr. T. S. Kinn, of Chicago, has discovered several varieties of U. S. stamps, one of them being a two-cent envelope of the current issue with a cap on the 2.

It is rumored that Ralph W. Ashcroft, ex-publisher of the "Long Island Philatelist," will be a candidate for presidential honors in the next P. S. of A. election.

A PHILATELIC KINDERGARTEN.

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As I walked along the streets of that twentieth century city, Stamptown, my attention was attracted by a large sign swinging in the breeze which bore the inscription, "Mrs. B.'s Kindergarten."

As I was in no hurry I thought I would step in and examine her methods of teaching that all-important subject, philately. The door opened on a large square room the center of which was occupied by seats and the seats by children of different ages.

The teacher, "Mrs. B.," a person who of old took a little interest in stamps but taught such out-of-date subjects as Latin and geometry, came forward to greet me and ask me to be seated, at the same time pointing to a large block of wood which bore on each face a fac simile of some important stamp. This I sat upon and listened with interest to the recitation of the primary class. Upon coming to the front they were sent to the blackboard to draw the outline of a stamp. This some did very well, having had good training at home, others not so well. Following this drawing lesson they were asked what a stamp was for, how they were put on, the difference between envelopes and adhesives and numerous other questions, the answers to which I found were in the philatelic primer.

The second class was called out and given similar to this, the questions being advanced and harder, of course. In this case they were asked about rouletting, perforating, grills, dies, the distinction of shades, etc., etc.

The third class was composed of the advanced students who were taking up special branches of work.

In asking the questions and giving instructions I noticed the teacher had the same twang of voice which in the old days she used to use when rattling off a sentence of Latin and Greek, and it all seemed so familiar that I was not much surprised when I awoke to hear my teacher say, "Conjugate the verb 'amo.'" HENRY B. BRIGGS.

HIGH PRICES FOR STAMPS.

Some high prices were realized at the sale of the late Mr. Campbell's collection of stamps. A pair of Great Britain V. R., one penny, black, unused, £22; ditto, £1, green, postally used, £5 15s.; Oldenburg, 3 gros, unused, strip of five, £9 9s; Switzerland, Zurich, 4 rappen, £6 6s; Spain, 12 cuartos, blue and rose, inverted center, £11 15s; Cape of Good Hope, 1d, brick red, a pair, £12 5s; Mauritius, 1d, on white, £6; Natal, 6d, green, and 9d blue, on

same envelope, £13; British Columbia, 5c, rose, £10; New Brunswick, 1s, mauve, £10 15s; Newfoundland, 1s, £6; British Guiana, 1856, 4c, crimson, £211 Nevis, 1s, green, a sheet of twelve, unused, £26 10s; ditto 6d, green, unused, £9; St. Vincent, 5s, rose, unused, £14 14s; another copy, but torn, £11 5s; ditto, 4d, in black on 1s, £11 10s; Trinidad, 1d, dull blue, £6 17s 6d; New South Wales, 2d, gray blue, Plate III, a pair, £8 12s 6d; ditto 3d, green, a fine pair, £6 5s; New Zealand, 2d, blue, rouletted, £6 15s; Victoria, 1854, lithographed, 2d, mauve, an unused block of nine, £22 10s. The 400 lots realized an average of nearly £2 10s per lot.—London Standard.

SPRINGFIELD NOTES.

By a "Springfield Philatelist."

A local collector here is the fortunate possessor of a 5sh St. Vincent, which is catalogued at \$125 by Scott's 56th edition catalogue and which recently brought that amount at auction. He says that he purchased it about ten years ago at an auction sale for \$1.50. If that was not a paying investment, I would like to know what is.

The same collector also has the departments complete which he obtained a few years ago at or a little above face value by reason of having a "pull" in Washington.

Mr. A. J. Wright, of Newton, Iowa, was a visitor here last month. He is a recent recruit to the ranks of the P. S. of A. and is quite enthusiastic in the pursuit.

Mr. H. E. Barker, proprietor of Barker's art store, who has been doing considerable counter trade in stamps for the past year, was favored with a visit from Mr. Gurley, the state geologist, who proceeded to buy up almost the entire philatelic stock which Mr. Barker possessed.

Mr. S. M. Hamilton, vice president P. S. of A., was in this city on the 28th attending the Republican "love feast" which was held here.



Irving E. Paterson.

We present herewith for the delectation of our readers the portrait of our regular Canadian correspondent. Mr. Irving E. Patterson was born at Wyandotte, Mich., in 1878, and is 18 years of age. He began collecting in 1891 and is a specialist in U. S. and Canadian stamps, of which he is the possessor of a very valuable collection.

Mr. Patterson is a great society man, being a member of almost all of the leading philatelic societies, among which may be mentioned, Philatelic Sons of America, Sons of Philatelia, League of American Philatelist (of which he is Canadian Vice President), Michigan Philatelic Society, Peninsular Philatelic Club, Standard Philatelic Society, Dominion Philatelic Association (of which he is Secretary-Treasurer), and Detroit Philatelic Society.

He is a candidate for International Secretary of the P. S. of A. in '96, and being on the "Springfield Philatelist Ticket," his election is assured.

THE ILLINOIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A reorganization of the Illinois Philatelic Society is being effected and members are requested to send in their dues for 1896 (amounting to 25c) to the secretary-treasurer at once. An election will be held for the following named officers and nominations should be sent to the secretary immediately: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Auction Manager, Exchange Superintendent, Counterfeit Detector, Librarian and three trustees (to be residents of the same place.)

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RECOGNIZED BY ALL.

Philately no longer needs its apologists and its defenders. When it happens now-a-days that stamp collecting is ridiculed and belittled by the scoffer, philatelists do not feel the necessity of replying to the strictures.

If, for instance, some person should publish a philippic against bibliography or book collecting, it is not likely that bibliophiles would take it upon themselves to refute the aspersions; it would be unnecessary. The good of book collecting is so evident to every thinking person and the devotees know its worth so well, that no end would be gained by answering any foolish animadversions against the hobby; and so, in a less degree, it is the same with philately.

Stamp collecting has demonstrated its right to rank with the hobbies that are accepted the world over as reasonable, dignified, instructive and pleasurable, and it is now one of the standard mental recreations, as it were.

By sheer force of merit it has achieved this position and now that philately is secured in its niche, it can look about leisurely, congratulate itself upon its success and glory in its strength.

There are some unique features about philately. Can any hobby show so great a range of age among its adherents? The stamp collector may be seven, or he may be seventy. It may be said that the general recognition of philately as a reasonable hobby was retarded somewhat by the youthful collectors, whom the public considered at one time the only collectors. This was no slight passed upon the young collectors, but the people generally do not take youth seriously.

It is also noticeable that philately has more potent attractions than most

hobbies; this fact is illustrated in the instances where a person who is a rider of several outside hobbies become a convert to philately. As the beauties of stamp collecting are unfolded he is apt to center his affections on philately to the exclusion of the other hobbies, and in time, his whole attention is concentrated upon it and the other hobbies are abandoned.

Stamps are, perhaps, the most fragile, smallest and seemingly insignificant things that are collected. There is an absence of bulk about them and it takes many stamps to make a cubic inch.

To return to the subject in hand: What causes are responsible for the elevation of stamp collecting to a position among those occupied by hobbies which enjoy universal respect and approval? Why is it that in a few short years philately has aspired to and pre-empted a place among coin, book, picture, mineral, etc., collecting?

It is because that in the last dozen years philatelists have been taking philately seriously. They have made a study of it and have developed its latent qualities, and when the public saw and understood this, it was impressed. When outsiders learned that stamp collecting was not the mere placing of stamp after stamp in a book by the youthful enthusiast, but that it could be made an intricate study worthy the finest and most critical mind, their opinion changed and they recognized the claims of the hobby.

As new facts about stamps were published; as the study of them was advanced and as the students diffused philatelic information, the non-collecting public which heard about these things, indirectly, perhaps, began to entertain a respect for philately. As

the collectors were studying their stamps and educating themselves, they were educating the public to an appreciation of the possibilities of philately.

So the carrying out of the injunction "Study your stamps" has not only benefited the students themselves, but it has been the means of impressing the public with the fact of the solid worth of philately. To-day the stamp collector has a hobby which ranks with the dozen familiar, accepted and rational hobbies which have held their places for years, in the estimation of the intelligent members of the public.

C. E. SEVERN.

Amalgamation.

I have often wondered if it would not be advisable to combine all our national and other societies into one great assembly, the size of which would create some impression in the world.

We have dozens of societies the aims and objects of which are the same—the A. P. A., P. S. of A., L. A. P., S. of P., etc., etc. In addition to these, others are being organized nearly every month.

Look at the League of American Wheelmen with its 92,000 members. We might not have such success with a national stamp society, but I think it would be safe to say that we would have 25,000 members in the course of ten years, and a society with this many members would certainly exert a great deal of influence.

Thus banded together, philatelists would claim the respect of the world and the conventions and general proceedings would be extensively noticed in the newspapers.

I do not advise the disbandment of state societies by any means, but should think that it would be advisable to organize them as branches of the national assembly, following the general plans which have been adopted by the L. A. W.

City branches, or clubs, rather, might be independent as long as they did not prevent philatelists from joining the principal society.

BERTRAM J. BISHOP.

Canadian Notes.

Mr. A. F. Wicks, of London, Ont., will be a popular candidate for Canadian Vice-President of the P. S. of A. in the next election.

Now that philatelic address books have become the fad, we wonder who will be the first to issue an address book of Canadian collectors. Don't all speak at once, please.

"The" Canadian auction of the season is the one held by T. S. Clark, of Belleville, March 5, at Toronto. The stamps were on exhibition in New York, Boston, Chicago, Montreal and Toronto previous to the sale. 593 lots were listed, and among the finest ones were: Pair of ½ pence Canada on ribbed paper, perf.; 6 p. on original cover; block of 12 3 p. unperforated and unused; 7 ½ p. unused; 8 p. lake, used; Nova Scotia shilling and many rare foreign stamps, including some not priced heretofore in any catalogue.

Major A. E. Labelle, the president of the Montreal Stamp Collectors' Club, has one of the finest collections of Canadian revenues in existence.

I. E. PATTERSON.

Comment.

A Philatelic Press Clippings Bureau would be a great convenience. For a fee the bureau could undertake to furnish all of the writings upon any subject. A person could subscribe for all of the news concerning his specialty. Or we could learn all about the new counterfeits and frauds with very little trouble to ourselves.

I lately met one of the secret service officials of the Treasury Department, who was concerned in the discovery of the Chicago counterfeits. He informed me that the government was six months finding the print shop. It was finally located in China. All of the postmasters at state capitals have been supplied with specimens of the counterfeits.

The fourth class P. M.'s now have another organ—the Fourth Class Postmaster, Washington, D. C. Its prin-

pal articles are on "reforms"—mostly in the way of salaries.

Why does not some enterprising person start a reference bureau?

Some kind of a philatelic Bradstreet's where, upon the payment of a fee and the submission of satisfactory references, one could get a reference from the bureau that others would not need to look up. The bureau of course would write to your references and see that they are genuine. It causes considerable annoyance to friends, and often delay, to have one's references looked up constantly.

There is one of the many pleasant sides of philately that is not much commented upon. That is the friendships that we form with persons whom we have never seen and who live hundreds or even thousands of miles from us. Exchanging often leads to these friendships. Society correspondence forms still truer friends, but the best philatelic friends are those who are depending upon each others' knowledge of stamps or conducting the same lines of investigation. Receiving letters from such friends is indeed a pleasure. Learning of our friends' discoveries and theories and having our own theories criticized is a joy only known to philatelic friends.

All specialists can give one or more reasons for the selection of their specialties. The principal reasons given are Beauty, cheapness, popularity or interesting minor varieties. All of these have arguments in their favor.

But why not specialize on a country that has not been studied and is not well known. One can hope to discover something new by investigating such a country. Such stamps are most always cheap, too, and are likely to be popular after while.

FRED. R. WOOLSTON.

Chicago Notes.

The second auction of the Chicago Stamp and Coin Co. was held on February 18. There were \$1,800 of stamps offered which realized \$1,225. Amongst the more noteworthy prices were:

New York, 2 copies on entire...	\$ 13.75
U. S. 1851, 10c used (cat. \$1).....	3.90
U. S. 5c red brown, strip of three	16.75
Another strip a little finer.....	17.10
Pair of same... ..	9.00
U. S. 1855, 30c unused... ..	6.75
U. S. 1868, 2c Jackson, strip of five unused with plate No., (c. \$7.50).....	10.00
U. S. 1875, 15 reprint of 1869 unused (c. \$12.50).....	15.50
U. S. 1869, set perforated proofs.	13.25
U. S. 1870, 12c fine.....	30.00
U. S. 1893, \$1, block of 4.....	25.45
U. S. 1894, \$1, \$2, \$5, unused....	14.00

Many lots sold within 10 per cent of list, and a few fetched more than list. The attendance was good, Doctor Cottlon, P. M. Wolsieffer, Ludwig Wolff, J. C. Morgenhtau, S. J. Spurburg, etc., being the heavier buyers.

Mr. Wolsieffer shows a very neat little button for philatelists' use. It has a semblance of a 2c red in the centre with "Philatelia's Followers" top and bottom and "Stamps Our Hobby" in the centre over the 2c. He says at 15c they sell like hot cakes. Enterprising P. M.!

From information to hand, I do not think the 5c variety 1894 will be listed beyond this catalogue.

Mr. J. N. Luff, representing the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., was in town a few days ago. He reports sales good. Local collectors were not touched very hard from what I hear.

Dr. Dahlberg has a 3c 1863 on laid paper. Any one who saw this particular specimen would feel inclined to admit that the specimen is a true variety. The laid lines on the paper are very apparent:

Notes from the Chicago observatory written by Wollcot in the Era are breezy and full of news. The Era has an A1 correspondent here.

Doc" Cottlow announces a C. P. S. sale in March. They are nearly as popular as their manager—and that is saying a good deal.

Wanted to buy 1c States! That is the cry all over. Some one seems to have cornered these very successfully.

EUSTACE B. POWER.

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It is with great pleasure that we announce that we have secured the services of Mr. Charles E. Severn, the prominent Chicago collector and author, to furnish the SPRINGFIELD with a monthly contribution of up-to-date philatelic jokes. Mr. Severn has contributed jokes to one or two of the philatelic papers before his services were secured by the SPRINGFIELD, but hereafter he will write them exclusively for us. In order to read them you must take the SPRINGFIELD. These jokes alone are worth the price of subscription and besides them you get articles and notes by such well-known authors as Severn, Woolston, Power, Patterson and Bishop. Are you with us?

The next issue of this paper will consist of 32 pages and will have a circulation of 5,000 copies. The advertising rates for this edition will not be advanced to parties who contract for space for three months or more, nor to our regular advertisers.

Parties using one-half column or more in the April number will be charged the regular rate, but transient ads. of less than one-half column can be inserted only when accompanied by cash amounting to 10 per cent over the published rate. Copy for this big edition must be in our hands not later than March 20. The April number will be mailed April 2.

Thanks.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the following, for which the senders will please accept our thanks:

—Catalogue of an auction sale of U. S. and B. N. A. stamps to be held by the W. Elliott Woodward Co., in Boston on March 11, 12 and 13.

—Catalogue of the fifth sale of A. L. Cassino & Co., of Boston, to be held February 24.

—Price lists Nos. 76 and 77 from Mr. E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa.

—January wholesale list from R. R. Brown, Keyport, N. J.

—Samples of gummed paper and hinges from T. S. Clark, Belleville, Ont.

—Clippings from Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., giving a portrait and sketch of R. F. Albrecht.

—An interesting pamphlet from A. L. Doherty, of Chicago, entitled "How to Beat a Poker Game." This pamphlet is replete with useful information for a beginner, which Mr. Doherty has gathered from his long experience as a poker—, pardon us, we mean stamp dealer.

—A copy of price list No. 34 from the Standard Stamp Co., Saint Louis, Mo., who inform us that they publish and distribute between ten and twelve thousand of these lists per month during the season.

—Stamp holder from R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau st., N. Y. City. This little device is very useful as a receptacle for the safe keeping of stamps carried in the pocket, and is a kind of pocket stock book. It is small enough to be carried in the vest pocket and yet large enough to hold quite a number of stamps. It may be obtained from Messrs. Albrecht & Co. for 15c. each.

PHILATELIC PUNCHES AND PASSES.

EXPERT OPINION.

Wood B. Poett: What kind of ink would you suggest that I use in writing my philatelic poems? Violet?

Philatelic Editor: No; try invisible ink.

A GOOD SUBSTITUTE.

Wartles: It's a great thing to have a wife who is a stamp collector.

Dinkins: How so?

Wartles: Why, my wife has been bothering the life out of me this season, to buy her a sealskin sacque. The other day I went to a stamp dealer's and purchased a New Foundland 5-cent brown, with the picture of a seal on it, and gave it to her, saying that as I couldn't afford the sacque, I gave the stamp instead. Do you know that that \$7.50 stamp made her happier than a \$300 sealskin sacque would?

LIKES THE FLAVOR.

"How is it that you use stamp hinges made of gum that is flavored, instead of those with the pure, flavorless gum?"

"It is just a matter of taste with me."

HE'LL GET CAUGHT SOME DAY.

Phillis: Have you any idea as to where Slower picks up so many good stamps?

Stampitz: I have a suspicion that he picks them from a dealer's stock book—when the dealer is not looking.

ANOTHER SOCIETY.

Philman: I'm going to start another new philatelic society; one in which there will never be any dissension.

Stampby: Impossible.

Philman: There will be one hundred offices and the membership will be limited to 100. Each member will have an office and be satisfied.

Stampby: There will be a row right away; one man will want all the offices.

SAME THING.

Outsider: Your philatelic literature will never be complete until it has its fairy tales.

Philatelic Editor: Good heavens, man! We have stories of stamp finds in plenty.

A PROPER MAID.

Miss Giggelmore: Have you any Canadian William stamps for sale?

Stamp Dealer (perplexed): Well—er—I scarcely know what you mean.

Miss Giggelmore: In the catalogue they are called Canadian Bill stamps, but mamma says I must not use slang or nicknames.

THEN HIS TROUBLE WOULD BEGIN.

"It is not so bad to get even with a man, but it is not right to take an unholy revenge, such as he proposes to take on Innisent."

"Is it so bad as all that?"

"Well, I heard him advise Innisent to start a stamp paper."

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Visitor: Who is that young man who talks so assertively and so positively on the possibility of war? He looks too young to be any sort of military man."

Friend: That's young Phillpot; you see, he has a complete set of War Department, and consequently he thinks he is an authority upon the subject of war."

MADE HIM FEEL AT HOME.

"When I showed my stamps to the new boarder he was particularly pleased with the issues of the native Indian states."

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Old Gentleman (addressing Sunday school pupils): No matter what you choose for a life work, do your best at it; put in your best licks every minute of the day—

Bennie Bounder (interrupting): That's what my big brother does. He puts in his best licks at his work, 'cause he hinges stamps on approval sheets for a stamp dealer.

C. E. SEVERN.

The Press.

The "American Journal of Philately" for February, contains a continuation of the "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," by Messrs. Colin & Calman; and also its regular market report, giving prices realized at the sales of Chevely & Co., Bogart & Durbin Co., and New England Stamp Co. Its chronicle of new issues is also up-to-date.

The "Rocky Mountain Stamp" very appropriately presents its readers with a picture of a gold mine on the cover of its February number, which also contains the usual quota of up-to-date philatelic literature.

The December "Washington Philatelist" shows up with a bright yellow cover, just to let us know, probably, that the Majah is still on deck.

"El Monitor Filatelico" for January from Mexico, undoubtedly contains some very interesting matter, but as our Spanish was somewhat neglected in our youth, we are unable to give it the thorough review that we would like to.

The "American Philatelist and Collector" for February is very neatly gotten up and printed. After this issue it will be known as the "American Philatelist."

The "Michigan Philatelist" for February reprints an interesting article from the "San Francisco Call" about the big find of St. Louis stamps recently made.

Canada's only stamp paper, the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine," for January consists principally of a catalogue of an auction sale to be held by T. S. Clark on March 5.

The January "Southern Philatelist" contains an interesting article by its editor, Gus Luhn, explaining the approval sheet business.

The "Evergreen State Philatelist" has been received. Its publishers promise another big edition in March.

"Philatelic Facts" from Riverside, California, is not a typographical beauty, but will probably improve with age.

"Philatelic West" is one of our new ones. It is a four-page, three-column paper from Nebraska, published by Messrs. Brodestone & Wilkinson, and with such talent behind it, it will surely meet with success. The February number contains some very interesting reading matter.

The "Seneca Philatelist" endeavors to catch up with Father Time by issuing a combination January-February number. Its contents are fairly readable.

The "Southern California Collector" (Vol. I, No. 2.) for February presents a very neat appearance typographically. This paper has a department devoted to post-mark collectors.

The "Texan Philatelist" for February 15 announces the fact that it will hereafter be published monthly instead of semi-monthly and will consist of eight pages and cover.

The "Western Philatelist" from Saint Joseph, Mo., contains, in its February number, the continuation of a philatelic romance, entitled "One Dollar Columbian," by the famous Jersey "Skeeter," J. Henry Thomas. The publisher announces that, having secured second-class rates, the W. P. is an assured fact.

We have also received—Philatelic Newsletter, The Stamp, Philatelic Era, Lone Star State Philatelist, Forest and Field, Michigan Stamp, Monthly Observer, Pennsylvania Philatelist, Fame, Monthly Post, Suburban Magazine.

ILLINOIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 17, 1896.

To the Members of the I. P. S.:

Herewith I append my report, which, I regret to say, is not what it should be, as the increase in membership is not at all perceptible. I requested in my last report that all members remit me their dues, 25c, up to January, 1897, and but one member has responded.

The fact that the membership has not increased any in six months shows that something is badly out of gear, some where.

Original Membership	39
Resignations	3
Death	1

Total membership 35

Treasury report:

Membership fees received	\$.25
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Total \$.25

I regret to announce the resignation of our worthy president, Mr. Robt. Bettsworth, from his office of president, and also from the society. Mr. Bettsworth's business and other interests occupy so much of his time that he doesn't feel as though he had time to do the society justice as its president, and for these reasons only, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted with regret.

We are at present without this important office being filled but Mr. E. C. Althen, of Elgin, Ill., and Mr. A. E. Fritz, of Chicago, have been nominated as candidates for president, and we hope to see one of these gentlemen elected within a short time. Members please send in their votes to the secretary before March 5, 1896.

There is no reason on earth why Illinois cannot maintain a state philatelic society that it could well be proud of—even rivalling that one of Nebraska. If the latter state can support a state society like it does, what could Illinois, with its Chicago collectors, do.

A reorganization of the I. P. S. has been and is being seriously considered, and though nothing has been decided definitely, if a committee on reorganization be appointed, and the collectors of Illinois would each do their part, taking

the proper interest and help push the thing along, we could have the best state society in the United States without doubt—especially if we had the combined co-operation of the Chicago collectors.

A few members cannot and must not be expected to run and keep the society—that is the trouble with too many societies nowadays; much is expected of a few. To keep up a state society requires the combined and individual efforts of all the collectors in the state.

Unless we can pick up greatly, or reorganize, the reader can probably see where we are going to land in a very short space of time.

I should like to hear an expression of opinion from the different members on the question of reorganization; also from any collectors who reside within the state of Illinois.

Address all communications to the secretary.

W. B. MURRAY, Sec'y,
505 N. Elizabeth st., Peoria, Ill.

Brief Flashes.

The "Columbia Philatelist" is promised from Windsor, Conn.

The "Connecticut Philatelist" from New Britain, Conn., is announced.

W. H. Kessler, Jr., of Detroit, Mich., will issue a directory of Michigan collectors before long.

Edward J. Nankivell has succeeded Major E. B. Evans as editor of the Philatelic Record.

The Earl of Kingston, president of the London Philatelic Society, died on January 13, in Cairo, Egypt.

The Metropolitan Philatelic Club have resolved not to collect plate numbers, declaring that it has no connection whatever with philately.

The 36th sale of Messrs. Albrecht & Co. will be held on March 4, and the 37th on March 12 and 13. The latter sale will be an exceptionally fine one, as it consists of two very fine general collections.

The partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. Louis & Henry Flachskamm and known as the Standard Stamp Co., has been dissolved and the business will be hereafter conducted by Henry Flachskamm under the old name.



CHARLES E. SEVERN.

Mr. C. E. Severn, whose portrait appears herewith, is too well known to need any introduction from us.

He is past president of the Philatelic Sons of America, having been the second president of that organization, and is now the leading philatelic author of the day. Quite recently he began the contribution of philatelic jokes to a few of our papers, but the SPRINGFIELD has been fortunate enough to secure the exclusive right to publish his philatelic jokes

Springfield Personalities.

By a "Springfield Philatelist."

Mr. Henry Mischler, who owns one of the finest general collections in the State, is the junior partner of the firm of hustling insurance agents, Freund & Mischler. Henry has been collecting ever since he was "knee high to a chinch bug," and many of his rarities were picked up more than ten years ago for a mere song.

Archie Craig is employed in the Illinois State Register Printing establishment, where the SPRINGFIELD is printed.

Ed. C. Ives is ticket clerk for the Wabash Railroad Co., and his ever smiling countenance can be seen at the depot ticket office window any time between midnight and noon.

Sam. M. Hamilton, vice-president of the P. S. of A., and formerly editor-in-chief of the SPRINGFIELD, is now located at Pleasant Plains, sixteen miles northeast of this city, where he holds the position of managing editor of the "West Sangamon Gazette," a hustling weekly newspaper. He gets into Springfield frequently.

Mr. Harry Barker is the proprietor of Barker's Art Store, and is the only dealer in Springfield who does a counter business. A prominent collector recently bought up his entire philatelic stock but he has replenished it and is still open for business at the old stand.

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As is known that the more one sees of certain things, the more they are appreciated. The man who knows nothing of art is apt to gaze with renewed interest at a masterpiece each successive time he sees it; if it were a chromo or a painting untrue and of little worth, it would probably irritate his eye if seen many times. Classical music gains more in the estimation of the average hearer the oftener it is heard, while the repetition of some ditty or a musical composition of slender or no merit is likely to become tiresome.

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An apt illustration has been given of the conditions of to-day in relation to the new collector. Ten years ago, the completion of the U. S. 1869 set was a possibility for any collector; to-day, he must be satisfied with the set

from one to twelve or fifteen; but that does not prove that the partial set owned by the collector of the present time is not so satisfactory as the complete set was to its guardian of a decade ago.

It has been shrewdly suspected by some that those who are responsible for the cry that the current valuations of stamps of the favored countries debar the beginner, and the collector of little means, from philately's ranks are for the most part ex-philatelists, who after having been estranged from collecting are returning to the fold. Naturally, when they compare the catalogue prices of to-day with those of their time, they are filled with an amazement which is often tinged with bitterness. Stamps for which cents were asked then are quoted at as many dollars. Straightway, these collectors give it out that none but a person of large means, etc., can collect nowadays; but such remarks are often a cloak for a secret feeling of regret that they ever disposed of their stamps in view of the harvest they would have reaped financially had the stamps been kept.

With the beginner it is different; the high-priced stamps are the rarest to him and he cannot recollect the time when such specimens were cheap. If circumstances compel it, he contents himself with getting the commoner stamps; and even if the collection is small in number its inspection gives the owner a full quota of pleasure, no matter how often the stamps are looked at. Stamps are among those rare objects which do not clog the eyesight of a tired collector. So often as they are looked at, be they few or many in number, so often are they interesting.

The first matter of moment is to have some stamps, the number is perhaps of secondary importance.

C. E. SEVERN.

Did You Know.

With the exception of the "Fresno Bicycle stamp, the last of the bona fide local stamps was that used for local delivery purposes at Atlantic City, N. J., by A. S. France, which service was discontinued when the government appointed carriers, July 1, 1887. The stamps used were small circular red on black labels, and are now seldom met with.

The female head on the Columbian envelope is stated by ex-Postmaster

Wannamaker to be Liberty and not Isabella as is generally, but incorrectly, reported.

The envelopes of the 1853 with the laid lines horizontal to the lettering of the watermark are seldom picked up and are a good thing to pack away and wait for the raise, for it is sure to come.

At a recent sale conducted by Ventom, Bull & Co., of London, England, a seven and a half pence green unused, with original gum, brought \$63.

A double surcharge is known to exist on specimens of the 5c on 1 f. 1886 issue of New Caledonia, although seldom met with. The surcharging of the 1 f. to this value was authorized by a decree on June 29, 1886.

Among the oddities which have been recently produced was the used of the 1c and 2c surcharged "due" and used as such at the Detroit, Mich., office for a few days the early part of the year.

In 1884 New Brunswick issued a set of law stamps of five values, which are not met with every day and which seem to be getting more in demand every day.

The wood blocks Capes were printed by Samuel Solomon & Co., of Cape Town, the printing of the one penny commencing on April 10, 1861, and the four pence two days later.

What They Say About the Springfield

I think the SPRINGFIELD is one of the most interesting papers that I receive.—Clarence L. Thurston, Librarian, Nebraska Philatelic Society.

The SPRINGFIELD is the best paper that I ever advertised in.—H. C. Snyder, Freeport, Ill.

Allow me to congratulate you upon the neat appearance of your paper; also upon the "solid news" and articles which it contains.—Wm. B. Hopson, Omaha, Neb.

"Do you know much about that horse you bought from the deacon?" "I know more about the deacon than I did."

Where Sentiment Comes In.

By Roy Farrell Greene.

The people of the United States, like those of other nations, are given much to sentiment, patriotic and otherwise. Sentiment, it cannot be denied, is more or less of a power towards progressive action. Patriotic sentiment has been the prime agent that has worked for specialism and in that work conquered thousands. Everything has its beginning, and how often the impulse to take up philately has rested upon some little wave of sentimentality can be estimated but darkly.

A little wave of sentiment which swept over this country some months ago, directed towards celebrating in some fitting manner the quadri-centenary of Columbus' discovery gave us the great World's Fair, and this government of ours, through its servants at Washington to satisfy this sentiment, issued a commemorative series of stamps which appealed to all alike by their depiction of historical scenes from that early epoch which is linked so closely with our national life.

This Columbian issue accomplished more for philately than any which had preceded it, or any which has followed. Many reasons have been given for this, one solution being that the individual stamps in the set, and taken as a whole, were artistic to that degree that they were hoarded for their beauty, and sooner or later that love for philately crept into the heart, other countries were taken up and the novice became a full-fledged philatelist.

It seems more plausible, however, that the issue appealed to the sentiment of the nation and that through this came the gradual accession to our ranks. Certain it is that the issue of 1893 did more for philately than can be readily estimated. If it was solely the artistic sense that was appealed to, why did not the 1869 issue attract as many to philately? Our one answer is that it was not an artistic appeal, but rather pure sentimentality which made the Columbian issue more popular, for

the revival of Columbus spread throughout the length and breadth of our land, besides which movement the 1869 issue was tame in comparison, no celebration then having stirred sentiment. Patriotic sentiment yields another point to our argument. When collectors specialize, in this country or abroad, in the majority of cases they take up the stamps of their own country. Thus we see a great revival in the trade as concerns United States stamps during the past few years here at home, a large and increasing demand for Great Britain and her colonies in the London markets, where but recently plate numbers are beginning to attract more and more attention.

During the troublous times a couple of years ago when the Hawaiian people overthrew their monarchical form of government and established a republic there was an immediate wave of sentiment in this country, which interested itself in the cause of liberty, a cause dear to every American heart, and the issues of Hawaii, past and present, immediately became favorites with collectors and the demand grew to immense proportions. What but sentiment prompted this? The Sunday stamps of the Belgian government and the commemorative issue of their Antwerp exposition were alike favorites at home from the first.

The Japanese silver wedding issue was in the same manner a general favorite among Asiatic collectors.

Many other examples might be cited but these will suffice.

Just now there is a perceptible increase in the demand for Cuban issues, which, directly or indirectly, may be traced to that sentiment of sympathy and interest for our struggling brothers in the West Indies against the tyrannical power of their mother country. We are a nation of sentimentalists and possibly there is no barometer which as truly records the rise and fall of sentiment as does philately. Nor would it be wholly just to apply the appellation to our country, our nation, alone. We might go even farther and say that the thinking, speaking world is ruled by sentiment and passion and that philately progresses in just proportion to the fluctuations of that sentiment.

Just watch the tide of human events, the fate of nations, the interest manifested in the shifting scenes and philatelists will have no trouble in seeing where sentiment comes in and plays an important part.

PHILATELIC PUNCHES AND PASSES.

(Written exclusively for the SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST, by Chas. E. Severn.)



“PLEASE REMIT.”

Boreman: Since you began to publish your paper, you don't have much time to devote to your collection of stamps, eh?

Philatelic Editor: No; the collection of bills from my advertising patrons takes all my time now.

Wouldn't Have Them.

Phillitz: I saw many good collections while in the west, but somehow, every one lacked some of the commoner stamps; such as Netherlands 50c gold, Switzerland 1 fr. gold, etc.

Stampo: That is easily explained. They are all consistent silver men out there.

Change of Opinion.

Mr. Kabosh: Personalities in the philatelic papers disgust me; they give me a large sized —

Mr. Joshin: Hello! Here is a note in the Simple Philatelist that says: “Mr. Kabosh, the genial specialist in Ionian Isles, is one of the most popular collectors in the city.”

Mr. Kabosh: Ahem—um, as I was saying, they are very pleasant reading and we should have more of them.

Makes Him Thirsty.

Wesson: You say Funniboy's philatelic humor is enough to drive you to drink? How so?

Sisson: It is so very, very dry.

Roentgen's Discovery.

Philex: Those cathode rays will be a great thing for stamp collectors.

Stampoid: Think so?

Philex: With the aid of the X rays, we shall be able to see the most obscure watermarks with ease.

Repels the Insinuations.

She (soulfully): Oh! Mr. Wafflitch, do you not at times look upon your stamp collection as a blessed companion! Do you not find your album a friend to which you can fly for relief when business troubles come on you; do —

He (indignantly): Really, Miss Knit-not, I wish you to know that it is very seldom that I am compelled to pawn my collection.

Differently Put.

“I like Scriblet's philatelic writings because they abound in flights of imagination.”

“Yes; I, myself, think they are very flighty.”

Praise Indeed.

Sadsmile Sammy: Fall dead! here I sees by de paper dat a feller pays \$100 fer a two-cent stamped envelope what was a "rejected die" on manila paper, whatever that is.

Tearful Tommy: Say, dat's a man after me own heart. Radder dan go to work an' lick de stamp an' put it on, hisself, he pays a hot hundred fer to git an envelope dat is already stamped.

Butcher Without a Market.

Poet: The great difficulty is to get a market for my philatelic poetry.

Meanly: That's odd, as few are able to butcher it the way you can.

Exclamation Points.

"This new stamp paper refers to its pointed editorials. I can see no point to them."

"But you notice that nearly every sentence written by the editor is ended with an exclamation mark."

Good Way to Raise Revenue.

Stranger: What are the first steps taken by a band of persons who decide to revolt against the existing form of government?

Native: Negotiations are opened for the issue of postage stamps.

Enough to Drive Me Crazy.

"Have you heard about poor Stamp-let?"

"No."

They say he has become insane from trying to learn the differences between the dies of the U. S. envelopes from the printed descriptions.

C. E. SEVERN.

Marginal Varieties.

The collecting of United States plate numbers has brought into prominence a class of stamps that has not been much noticed heretofore. I refer to the stamps from the edge of the sheet. The American Bank Note Company's stamps and the bureau's stamps, up to a few weeks ago, were the same in this

particular. They can be better described by a description of an entire sheet than of the single stamps. By the words "entire sheet," I mean the sheets as they are printed, not the postoffice sheets of 100 stamps. The stamps are printed in sheets of 400, 200 or 100 containing 4, 2 or 1 panes of 100 stamps each. The 1 and 2 cents are generally in sheets of 400, the 3 to 50 cents in sheets of 200 and the higher values in sheets of 100.

The places where the stamps are separated into postoffice sheets are not perforated, but are merely cut when the perforating is done. This causes two varieties (right and left side imperforate) on a 200 sheet and eight varieties (top and right, bottom and left, right, left, top and bottom imperforate) on a 400 sheet. As the 100 sheets are not cut the imperforate sides do not exist on the high values.

On the marginal strips of most all sheets there are four sets of three converging lines (called a crow foot), showing where to cut or tear the 400 sheets into panes of 100, the 200 in 50 and the 100 into 25. These lines vary from 10 to 30 mm. in length. All of them on the sheets of 400 and the top and bottom ones on a sheet of 200 indicate where the sheets are to be cut into panes of 100. Those at the sides of the 200 sheets and all on the 100 sheets are merely for convenience in tearing the sheets at the stamp agency or the postoffices. It will be seen that the crowfoot make eight varieties on every sheet, whether of 100, 200 or 400 stamps.

The middle line of the crow foot on the Bureau's stamps has lately been extended clear across the sheet, meeting the opposite crow foot. All of the imperforate edges now have this line. The sheets of 200 also have stamps with the line at top and bottom (perforated.) The 100 sheets have stamps (with perforated sides) showing the line in the same combinations as the imperforated sides on the sheets of 400.

The two rows of perforations nearest the edges of the sheets are farther apart than the others. This causes wide margins in a number of combinations of one and two sides.

The plate number and imprint appear six times on the 200 sheets and two times on the 100 sheets.

The marginal varieties of the due and newspaper stamps are much the same. FRED B. WOOLSTON.

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Philatelic Politics.

It is not the purpose of the Springfield, after its successful campaign last year, to enter largely into philatelic politics in the coming election; but we cannot refrain from mentioning a few candidates, who are well worthy of the consideration of all.

Our choice for president is Roy Farrell Greene. He will be the popular candidate this year and a vote for him will be a vote on the winning ticket.

For librarian, we propose the name of one of Illinois' prominent philatelists, Mr. Wm. B. Murray, of Peoria. Mr. Murray is well known to P. S. of A. members, he having taken great interest in that society since he has been a member. He is secretary of the Illinois Philatelic society, which promises to be the leading state society in the country. The library, under his care, would receive the proper attention that it requires.

The editor of the International "Philatelist" promises that if an eastern man is elected president of the P. S. of A. he will secede from the society and start another, as Kissinger did in 1893.

From our Nebraska Correspondent.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society held their annual auction sale in Omaha on the evening of the 18th. Despite the inclemency of the weather, nearly all of the Omaha collectors were present and some lively bidding was indulged in. Many of the lots brought good prices. Among them were:

1857. 90c unused, og.....	\$17.00
1869. 90c magnificent used copy..	16.05
24c Justice, unused and fine.....	7.05
30c Justice, unused and fine.....	17.75
90c Justice, unused and fine.....	39.50
Navy, complete, unused	23.00
Treasury, complete, unused	11.00

Mr. C. H. Duensing, the well-known philatelist of Chicago, was present at the auction sale and took a deep interest in the proceedings. Individually he bought many good stamps. He is a very pleasant gentleman and an ardent philatelist.

Wonder what has become of the Philatelic Newsletter? The last number I received was dated January. I hope Brothers Archard and Swenson have not given up the ghost.

State directories of collectors seem to be the rage nowadays. The Nebraska Blue Book has already appeared. Directories are now announced from Minnesota, Michigan, and Texas.

The Philatelic Literature Society has been organized, with fifty charter members, and shows every prospect of success.

Dr. L. Michael, former president of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, is at present in Ferndale, Cal.

E. W. Julian, who was at one time secretary of the U. P. S., is at present in Hot Springs, S. D.

Dr. J. S. McAllister has moved to Fitzgerald, Ga. He took his barrels full of stamps along, and has as large a business as ever.

Stamp trade is brisk out here, but notes are hard to get.

More anon.

OLARENCE L. THURSTON.



FRED B. WOOLSTON.

Herewith we present the portrait of Fred B. Woolston, another of the regular staff of the **SPRINGFIELD**. Mr. Woolston has made quite a reputation of late by his philatelic "Comments," and in reply to numerous requests, we have persuaded him to let us publish his portrait.



J. HENRY THOMAS.

Is too well known to the collectors of the United States to need an extended introduction from us. He is the originator of the famous "Jersey Jottings," is resident vice-president of the P. S. of A. for New Jersey, and is a thorough philatelist.

Our Choice for President.

A Short Sketch of the Most Prominent Candidate for President, at the Coming "Philatelic Sons of America's" Election, Mr. Roy Farrell Greene.

By J. Henry Thomas.

As the campaign is diligently progressing, and the time for our coming election drawing nigh, it would be well for us to scan and peruse over the many eager aspirants that have already entered the field, and thereby gain a view of our coming officers.

For the highest office within the gift of our society, we are sure there is not one more worthy of the honor than the gentleman we have the great pleasure of placing before your dear readers, and one who is more worthy of your support, than Mr. Roy Farrell Greene, of Arkansas City, Kan.

Mr. Greene is too well-known throughout the philatelic world to require further introduction, but for those that are not as well acquainted as others, we will give a short outline of his successful career.

Mr. Roy Farrell Greene was born on the 20th day of December, 1873, at Three Rivers, Michigan, and when seven years of age, with his parents, removed to Arkansas City, Kan., which place has held him as a resident ever since. He began collecting at an early date stamps, coins, birds' eggs, minerals and others being included, but to philately had he bound him more than all others. In the early period of "The Sons of Philatelia," Roy was an active member of the society, taking deep interest in its welfare, was the librarian of the society one term, being again re-elected by an almost unanimous vote at the Chicago convention in '93. This well known convention being so decidedly unfair, Mr. Greene refused to serve, tendered his resignation to the office, as also resigning from the society as well.

Roy at once became one of the leaders in the organization of "The Philatelic Sons of America," placing his name second on the roll of charter members,

much against the earnest entreaties of the party managers of "The Sons of Philately," and he has ever since been a hard worker, a prominent leader and a warm exponent of "The Philatelic Sons of America," and in any case where our society needed a champion Mr. Greene was right there for our cause.

He was elected Exchange Superintendent in '93, and official editor in '94, but he declined to be a candidate for any office in '95. Mr. Greene did not seek the nomination for president at the coming election in the least, but it was through the most earnest persuasion on the part of his host of philatelic friends, that he finally consented to have his name placed in nomination, also placing his campaign in the hands of his friends, which he fully knows will receive ample care, for from such urgent appeals that he received for acceptance, he fully knows he is the choice of many. And a model president of "The Philatelic Sons of America" would Mr. Roy Farrell Greene be.

Mr. Greene by profession is a literary man, and his many contributions both in prose and verse have been the delight of the philatelic world. His contributions of late, though not so many in numbers, have shown great skill and excellence. His time is now taken up largely by professional journalism and authorship, so he cannot devote as much time as he would desire to philately, but he promises to be with us oftener in the future, and his many notes will again be eagerly hailed in the philatelic press.

Roy, in addition to occupying the editorial chair on "The Gate City Journal," contributes to the eastern magazines, both in prose and verse, and he is well known in the literary world. As a proof of the excellence of his work and to show in what esteem his productions are held, we may say that his poem, "The Minuet," was given full page in "Truth," (New Year's number) and one of the best artists in America,

a frequent worker on "Life," "Puck," "Judge" and other New York publications, was engaged to illustrate the work. That he will make his mark in literature is assured.

Mr. Greene's excellent judgment in matters philatelic is generally conceded and his fitness for any office in which he may be placed goes without a saying.

Now, dear readers, we have given you a good sketch of our candidate, don't you think we have a strong candidate for president of "The Philatelic Sons of America" in Mr. Roy Farrell Greene?

Show us your good will by supporting and working for our candidate, thereby assuring his election, and stamping Roy's many kind deeds for us, with your approval.

Notes on U. S. Stamps.

By L. H. Benton.

The U. S. 1851 issue is not the only set having a "broken circle" variety. The 6-kreuzer brown in Bavaria's first issue is found in this condition. It is Scott's No. 3a.

According to the official figures furnished the Weekly Philatelic Era, of Portland, Me., by the Washington correspondent, the general order of the denominations of the department stamps according to the relative number issued is, starting with the commonest, 3, 6, 2, 1, 12, 10, 15, 30, 24, 7 and 90c.

The total number of United States stamps of all kinds (including revenue, telegraph, locals, etc.) listed in the new 56th is 2,999; 916 only are postage.

To those collectors of entire envelopes who pay fancy prices for the majority of their treasures, the following footnote under envelopes in the 24th edition catalogue of 1872 will occasion some amusement:

"Note.—Persons desiring entire envelopes will be charged 1c each extra."

The aggregate numbers of postage stamps of the United States at different periods from 1871 to 1895 are, according to the fifteen standard catalogues I have, as follows:

23rd, November, 1871.....	122
24th, " 1872.....	124
27th, " 1873.....	250
32nd, " 1875.....	357
39th, " 1881.....	386
47th, " 1885.....	497
48th, " 1886.....	508

49th.	"	1887.....	570
50th.	"	1888-9.....	595
51st.	"	1890-1.....	621
52nd.	"	1891-2.....	663
53rd.	"	1892-3.....	638
54th.	"	1894.....	718
55th.	"	1895.....	805
56th.	"	1896.....	916

The bureau of engraving and printing allows 25 pounds of gum for 400,000 stamps, that is the ordinary size of postage stamps. This is one pound for 16,000 stamps.

Written for "The Springfield Philatelist."

Philately's Future.

By J. Henry Thomas.

Much indeed has been written about philately in the future, and though this subject has been so often spoken of from one view or another, that one would hardly think that there was any other remaining subject for comment on this topic. But there is; yes, and still much more, and the one that has passed by almost unnoticed by our vast array of writers, is uppermost in my memory, and of which I will test my ability on hereby.

Philately is gaining into her ranks day by day new recruits, and though we delight in seeing our hobby being spread about so widely, we can't but help to look with alarm at the gross misuse philately is now being subject to.

The stamp collectors, mind the words I use here, the cause you will know later, as said, the stamp collectors of to-day must be divided into two classes. First come those collectors that collect for the pleasure derived from the hobby, those that delight and take pride in their collections and study them, this class of collectors are only worthy of the name of philatelists. The other, are those collectors that collect for the money there is in it; true, they also delight and take pride in their collections, but — only for the market value of the same, this class of collectors (?) must be designated as speculators.

For this simple reason, all stamp collectors cannot be known as phi-

latelists. True, we all like to see those rarities which we are lucky enough to possess become of greater value, but, I'm sure, this motive is not what binds us to philately, and that tends us to add to our collections ever and ever. Oh, no! far from it.

This speculation in stamps is gaining a stronger foothold day by day, month by month, and year by year, and what will be the inevitable result? We have one instance before us now, nations seeing such a demand for their stamps will place new issues on sale at frequent intervals, as with the Seebecks and other speculative issues of recent years, and to this speculation can such alone be traced. Why should this continue? It would require the wealth of an Astor, Lorillard or Vanderbilt to keep abreast to fill the blank spaces in our albums provided for the new issues; let alone completing the former issues.

It surprises me very much to see so many of our philatelic journals (?) urging the collecting of postage stamps as a paying speculation. In fact, I noted recently an article in one of these journals where a comparison between the relative advance of some bonds (not U. S. government bonds, remember, dear readers), was made against a number of stamps, showing up to the advantage of the later. Ah! well and true, but I wonder how many of those stamps there exist? It is not to say if one stamp becomes valuable, they all are, not by any means. But we take it for granted, say this writer should receive a hearty response, do you believe that if thousands should put their hard cash in stamps, say buy a complete set of the present issue of our own stamps, now will they be rare in years to come? Should those dollar Columbians have been more eagerly purchased by collectors when they were in use, than by the dealers, would they bring as much money as they do to-day? We will leave the answers to your own judgment. Verily, this plan is a little "off the shade."

But there is a strong tendency now to obtain all sorts of stamps, not alone the higher values, but the common stamps as well, are being hoarded up to an alarming degree. It would surprise you to notice how all stamps from the envelopes of the correspondence received by the large and small business

houses in New York City are first clipped off, ere the envelopes are cast to the waste baskets. This chase after stamps is felt by the New York post-office in particular. Recently while purchasing a few stamps at the post-office here, of odd denominations, the clerk remarked of the large number of requests he received for good copies by purchasers, being intended for collections. So it seems as if there is a large amount of money being invested in stamps for speculation after all. We are indeed very sorry to see this.

It will be only a question of time when this mode will force philately to the wall, for who can keep up with the new issues that will then appear? I have several acquaintances who were once ardent philatelists, and that still possess fine collections, though long laid aside, having ceased collecting owing to the frequent new issues, not being able to keep up with them, and many others will do the same. Their collections are still dear to them as I could not obtain them for love or money, so it proves that they were not "luke warm" collectors.

It were far better, was there not such an eager desire for stamps as there now exists, but time will tell, and I'm sure my argument will not be far from being right. But all things must come to pass, "philately may have seen better days," but we earnestly desire to see our hobby still flourish, despite the harsh deal philately has received in late years.

Chicago Notes.

Dr. Cottlow has another auction on the tapis, which will probably be held some time next month. Doc. says he has many good things and your correspondent regrets he will not be there.

The Chicago Stamp & Coin Co., after a most prosperous existence of six months, has sold out all their interests to Mr. E. B. Power, who will remove to New York City permanently very shortly.

I wish to most emphatically deny the underhand report circulated about me

under the heading of "Puritans Chicago Notes" in the sheet known as the American Philatelic Magazine. This individual quoted me as saying that Chicago collectors did not afford an up-to-date dealer "cigarette money." Needless to say, I did no such thing and have written the magazine a denial of this lie. Whether they publish it or not remains to be seen.

Anyhow "Puritan," whoever he is, has made enough offensive remarks about this city and its various philatelic citizens—and to go a step further I think I am right when I say that no respectable dealer or collector in Chicago ever takes the trouble to read Puritan's malignant effusions.

Great Charles Esterley! Fame has at last smiled upon you and we all trust that the knowledge of your being sole joke contributor to the Springfield may not cause you to look down upon your old associates. Meanwhile adios.

G. B. POWER.

Comments.

A society has been formed to ask congress to pass a law requiring the designs for all United States money, stamps, etc., to be approved by a committee of artists.

First, second and third (but not fourth) class postmasters are required to report to the department the amounts of the different kinds of stamped paper on hand at the end of each month. All postmasters must send in the cancelled newspaper stamps at the end of each quarter. From this it will be seen that the first, second and third class postmasters can only sell newspaper stamps by making an affidavit that they have lost them, but that fourth class postmasters may sell them without any inconvenience.

When ordering stamps, all classes of postmasters must give the number on hand at that time, but this is not compared with their accounts. It is merely to prevent them from ordering too large a number.

At present the department has four different requisition blanks for ordering stamps, special delivery stamps, postal cards, wrappers and blank envelopes; one for special request envelopes; one for newspaper stamps and one for postage due stamps. The old letter sheets had a requisition of their own.

The P. S. A. is by far the largest society in the United States. It has enough members to keep all of its departments in excellent condition. A large percentage of the advanced collectors of the country belong to it. Would it not be better to increase the requirements for membership rather than lower the standard of our society by taking in the young collectors who will surely, under the present system, constitute the greater number of our future applicants. We already have enough members to conduct the society. Would it be better to have 2,500 members of doubtful character or would it be better to have a P. S. A. number a recognized guarantee of honesty? This is worthy of the consideration of every member. Let us first make an age limit. Then let us cease to sign applications by wholesale. Let us require a reference from the applicant's own home. And let each member scrutinize the list of applicants, and the old members as well, and report each instance of wrong doing. It is to every member's interest to raise the standard of membership as high as possible.

Some stamp societies and even some stamp papers lose sight of the fact that we are collecting and studying stamps. The notice of the United States Philatelic Association to non-members is very commendable. Other societies should consider it. It reads in part as follows: "The U. S. P. A. is constituted for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the collection and preservation of stamps issued within the bounds of the U. S. and for the study of the characteristics of design, paper, color, printing and other details of variety, and for the purpose of procuring information relating thereto, and to the history and purpose of their use and such other information as shall determine their true classification and arrangement." How much more we would know if all societies had carried out some such plan.

Yesterday I examined about 5,000 unused late two cent stamps. They were from two different postoffices. I

found several shades and varieties of paper and gum, that is slight differences. I also found several blemishes. I also noticed that the distance between two outer lines of perforations varied considerably. These observations give rise to several thoughts. When and how long were the shades, gums and papers used? Do the blemishes appear on all printings from those plates or were they corrected? Are there several perforating machines in use or just one that varied? Such questions are constantly arising to all of us. How can we have them answered? Not by any single person. No but by the combined observations of a large number. That would be a stamp society. Yes, a stamp society.

Let an issue be selected for study. Let each member of this stamp society write out what he knows about this issue, under different heads, such as printing, separation, gum, paper, postmarks, reprints, proofs, counterfeits, etc. Let him also mention any oddities or errors that have come to his notice. Such things often throw light on the way stamps are made. An abnormal specimen often helps us to understand the normal. Let him write what he has read as well as what he has seen, because but few of us get to read everything. Of course the very common knowledge need not be given. After the notes have been made the circuit and have been added to by each member, let them be handed over to the official editor for revision and publication. Such a system could be applied to current issues as well as past issues. The best time to study stamps is while they are in use.

This is the logical work of a stamp society. It would be a pleasure to the participants and it surely would be of benefit to philately.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

A Philatelic Photograph Album.

By L. H. Benton.

I have a few ideas concerning a philatelic photograph album which I think are good ones.

Of course most all stamp collectors, especially those who carry on a large personal correspondence, have ex-

changed photos to a more or less extent; but there are many well known stampists in whom the stamp world is interested, but with whom it has no personal relations, and whose photographs would be a welcome addition to our philatelic gallery.

Some of our philatelic journals are frequently adorning their pages with a photo-gravure of some well-known philatelist, whose personal appearance we have perhaps "guessed at." Of course there are many portraits in our papers too poorly executed to admit of placing them in an album. Some are small, others larger; some are printed on the pages of the magazine, others on heavy inserts. To prepare them for insertion in a cabinet album is an easy matter.

Get some smooth white cardboard of about the thickness of the usual photo card and cut into cabinet size— $6\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Then bevel the edges. This can be done evenly and neatly with a sharp knife.

The rest is just as simple. Cut out the photograph on the rectangular edges of the print and with a very thin coat of strong mucilage paste it in the center of the card. It will be a good idea to place a heavy flat object on it for a time.

Another plan, and a better one perhaps, is to cut out the center of the card the proper size and bevel it, and then stick the photograph on the back side of the card, the portrait showing through the aperture. Allow the edges of the photo to overlap the edges of the opening a quarter inch at least. The best way of attaching the photo is by running the mucilage brush over the back edges of the inside panel and over the edges of the portrait side of the photo. In this way no mucilage is daubed on where it is not wanted.

Do not mutilate your magazine or break a file to get the photo—get an extra copy, which can be had for a few cents.

Another interesting photograph book is made by collecting the plates in the auction catalogues and sticking the

back pages together. This is a convenient method, as most of our auction catalogues are of about one size. In this way there can be preserved all that is valuable in a catalogue of an auction that has passed—that is, unless the catalogue has the lots priced

Canadian Notes.

Mr. J. R. McDowell, a prominent philatelist of Guelph, has secured patents in the United States and Canada on "The McDowell Magazine Binder." This binder is the most useful article yet invented for the preservation of magazines and pamphlets. It is rapidly and easily adjustable and one motion of the hand serves to disengage the magazine from its cover. Philatelic publishers can secure a sample binder by forwarding two copies of their magazines to J. R. McDowell, Guelph, Ont., Can.

Ketcheson's 1896 catalogue of Canadian postage and revenue stamps is out and is a decided improvement on all former editions. We give a few of the higher priced stamps and without exception they show a decided use over the '95 price. Can. the 12 p. black 1861 is priced at \$600; 1869 15 ct. violet on laid paper, \$300; unused British Columbia $2\frac{1}{2}$ pence pink imperf., \$200; New Brunswick 1851 issue 1 sh. violet, \$300, unused; \$150 used; 1 sh. mauve, \$400; \$175 used; 5ct Brown (Connell), \$150; Newfoundland 1857 1 sh. scarlet vermilion \$250; 1 sh. orange laid paper \$400; 1857 $6\frac{1}{2}$ p. orange \$250; 1 sh. orange wave paper, \$350; Nova Scotia 1 sh. violet, \$200; 1 sh. mauve, \$250; P. E. I. -WEN :021\$ 'pemeinor esor eoued z 1981 foundland provisions also made a big jump and Canadian revenues have gone up from 25 to 100 per cent.

We have received the prospectus of "The All-Around Stamp Advertiser" to be published by Tombs & Sallee, St. Hyacinthe P. 10 Canada. The paper is rather a novelty in size, consisting of four $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ inch pages. It is to contain only the ads. of stamp dealers and will be issued on the 15th of each month. A black list will be one of the features of the Advertiser and the circulation is to be 15,000. The adv. rates are only 30cts an inch and subs. 15cts per year. Perhaps it can be made to pay at these rates, but we doubt it. Canada has long needed two or three

good philatelic papers and we hope to see the new-comer succeed. However, they must obtain second-class rates and this is one impediment which has killed the philatelic press of Canada.

Mr. H. A. Peters, formerly of 35 Cecil St., Toronto, has removed to Winnipeg. Mr. Peters says that collections are few and far between in Winnipeg and vicinity.

Mr. A. F. Wicks has just returned from a week's visit with H. F. Ketcheson.

Yours Truly spent a few days in Galt, the former home of the celebrated Richard Dordge.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

Illinois Philatelic Society.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There is not much to report this month except the fact that the Illinois Philatelic Society has been reorganized and is, from the present outlook, on the road to prosperity.

The society of course has not as yet been reorganized long enough to show much material advancement, but from present indications the officers and members have every reason to feel encouraged. We expect to have a very flourishing and in fact one of the best state societies in the country inside of a few months.

All of the necessary officers of the society have not yet been filled, but the following officers have been elected:

Pres., E. C. Althen, 369 N. State St., Elgin, Ill.; Vice Pres., F. M. Runstetler, 810 Old Colony Bld'g, Chicago, Chicago; Sec-Treas., W. B. Murray, 505 N. Elizabeth St., Peoria, Ill. The offices of exchange superintendent, librarian, etc., have not been voted on as yet, though I expect to make a full report next month regarding them.

Messrs. Fritz, Severn and Woisjeffer of Chicago are being entertained by way of Chicago are being talked of as trustees, but no definite appointments have yet been made.

There are a great many advantages to be derived from joining the I. P. S. Please remember that it is strictly a

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