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The First A. P. S. Open Air Stamp Bourse

The first Open Air Stamp Bourse under the auspices of the A. P. S. was held yesterday in our beautiful West Grand Circus Park. It was a large success, and although the flag was not due to drop and the "they are off" sign to be given until 1 p. m., the stamp fiends commenced to gather early. At 8:30 Mr. Edgar Nelson might have been observed taking his morning splash in the fountain, and was much "peevish" because the policeman would not allow him to use his cake of perfumed soap, it being against a city ordinance to use soap in a city fountain. His figure was all that could be desired.

Mr. Batchelder, of Boston, strolling by, picked up a pebble and tossed it at him. Quickly seeing the business opportunity, he gathered all the pebbles about and sold them 3 for 5c. Every time you hit the male Annette Kellerman you received a genuine postage stamp cataloging 2c, and guaranteed by John N. Luff, Mr. Mudge and Mr. Severn, being so successful that Mr. Navin offered them positions on the Detroit ball club's pitching staff, and business was brisk until too large a crowd collected and officers drove Mr. Annette Kellerman to the foliage plants to don his apparel and diamonds.

Our reporter noticed behind a dense bed of lemon verbenas C. F. Heyerman, Henry Fowler, C. Staub, Percival Parrish and Eugene Klein, all on bended knees. Asking if they had joined the Salvation Army, Mr. Heyerman solemnly shook his head and said, "We pray for a gale of wind during the stamp trading, so stamps may flutter in our direction." A warm discussion, in which A. F. Van Order maintained that hot dogs were more nutritious than peanuts, Ben Green holding up the peanut end, was interrupted by the Bourse being opened by the Convention Scream, led by Wm. C. Stone. The echo of the scream was still vibrating in the tree-tops when Mr. Carpenter drew a 2c Hawaiian Missionary from his sock and offered to exchange it for a West Australia swan, a North Borneo monkey, a Congo alligator and a Nyassa giraffe.

Mr. Morganthau said while he was willing to help Mr. Carpenter start a rival show to Barnum & Bailey, he asked too much menagerie. If he cut out the giraffe, he would accept. Mr. C. snapped up the offer.

After this opening exchange, it went fast and then some. The only incident that promised to be unpleasant, but which turned out happily, was when Mr. Hugh Clark and B. L. Drew mounted opposite ends of the same bench and started rival auction sales, but as everybody was too busy trading to buy, each bought the other's lots.

Among the exchanges reported were:

Mr. P. M. Walseiffer traded his "Hints to Auction Buyers" for a U. S. Inverted Center 30c, 1869, with Mr. Worthington.

Dr. W. L. Babcock exchanged a block of four 8c Canadian Registers with a small boy for a yellow dog, because he said the dog had an original cover.

Bogert & Durbin exchanged "our price list, which no collector can afford to be without" with Mr. Iver Johnson for the pick of three stamps from his collection.

Mr. H. F. Colman sat on a bench by himself looking as if he was sorry he came, tearing up a treatise by Stanley Gibbons Co. explaining how they became the "People with the Goods," for which he had traded his best copy of the

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IN MEMORIAM

As the forms are being made up, we receive notice of the untimely death of the member of the Staff who wrote the jokes and quips that give you offense.

At the request of the family, his name and the time of the obsequies are withheld. After all, he meant well, and his mistakes were those of judgment rather than heart.

He leaves a collection of 9,874 varieties, a wife and some children.

THE CRY OF THE PESSIMIST.

(Dedicated to all members of the Universal Postal Union and some who are not.)

Oh, you 14 perforations!
Oh, you watermark C. C. !
Oh, you stickers of all nations!
You have sure been DEAR to me!

At the landlord's step I'm quaking,
And his visits cause me dread;
MY collection's in the making,
HIS collections are quite dead.

See my feet from old shoes sticking,
See the patches to the rear;
Down the street my watch is ticking,
Last year's straw is bent and sore.

Still I read the bargain papers,
Scan the circuits and the books,
And my balance slowly tapers,
And my goose most surely cooks.

How I yearn for ancient "covers,"
And the blocks and pairs and strips:
Stamps are most exacting lovers,
And we pay for all our tips.

When I scan the empty spaces
And the barren waste of page,
I wonder when I'll see the traces
Of my labors and my wage.

Meanwhile every heathen nation
Grinds them out like miller's grist,
And I dare take no vacation
When I see the growing list.
Scrimping, saving, buying, mounting,
Thro' the years in chain of charm,
Judgment Day will find me counting
Each new issue with alarm!

Grand Subscription Offer

To any one who can stand this publication as a regular diet, and who can get his postman to deliver it without protest, we will pay a handsome reward, besides allowing you to select any or all of the following premiums, FREE:

1 ton very hard coal (donated by the Hocking Valley R. R.).

1 load brick (presented by some of those we have written up).

1 oil stove (we expect our office to be quite warm after this issue, and will have no further use for the stove).

1 original "Black Hand" letter (we've got lots of these).

Take your choice. Your name should be on our *Description List*.

Address The Error, leaving all mail in the hollow of the Old Oak, Grand Circus Park, Detroit.

THE ANNUAL DISSENSION.

The 25th Annual Dissension of the American Fill-the-Ticket Society will be held in Detroit Aug. 16, 17 and 18, wind, weather and candidates permitting.

The governor of the state has promised not to issue any injunctions and there will be no flight to Reno.

From all parts of the country the urbane dealers in government stationery will gather with their collecting friends and much will be done to uplift the cause.

It is rumored that a movement is under way to force the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to use distinctive flavors for the gum of each denomination of postage stamp, so that the different values may be readily distinguished by those who cannot read or have mislaid their glasses.

A warm contest for official organ is expected, both "Clough & Warren" and "Farrand & Votey" having their supporters.

CONVENTION ANTHEM.

BY HENRY SMUDGE.

Sweet Philatelia, Queen of our hearts,
We are all captives brought low by your darts;

Sing we your praises from day to day,
At our collections we're pegging away.
Send us your message and frank it with care,

Use a St. Louis, a treasure so rare;
See that your kisses are strictly O. G.,
Sweetheart, our albums are yearning for thee.

CONVENTION SCREAM.

Prussia, Russia, Siam,
Catch 'em, mount 'em, we can,
Rah! Rah! Rah!—Heligoland!

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AUGUST, 1910

OUR EXCUSE FOR EXISTING.

While it is not generally considered in good form to commence an announcement with an apology, it is sometimes necessary to do so, and hence we simply state that the flatulent condition of our stocking forces us to perpetrate this publication on our friends. We trust, therefore, that our efforts will bring that responsive support.

TAKE NOTICE.

Owing to the large amount of strenuous matters contained in the special Dissection number, we have deemed it wise to engage the services of Theodore Roosevelt Ladue as Editor-in-Chief.

All duels, suits for libel or other trifling matters should be taken up with him personally.

All parties to whom he is not known will recognize him by his police escort.

Bail furnished to those interested at proportionate rates.

THE PUBLISHERS.

FOR SALE & EXCHANGE

WANTED TO EXCHANGE—Prescriptions for measles, mumps, myopia and marasmus cheerfully exchanged for stamps not in your collection.
DR W. P. WHENNY, OMAHA.

FOR SALE—Imp. 1—B. F. '09—face ¼—G. W. 2c—'09—105%—post x.
F. E. FARMHAND, River St., CHICAGO

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AND JOIN THE

HOBLER'S CLUB

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Stamp Collections, Dealers Socks, Old Clothes, Household Furniture, Etc.

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What am I offered?

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SEVERN'S SODA STAND

Strawberry Sundaes Served Superbly. Some Say Simply Soulful Satisfaction Saturates Sippers. Seven Southerland Sisters Sing Sweetly. Some Solome Swaying. Soused Sons Sobered Swiftly. Sanders Surpassed.

See Severn

Chronicle of New Issues

UNITED STATES.—A new variety of the current 2-cent with a stamp vending machine perforation is reported from Kalamahoola, Okla. The stamp came from a Smith Machine, style 3, serial number 348. The second perf. on the right side of the stamp is slightly torn owing to a defective knife. A monograph on this variety, illustrated with views of the machine and of the town in which it is located, is in preparation and will shortly be published in the Philatelic Journal of Rural Free Delivery.

CANAL ZONE.—The three low values will be surcharged about September 1, as it is expected that the high values will be exhausted by that date. Don José Manuel de Penutta, Director of Posts, requests that dealers and collectors desiring to purchase errors will notify him not later than August 20 of their wants in this line, in order that the supply may be ample. Orders for ordinary errors will be accepted in amounts of one dollar and upward. Where errors are to be printed according to specifications, no orders will be accepted for less than \$2.50. A limited number of sheets will be surcharged without errors.

(H. F. Colman and T. P. Ladue take notice.)

GERMANY.—The projected "Hands-Across-the-Sea" stamp has at last made its appearance. It is 45x87 mm. in size and printed in white. A border design of teeth, eye-glasses, large sticks, upturned mustaches and steins encloses an oblong in which is portrayed a home scene showing Theodore Roosevelt defeating Emperor William at pinochle. The value, 25 pfennigs, is also shown in cents.

GREAT BRITAIN.—It is rumored that the new issue, to bear the image of King George, will be watermarked with a female figure to represent Philatelia. In one hand will be a loose-leaf album, while the other hand is engaged in applying a stamp hinge to the tongue. The figure is clothed in Grecian draperies and the head is surmounted with a crown of Post Office Mauritius.

HUSTLEDORF AERIAL POST.—We understand that the line of airships recently opened between Hustledorf and Eberlinden will soon provide passengers with a special stamp for the souvenir cards mailed while en route.

NINTALOOLOO PROTECTORATE.—Designs are being prepared for a new issue commemorative of a recent event at Reno, Colo. The design consists of a likeness of J. Arthur Johnson in black and gold.

The set consists of 15 values from one punch to two knockouts. The figures of value appear on boxing gloves in the lower corners. The stamps are perf. 15, and watermarked with a chicken, which appears to be scurrying for cover.

REUNION OF THE PRETZEL CLUB.

The Pretzel Alumni Class of '99 will meet at the Salvation Army barracks Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, and will march to the City Hall, where they will view the steps upon which they lodged in '99.

An Anti Kamnia Tablet will be unveiled by the Pretzel Zouaves with appropriate ceremonies. All members who are unable to march in line without police interference will be supplied with Sedan chairs and uniformed carriers, who will do their bidding and make any necessary stops upon request.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We cannot hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed in this column, and simply submit such correspondence to our readers as a matter of courtesy.—Ed.)

To the Editor—It has come to my notice that Mr. HAM Barnum is a candidate for Secretary of the American Philatelic Society.

As a descendant of the great Law Giver, and a firm adherent to the Mosaic Code, I desire to protest against any person akin to the American hog being elected to such an honorable office in our society.

JACOB ROZENSTEIN,
A. P. S. 41144.

WANTED.

BLUEING.—Quotations in car lots and less for immediate shipment. Address Wm. C. (Dusty) Rhodes, Cleveland, Ohio.

LACES.—Will exchange stamps for rare laces. Would like to negotiate for Iver Johnson's whiskers. Jos. Rich, New York.

CHAPERON.—Reliable chaperon by young man about to visit large city. Clarence Vandecourt Webbe, care The Error.

3 PIE INDIA.—Wanted in any quantity. Apply at lunch time. Editor Stanton, care The Legal Snooze, Detroit.

NAVIGATORS, ATTENTION.

Cruising parties are warned against stranding on Churchill's Bar. Competent navigators furnished on application to the Entertainment Committee.

Sporting Event Extraordinary

Chuck McSquel
The Mexican Whirlwind
vs.

Abe Flashman
The St. Louis Terror

Battling in a supreme and soul stirring effort for the
Lightweight

Championship of the World
HOWARD E. SCUTTLE, Referee

AUCTIONS

To Auction Sellers We always get baloon prices. We are so full of hot air.

To Auction Buyers Gunning is good. No matter how low you shoot you bring down the jots.

Sellers read only first section of this advertisement. Buyers second, section.

H. MEADOW LARK

SHECARGO ON THE CANAL



THE STAMPEDE FROM PEKIN

PRE-CONVENTION NOTES.

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been made with the American Biograph Co. to have two of their moving picture machines at the convention.

While several knockouts will probably be put over, we can assure our readers in other cities that neither the Christian Endeavor Society or government by injunction will prevent the exhibition of these pictures elsewhere.

Our friend, S. E. Mousant, advises us of his attendance at the convention by sending us this original poem:

I am the boy from Kankakee,
When I arrive you'll sure know me;
I gather stamps from far Fiji,
And gloat o'er them with ghoulish glee.

Any of our visitors desiring to see an inverted one-cent Pan-American will kindly step to the foot of Wayne street and stand on their heads.

We understand that our fellow-member, S. E. Heineman, has had a severe attack of garena caused by an over-consumption of Colagogue, taken with a view to securing a copy of the 6-cent Proprietary on the original cover.

It is reported that a love feast was recently spread by Mr. Sam Slinger and Mr. E. B. Scour. A cablegram of felicitation and regrets from Stanley Glibone was read. Covers were laid for ten, Mr. Slinger occupying five chairs and Mr. Scour five.

WANTED.

Wanted to exchange Tien Tsien banner for plate numbers. No saucers wanted. Gen. Hotledge.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

HARRY LIMB.—No, the fact that the Boston pre-canceled has three bars and the New York two bars does not indicate that Boston has more saloons than New York.

YOUNG COLLECTOR.—We cannot verify your information that United States stamps are to be printed on red, white and blue paper and water-marked stars.

BRITON.—Yes, we have it on the best authority, the porter of the Windsor Post Office, that King George will appear on the new stamps in low-neck and short-sleeves, wearing his best crown and a pleased expression.

C. R. M., Wash., D. C.—No, the term "hireling" is not one of rebuke or condemnation, but rather of approbation and approval. Its derivation is from the word "hire," showing that work has been done, and "ling," from the Chinese, meaning to launder, and signifying cleanliness.

GEORGE Z.—We would not advise your showing your collection to your new friend if he wears cuffs on his trousers.

Great Mystery Solved

Some months ago a letter arrived at the Washington post office addressed to "Mr. Hedgecock, Wash." The employees of the post office being unable to locate "Mr. Hedgecock," the letter was turned over to the Dead Letter Office. After being subjected to the searching scrutiny of several of the office detectives, it was, as a last resort, submitted to the famous blind clerk, who, recognizing at once the peculiar chirography of the writer, promptly determined that the letter was for Hon. James H. Hitchcock, Postmaster General.

That our readers may appreciate the puzzles which the Dead Letter Office sometimes has to solve, and as some of you may have seen letters similar to the one in question, we append a copy of the letter to the Postmaster-General:

Office of the Philatelic Pest,
L. T. Flatrock, Inflictor,
Inferior, Neb.

MR. HEDGECOCK:—C u r a f t p p r s
w h t e l m b i g c i r c . T h n k P e s t g o t
m o s t n e l . G l d 2 h v u c h k u p &
t h n k w l h l p s u m .
P l s d 2 h r . O n l y F L A T .

We Buy Stamps

and pay more than dealers usually pay
(which is not saying much) and

Sell Collectors

(at least many say they are sold). Send
us \$2.00 and we will tell you what we will
pay for your stamps.

SEE HORSMAN COMPANY

Back of Anheiser-Busch Brewery, St. Louis

Dr. Krohwell's Temple of Health

Reconstructed panes a specialty. Do not despair.
The doctor sees each and everyone personally, re-
gardless of wealth, social position or previous con-
dition of servitude.

Come and bring your savings, we'll relieve you.

Address, R. F. D. No. 74
Lake Erie Division

Fine mounted skeleton to exchange for Match and
Medicine stamps.

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lately
DoesWhat
Pie-ate-lately
Does

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A handsome book — a
book that will stick to you.
Printed on extra fly paper.

We Don't Sell It — We Give It Away
We Have To

Send 50c, if you havn't a half send a
nickel and the name of a new subscriber
a for two minutes subscription to our

Philatelic Error

Get busy sooner if not before. This
book sells for 25c only we can't sell it.

5c IMPERF. 1902
SOLD HERE AT FACE

(Jan. 2nd, 1008)

HOMER WARREN

The Village Postmaster

4c Imperf. 1902

We have just discovered 47,000 copies of
this desirable stamp in a tin cake trunk.
They should be worth \$500.00 apiece.

From 9 to 12 only, we will sell them at a
ridiculously low figure.

Don't forget the day, the date and the price.
Come and bring your market basket.

Philatelic Outfitting Co.

Dock V

Detroit River

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Goulash

CIRCULATION LARGER
THAN EVER

Convention Exhibit

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I will bring my entire stock with me. 7
large sample trunks of the best that Chicago
can produce.

I exhibit all day and all night.

SEE THE ONLY

P. M. COTTONSIFTER
FROM CHICAGO

P. S. — Since writing the above advertisement I
have decided to pack my trunks with clothes instead
of stamps, but as I paid for the advertisement in ad-
vance it will stand as written. However I will
bring with me that Peerless Rarity, the 2c Car-
mine U. S., issue of 1908, on original cover.

P. M. COTTONSIFTER, CHICAGO

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Hear Prof. Ferris tell of his seven hour combat with a gigantic Ging Ging which he now

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THE ONLY PARNASSUS PENFLIP

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GEO. K. SMITH

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Don't fail to see this

Idyl of the South

The Man with the Silver Voice

Wm. C. Stone

Rendering original compositions of the highest class. Hear him sing that peerless ballad

SINE DIE

Strong men weep. Come and bring your best handkerchief.

The Two Desperados

G. W. Kissinger Erwin L. Fischer

in their hair raising skit

The Conspirators

A fitting sequel to their famous production of

Who Threw the Bomb?

FREDERICK BREWS

The

Harry Lauder of America

in

Scotch Songs and Dances

Ending with the original poem
JOCK MCRAE

The Returned Missionary

HOWARD SEEBECK

Will tell his own story

"Why I Love the Natives of Obock"

THE AGILE APENDAGE

**Henry Limb
of Boston**

— IN —

FEETS of MAGIC

JOHN F. CORRODE

of CLEVELAND

In an intensely interesting lecture entitled

The Value of the Day's Work

also, by special request, his masterpiece

Only Three Grains of Corn

The most stirring plea for honest labor ever delivered in Chautauqua circles.

Don't Fail to Miss This

Entire proceeds of Saturday's performance to go to Geo. H. Worth-a-ton to purchase paint for his yacht. Come and enjoy yourself besides patronizing a **Worthy cause.**

THE FIRST A. P. S. OPEN AIR STAMP BOURSE

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10c blue Proprietary. It sounded as if he said "stung."

The exchanging was now stopped by the gale of wind, successfully prayed for

by the amateur sadvationists. The most amusing incident during the excitement was Paul Mason swimming in the fountain, collecting stamps from the ruffled water with his mouth, like a hungry bass after June-bugs. He made quite an

addition to his collection in this manner.

The bended-knee scouts proved themselves A-1 stamp collectors.

This Bourse proved to be a success. We understand it will be a permanent feature of future conventions.