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"SNAPS."

Taken from the Diary of a Well-known Collector.

Collectors should not be content to always buy in the usual way, but should always be on the outlook for "snaps." Many of the smaller post offices have many rare stamps still on sale, and at others you can work the postmaster and get a few periodicals at face value. Being in a small place of about 2,000 inhabitants recently, and having spare time between trains, I went to the post office, and after getting acquainted with the post master, informed him that I desired certain stamps, which, perhaps, he might have, and mentioned among others periodical stamps. He evidently knew nothing of the rule prohibiting their sale, and I secured about fifty each of the one, two, four and ten cent and a few of the twenty-four cent, all at face value. I then inquired if there were any old stamps or envelopes which had been there when he took charge of the office. He said he had noticed a box of envelopes (white) with two stamps on, one green, the other red, but had forgotten what had become of them. I told him to hunt them up, offering him a good sum over their face value for his trouble if he found them. I have no doubt they were the 1861, four cent blue and red.

He could not find them and I am rather undecided as to whether to go back or not. If I do he will be almost certain to demand the return of the periodicals, as he has probably found out by this time he is not allowed to sell them. Still, if I do have to give them up and secure the envelopes, I will be much better off. But if I have to part with them and do not get the envelopes either, I will feel rather mean. But to proceed with another experience which is "snappy" also:

I was going to C——— on the morning train, and had just received my mail before starting. As I opened it in the train one letter contained a sheet on which were mounted some treasury department stamps. A gentleman, an ex-United States treasury official, with whom I was acquainted, was seated behind me. He had been looking over my shoulder and had noticed the stamps, and asked me if they were of any value to a collector. I told him they were, and he then informed me that he had used a large number of them and still had a quantity, which he promised to look up and give to me. I forgot all about the matter until several weeks later, when he called on me and brought with him over 1,000 treasury stamps, all unused. The majority were ten and fifteen cent, with a few of the lower values and about a dozen thirty and ninety cent values. I offered to pay for them but he would not accept anything, remarking that they cost him nothing and I was welcome to them.

A collector should always improve his time and be on the lookout for opportunities like these. You may strike it rich some day. Stamps acquired in this manner are of much more interest than those purchased of dealers, and are really collected in the fullest sense of the word.

BOILED DOWN.

A Regular Feature.

Paper that has been chemically changed will absorb moisture very readily.

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"I wish I was in as affluent circumstances as King Kissinger," remarked one of our struggling publishers recently, "and I could afford a private secretary."

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The P. S. of A. trustees are going to run their department in the correct manner. They have already been heard from, and promise to leave a good record of their year's work.

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Many collectors confuse the 1871 lithographed set of Hungary with that of the following year, the engraved series. To avoid this we append the following explanation: The lines in the circles in the two lower corners are in circles in the lithographed series, while in the engraved set of 1872 the lines run horizontally across the circles.

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Mr. Chas. E. Shaw is busily engaged in resurrecting the exchange department of the S. of P. He has a host of difficulties to overcome, but with his usual pertinacity will make a success of it.

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A double grill is commonly understood to mean two grills on the same stamp. The term really signifies that the same grill has been impressed twice. Stamps in this condition are extremely scarce.

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Two varieties of the perforated series of the first issue of Hayti exist. The background surrounding the portrait in one is solid or plain, and in the other the same background is composed of cross lines.

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Collectors should keep a sharp lookout for two dollar Columbians, three cent red brown due stamps, ten cent 1847 and the values of the unperforated higher document revenues. They present a good investment, as they are sure to advance materially in price during the coming winter.

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A careful examination of Grecian stamps will reveal many errors in the central figures. The values presenting the most of these are the 10 1 and 20 1. The 10 1 will be found with the figures 1, 00 and 01. The 20 1 appears with 0 and 22 impressed upon it. Careful search will undoubtedly bring to light many other varieties.

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BRODSTONE & WILKINSON, Publishers

L. T. BRODSTONE, Business Manager,
Superior, Nebraska.
ED. H. WILKINSON, Editor,
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Editorial.

WHY?

There is no special reason why, but THE PHILATELIC WEST is here, and possibly to stay. Who knows? It sends out no heralds in advance, and few knew it was enroute. But it is here and intends to make regular trips in the future.

It has not come to fill a long felt want. At least that was not the original intention. But if, by any means, it can overtake this "long-felt want," of which so many speak, it will endeavor to fill it to overflowing.

This sheet is not as good as we hoped to make the first number. But who is ever ready when the day comes to launch a venture? However, a stamp paper cannot be born full grown: they are a growth rather than a creation. It is therefore hoped by the editor and publishers that the contrasts between this, our first number, and those which follow it will form a series of pleasing surprises to our readers and make us many new friends in the philatelic world.

We need make no formal announcement explaining why we are here. This number and those that will follow will speak for themselves, and we feel confident we will give the philatelic public a good excuse for living

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We desire to exchange with all philatelic publications. We will esteem it a favor if two copies are sent, one to the business manager, and one to the editor.

We will be pleased if our western readers who, from time to time, pick up notes of interest, personal or otherwise, will send them in. Such items will be greatly appreciated, and full credit given to the sender when so desired.

Speaking of advertising, Mr. Dealer, reminds us of the old saying, "one chicken will not fatten a preacher." Dealers should remember that one advertisement will not fill their pocketbooks. An advertisement in THE PHILATELIC WEST for a period of three months or longer is what will pay.

Stanley Gibbon's catalogue has not been accorded a very enthusiastic reception by the philatelic public in America. The publisher's statement that the prices therein were all based on their stock was enough to give many the feeling that such a catalogue would be anything but reliable. We understand it has had an extensive sale caused no doubt, by the great amount of advertising done by the publishers.

The auction sale season is opening up, and the various sales promise to be well patronized by those who prefer to purchase stamps in this manner This is the only way, in fact, that many specimens can be secured, and is growing more popular each year. A few dealers are conducting a series of sales where the bidding is done entirely by mail. Unless the dealer is entirely reliable, an opportunity for him to resort to dishonest practices to obtain the collector's money lies open in such sales. We know of a case recently transpiring that bears out our assertion, and unless the dealer in the case makes the bidder's loss good, we are disposed to give his name to the collecting public and put an end to his thieving.

The petition to the "Seebeckized" So-American countries by the National Philatelic society, the Philatelic society and the American Philatelic association to discontinue the yearly issuance of their speculative stamps has a laudable aim. We are much afraid, however, it will be regarded by these nations with amusement and, worse still, contempt, and fail in its design. We sincerely hope that it will be met with the respect it deserves and Mr. Seebeck disenthroned from the position he has attained—that of Lord over all philately.

This paper will carry your advertisements to the most desirable class of philatelic buyers. The collectors residing in Nebraska and surrounding states are liberal purchasers, and always know a good thing when they see it. Our circulation is strong among such collectors, and advertisers desiring to reach a rich and fresh field will find it advantageous to use our columns.

We desire good, up-to-date articles upon subjects interesting to collectors. We will be pleased to receive MSS. for consideration. Inclose a stamp if you desire your MSS. returned if it is not accepted.

We contemplate starting an exchange department soon. It will be free to everybody. Send in your notice if you have anything to exchange.

Advertising Free.

☞We desire to acquire a large list of names of bona-fide collectors, and will make the following offer:

To anyone sending the names and addresses of 10 collectors residing in the vicinity, all known to him to be active collectors, and whose names we do not already have, we will give one line of advertising space free. Send ten, a hundred or a thousand.

☞Fresh names are what we want. Do not send names of "kids." They will not be accepted.

Always inclose stamp for reply.

Address, L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska.

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BRODSTONE & WILKINSON, Publishers

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.

The Oldest Strictly State Society Extant.

OFFICERS.

President, Ed. H. Wilkinson, Lincoln.
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THIS society is for Nebraska collectors, of Nebraska collectors and by Nebraska collectors, only collectors residing in the state being eligible to membership. All such should correspond with the secretary. He has something that will interest you if you are not a member of this progressive organization.

REVIEW OF CURRENT LITERATURE.

PHILATELISTS admire an enterprising paper, and the increasing popularity of the Bay State Philatelist is due largely to this fact. Their "Comparative Auction Review," of great value to those who desire to keep in touch with the latest questions will be resumed this season. A new feature, a comprehensive list of new issues and discoveries, will be added soon, and under the able management of Mr. Raymond L. Perry, should prove a success. In the November issue, the following comment on Scott's catalogue expresses our views exactly:

"Every philatelist who attends an auction sale goes equipped with a copy of Scott's catalogue for the purpose of referring to the values there given of all stamps in which he is interested. He knows he must have a basis to work upon if he intends to bid intelligently and there is no better basis than Scott. If there was, we would see other books used. Scott's prices may not be absolute and may be based upon the condition of stock on hand, but for all practical purposes the prices are a sufficient guide. It is for this reason alone that we use the Scott catalogue as a comparison. We know we can buy stamps cheaper than Scott lists them, but we cannot carry the value of all the stamps issued in our head when at a sale. We must have a guide, and Scott's is the best extant."

In his usual versatile style, L. G. Quackenbush gives some interesting vignettes of prominent American philatelists. The author handles his subjects handily, the prominent characteristics of the men he selects being brought out with perspicuity and force in few words. Although the lives of such men as Tiffany and Scott are often presented to collectors in our papers, we never weary of them, each succeeding article being perused with steadfast interest.

Inside of the artistic colored cover that adorns the November Michigan Philatelist appears a variety of matter of general intesest. The experiences of W. Sanford with some of our foreign brethren coincide with those others who have been defrauded by these "exchangers who do not exchange," as somebody puts it. The proper and the only safe method of obtaining a foreign exchange correspondence is never to send any stamps until you have received an assortment of equal value to that you send. "Sputterings," by Gerard Varney, deserves a weightier title.

SOMETHING ABOUT PROOFS.

Comparatively few collectors pay any attention to proofs of either postage or revenue stamps. There seems to be a general impression that they are outside the domain of philately. They are rarely offered for sale by dealers, and the auction sale affords the only chance to obtain them. They are of course not stamps, yet they are so closely related to them that they very properly attract the attention of a very intelligent class of collectors. They should by no means take the place of the real stamp, which has a character peculiarly its own, and for which there can be no substitute as long as we collect stamps as philatelists; but as a fitting accompaniment of a stamp collection, nothing seems to me, can be more beautiful and appropriate than proofs of stamps we value so highly. Those on India paper are the most valuable. Proofs on thin card board are less desirable, and can be had for a little more than half the prices of the others, yet they are very beautiful. They are generally printed in different colors, including the proper color of the stamp, but the kind of paper on which these impressions are taken, prevents their use in payment of postage, and from being mistaken as stamps themselves.

R. W. BURCHARD.

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CAPITAL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,

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U. S. Stamps of all kinds desired. Best exchange given. Send list of what you have and want. Catalogue price in good U. S. and foreign for any of the following in any quantity: 3c '51, 1c '61, 2c '62, 3c '70, 2c 3c oink, 15c '72, 5c '75, 4c '83, 3c '87, 4c '88, 6c, 15c '90.

3c red brown due stamps wanted. Write for offer. It will Surprise you.

An entire foreign newspaper wrapper, scarce in this condition, free, the only stipulation being that you send 2c for postage.

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QUANTITY claret dues, 1, 2, 5 and 10c unused, 1890, and other U. S. to exchange. A. B. Whitmer, Osceola, Neb.

WANT to exchange good foreign and U. S. for other U. S. Write me. W. F. Hendricks, 1711 Leavenworth street, Omaha, Neb.

FOREIGN stamps to exchange with collectors. Send sheets and I will send mine. E. W. Fitt, N. P. S., Box 1126, Plattsmouth, Neb.

I HAVE all series of letter sheets to exchange for good U. S. stamps and others. Send sheets. Nathan Cobe, 6 Elm street, Waltham, Mass.

HAVE lot of 2c Col. envelopes, 4c, 5c and 10c 1890 and other U.S. and foreign to exchange for U. S. Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S. 28th street, Omaha, Neb.

EXCHANGE relations desired with collectors. Send list of wants or sheets to select from. F. F. Tomblin, P. S. of A., 1046; N. P. S., 86, Bartley, Nebraska.

EXCHANGE in stamps desired. Also stamps for sale and on approval for a reference. Write for prices on Scott's 36 catalogue. Sam P. Hughes, Box 104, Howe, Nebraska.

WILL exchange U. S. and Foreign stamps for postal cards. Make me an offer. I also have novels to exchange for stamp litteratnre. P. Palmer, news dealer, Bradshaw, Nebraska.

H. A. Simmons, 118 Fourth street, Courtland, Nebraska, will exchange stamps, postal cards, envelopes and many things too numerous to mention for a foot power scroll saw. Send for list of exchanges.

STAMP PAPERS. Subscribe or advertise. I can save you 15 per cent to 1 3 on most foreign and American papers. Send stamp for particulars and sample copies. Philatelic Press Agent, lock box 116, Superior, Nebraska.

$21 Bb tenor horn to exchange for a guitar or good stamps for my collection. Also a few duplicates of the better grade U. S. to exchange for other U. S. not in my collection. Also a fine revolver for stamps. James A. Anderzen, lock box 119, Bertrand, Nebraska. N. P. S., 122

THE PHILATELIC WEST,

25c

PER YEAR

. . RAKING . IT . IN! . .

THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Raking in the dollars that seemed far, far away before they heard of the

Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book

and opened up correspondence with live collectors in a live community. We are speaking of the people who now are using our book to obtain new customers and correspondents. Forms will be closed December 10. Contains names and addresses of over 500 Nebraska Stamp Collectors. Is your ad in it? On sale after December 15 at 10c each Send for prospectus if you desire to be taken in out of the cold. Have you our address? Here it is:

HOPSON & PLATZ,

1121 FARNAM ST., OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

N. P. S.

Your dues to the Nebraska Philatelic Sociciety are due if this place is marked with a cross and should be paid at once to the secretary. Elegant new membership cards have been made, which are worth the price alone.

REDUCED EXTRACTS.

The collector who desires to become proficient in detecting counterfeits, should study each stamp of his collection.

A noted English collector, now dead, once gave the following good advice to one of his young friends, who was complaining because he was unable to detect counterfeits when offered him for sale:

"Learn to examine your stamps, or stamps which pass through your hands belonging to others. Learn their peculiarities, their style of engraving, their watermarks, and perforations. Study your specimens, and you will find an imperceptible sense come to you by which you can at once reject an ordinary forgery, and which will make you suspect—and that instinctively—the best imitations."

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There is one subject in connection with philately that it would be well for collectors to give more thought to, and that is, literature. Every collector should carefully preserve each pamphlet, book or magazine that comes in his way, for sometime they will be valuable, in fact, they are valuable now. Each item adds to our store of philatelic knowledge, and it is much to be regretted that there are not more large libraries of philatelic literature than there are.

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The Seebeck issues seem to be "getting there with both feet," despite of all that has been said against them. Many different cures have been thought of to reill off these yearly inundations, but as none of them have been adopted, they are still with us. As long as collectors continue buying them, Seebeck will continue issueing them. This a "self-evident" fact, as the mathematicians say. Before many years elapse, about every Central and South American country will have adopted this plan of getting their stamps for nothing, if he is allowed to continue issueing these pests of philately.

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It is very hard to distinguish the different series of Greece. Those printed in Paris can be recognized by the shading on the cheek, which is much lighter than on that of the ordinary Greek stamps.

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"What on earth did your uncle mean by marrying that old dried-up thing?"

"Well, you see, he's been a collector of stamps and other curios so long that the habit was too strong to resist"—Atlanta Constitution.

AK-SAR-BEN.

A good unused 3-CENT P. O. Department
ENVELOPE
on white paper, with large margins for $35.00 CASH.
R. E. Wright, 901 N. 8th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

I WILL GIVE
full catalogue value from my sheets for all English catalogued at 3c or over.
Fred B. Woolston, Winside, Neb.

I BUY
sell and exchange all kinds of stamps, but make a specialty of U. S. envelopes, entire, unused. If you want to buy, sell or exchange, better write me. J. F. DODGE Windsor, Conn. C. P. S. 30; S. of P. 1000.

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Avoid Cheapness.

What collector does not prefer having a rare or desirable stamp in his collection to a common one? Why, possessed with this desire, do hundreds of collectors persist in filling their albums with trash—Seebecks, reprints, foreign revenues with a made-to-order postal cancellation, etc. Yes, a desirable stamp does cost a little more perhaps, than a set of Roman States and the like. But do you not feel infinitely more proud of your more expensive stamp? Of course you do. It is inexplicible why a collector will invest his money in stamps, that will appreciate but little in the future, when he has the opportunity to purchase stamps at a nominal cost, comparatively, which will show an apparent advance each year. Cheapness should be avoided as far as practicable in forming a collection. A stamp collection may be regarded as a speculation as much as a pleasure. You certainly desire to be able to obtain as much or more than the amount of money you put into it, if you ever wish to dispose of it.

The term cheapness does not necessarily imply that all stamps of a low value are unworthy of attention. A stamp may be desirable and yet cost but a few cents; a stamp may sell for dollars and yet not be as desirable an investment as one worth a few cents. There are many costly specimens that may be purchased for the same amount in ten years as they now bring. Scores of stamps of much less value will advance surprisingly in value in that time. The latter is the class you should invest in.

Because a dealer of doubtful veracity will sell you stamps much cheaper than other dealers, it is not a sure sign that you are getting your money's worth. You may think so for a while, but look out. Patronize those dealers who have good reputations and are recognized as responsible. You will find it to be the most profitable course to follow. You know what you get is genuine, and that when you send money to him, you will receive just what you want.

Buying the cheapest album in the market will likely cost the collector the most money. That sounds paradoxical, but it is true. A cheap album will not last long, and you will be compelled to purchase a new one in a short time. Nothing injures a stamp more than the handling it is subjected to when transferring it from album to album. The old hinge must be removed. If it is "peeled" off, the back of the stamp suffers, possibly the stamp is torn; if it is soaked off, and the color of the stamp is inclined to be fugitive, you will have a sorry specimen left. Perhaps your hands are not scrupulously clean. The stamp may then be soiled from the handling. Get a good album, mount your stamps in it with care, and leave them there. If you desire to collect new issues, procure an album with blank pages, or get the supplements as they are published. What do I call a good album? Perhaps you are thinking of one bound in morocco, gilt edged, etc. Well, that is not what I would have you get. It is a good album, certainly, and if you have plenty of the "filthy lucre," get it. For the collector of moderate means, an album costing from five to eight dollars will answer every purpose. One with blank pages, provided with guards to prevent bulging and printed on one side of the paper is what you want. Such an album, as they are now made, is well bound, a good quality of paper is used in its construction, and is as serviceable as the very expensive edition.

Hinges are mighty insignificant things, but they are something collectors could not dispense with. In purchasing hinges, be careful to secure those having a gum known to be harmless. Some hinges have a gum that will eventually injure the stamp to which they are affixed, changing the color or causing the paper to turn yellow. Avoid them. There are now on the market several brands you can be safe in using. It is unnecessary to designate them—their names are familiar to all. Ten cents a thousand is a small enough sum to pay. Do not get some other because it is a cent or two less. You will probably not use over a million during your career as a collector, and the amount you save in purchasing an inferior grade is insignificant, while the proper preservation of your stamps will be materially aided in using those you know are reliable.

ED. H. WILKINSON.

Prof. Philatelicus' Black List.

LOOK OUT for fraudulent Japanese. Perfect imitations are being offered for sale in this country. These bear all the inscription, in minute Japanese characters, "fac simile," and one not conversant with the language will often accept them as genuine.

Boiled Down.

Original and Otherwise.

To restore colors of stamps which have oxidized, or changed color, owing to chemical or atmospheric changes, to their original color, apply peroxide of hydrogen to the stamp with a small camel's hair brush. After repeating several times soak the stamp in water and dry between blotters.

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The new Cuban republic, if it ever exists, has, it is rumored, already contracted with a Philadelphia lithographer for a set of stamps. There are to be five values.

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Since the birth of Philately, the following number of publications have appeared devoted to it. The list is the work of a well known philatelic statistician, and, we believe, authentic. In various languages, there have appeared 15,336 publications. Of these 7,850 were English, 4,286 German, 1,957 French, 430 Spanish, 251 Italian, 203 Dutch, 126 Danish and Norwegian, 112 Portugese, 89 Swedish, 27 Romanian and 5 Greek.

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The stamps of Afghanistan are scarce in any condition, but it is almost impossible to obtain a perfect used copy. The postoffice officials of that enlightened country cancelled a stamp by tearing out a small piece, it is said, thus ruining the specimen for collection. Sets of these stamps "cancelled to order" would not be in great demand.

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In perforating postage stamps a die plate is placed before the needles of a machine carrying 300 needles. As about 180,000,000 holes are punched per day the wear on the die plate is excessive. Brass plates wear out in a day, and even steel plates are rapidly destroyed. The use of aluminium bronze has caused the die plates to last for months without renewal.

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A provisional due stamp is announced to have appeared in Detroit. The current one and two cent postage stamps were surcharged "due 1" and "due 2," and were in use for two days the supply of regular due stamps of those values having been exhausted.

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Editorial.

Auction Sales. Auction sales are becoming more popular each year. The sales transpiring in our larger cities, composed of thousands of rare stamps, and requiring voluminous catalogues to list and describe them, and the weekly or monthly sales of various small dealers, consisting of stamps of less rarity, all present an attractive mode of purchasing stamps for less than dealers' prices to collectors inexperienced in bidding at such sales. Perhaps after a youthful enthusiast has bid a few times on stamps contained in these smaller sales, he will realize that he cannot get what he wants for nothing. If he happens to secure a lot, he will probably be impelled to consider himself unfortunate in his lack of knowledge of the various tricks and deceptions used by unscrupulous dealers to draw the unsuspecting collector's money from his pocket.

For a sale conducted by men of known integrity, and where everything is open for inspection and the bidding is done both by mail and personally, there can be nothing but commendation. It is of a few of these various petty sales, where the collector bids on something he cannot be sure is good, that our embryo philatelists should be warned. The list of the stamps in one of these sales may be published in the advertising columns of a stamp paper, or may be got up in the form of a catalogue. The lots offered are, it is stated, to be sold to the highest bidder, (if his bid is high enough to suit the owner of the stamps, we should add). The bidder need not expect to secure the coveted specimens for a song—the auctioneer will see to it that a lot brings its full value. This deception can easily be carried on, as the bidding is done entirely by mail, no one seeing the bids but the person conducting the sale. If the bidder secures a lot, he must remit the amount bid before he can see the stamps. If the lot is unsatisfactory, it is usually folly for the victim to object to being thus swindled. His attention will be called to the description of the stamps, where some ambiguous statement is made to cover any imperfections existing in them. If this mode of procedure is not followed, some other unscrupulous method is resorted to to avoid returning the collector's money. Unless the collector has had long acquaintance with the auctioneer, or can satisfy himself that he is responsible, he should avoid these exclusively mail sales.

It is not our intention to decry mail sales of our various philatelic societies. The auction managers of these societies are men of known worth, elected because of this qualification, and can be trusted to conduct the sales with perfect honesty.

An Apology. At some period of their career it becomes the lot of all philatelic publishers to fall a victim to the tender mercies of the individual commonly known as "the printer." We have had our experience thus early in the day, and beg our readers' and contemporaries to overlook the numerous errors in this number. Owing to a misunderstanding, a portion of the paper was printed during the absence of our business manager who supervises this work, and as a result this number is not a glaring success in make up or typographical work. We crave your indulgence.

Another Apology. This time to Mr. Roy F. Greene, whose poem a "A Kansas Greeting," appears on page four. It was our intention to have this where it properly belongs, top of first column, page one, but our friend the printer, took advantage of our situation and the result is not at all admirable.

Here to Stay. The following from a prominent collector and dealer evidences his confidence in the publishers: "Just received a copy of the Philatelic West. Am pleased with same, and send you money order for 50 cents to pay for two subscriptions for one year." Accompanying the letter was an order for a quantity of advertising space.

The members of the P. S. of A. have been notified by postal card that the stock certificates are now ready, and the amount for each share of stock, 25 cents, is due. Many collectors like to have an early number in a society where the membership runs up into the thousands. The members of the P. S. of A. will receive new numbers as the stock certificates are given out, and those first getting their 25 cents in to the secretary for their share of stock will receive the early numbers. This does not look like a fair plan, as members living at a distance will have to take a back seat, those residing near the secretary's office being enabled to get their orders in at an early date. To a man up a tree, it would seem that the best method to have followed would have been to have allowed members to have retained their present numbers, giving them other numbers on their stock certificates.

We desire to thank our friends for their various words of commendation in regards to our first number. Many have expressed themselves in a substantial manner, and we appreciate such kindnesses possibly more than empty words. We shall be pleased to continue to receive words of approval accompanied by the cash.

The article, "Avoid Cheapness," will be completed in our next number, only a portion appearing in this issue. The part that is yet to come will contain some good advice for collectors. A dollar's worth of advice for twenty-five cents.

Nebraska Notes.

It is our desire to make this column of interest to all Nebraskans. With this end in view, we have requested a number of our friends in the state to report to us any happening pertaining to collectors in their vicinity. We extend this invitation to any Nebraska collector, and hope all will respond. If you do not feel competent to write up the matter, send in a brief statement of the facts and we will prepare it in a presentable shape. Any item, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant is accepted. We are willing to reimburse contributors for all expense incurred for postage in this work, and further renumeration may be expected if the matter is of unusual interest. The idea is to bring Nebraska collectors in touch with each other, and everyone should aid.

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A "long felt want" will be filled when Nebraska collectors can secure a directory of all the active philatelists in the state. The issuance of such a work is promised by two well known collectors of Omaha, Messrs. Platz and Hopson. It is quite a task to secure all the data necessary for the compilation of such a work, and collectors should not be backward about aiding the publishers of the work in a substantial manner.

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A well known Omaha collector was recently approached by a gentleman who stated that he had a number of stamps he wished to dispose of. He did not know their value, but offered to accept $25.00 for them. The requisite sum was not long in forthcoming, and the fortunate purchaser after after cataloguing the stamps, found them to be worth over $300.00. A nearly complete set of Departmen's was included in the lot.

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Several collections have changed hands recently. Mr. F. K. Darling, of Omaha, disposed of his for the neat sum of $1,800.00. Guy W. Green has given up collecting altogether, his duties as postmaster at Stromsburg leaving him no time to devote to our pursuit. Mr. W. W. Hackney, of Lincoln, has also left our ranks.

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Mr. E. L. Platz, exchange superintendent of the N. P. S., reports sales as very brisk in his department. He has lately received a number of good books of U. S. stamps and members desiring to purchase some of these desirable stamps should notify him at once. Parties having any U. S. they wish to dispose of can find a ready market in this department. The better class of foreign stamps are also in demand.

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There are 540 persons actively engaged in collecting in Nebraska. This figure is authentic, being the result of a recent careful canvas of the state. About 25 per cent of this number are members of the N. P. S. This is a good showing, but we are not satisfied. Fifty per cent should belong. And they will, some day.

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Members of the N. P. S. are promare promised something good in the way of an auction sale during February. Mr. F. S. Parmelee, our new auction manager, is a rustler, and parties having stamps for sale or wishing to purchase should correspond with him.

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The auction sale of the Nebraska Society comes off the last of month, being postponed from the 20th, when it was to have been held. All collectors should drop a line to Box 860, Omaha, Nebraska, for list, as it contains some fine U.S. and other stamps.

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Mr. R. E. Wright, formerly of Broken Bow, after an extended trip in the Northwest, has decided to locate in Lincoln. He will be remembered as the publisher of the first "Sons of Philatelia Souvenir."

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Dr. J. S. McAllister, of Columbus, intends sojourning during the winter in the south. He promises to bring back not less than a car load of Confederate locals, etc.

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Mr. Fred B. Woolston, of Winside, will soon take up his abode in some rural district. He will "teach the young idea how to shoot" during the winter months.

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Mr. C. L. Thurston, of Omaha, has but lately recovered from a severe illness. It is said the "stamp fever" was not the prime cause of his indisposition.

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What though the winds may blow.

Our hearts are warm in brotherhood
We work and strive for common good
As truly Western brothers should—
My greeting, this, to you.

ROY FARRELL GREENE.

Review of Current Literature.

The December number of that typographical ideal, the Rocky Mountain Stamp, is replete with good things. It is accompanied by a very neat index of volume one, which this number completes. The two leading articles, "Rich and Rare Departments," by C. E. Severn, and "Specialism," by H. L. Wilber, while they are but a repetition of ideas previously advanced, are interesting. Mr. Severn seeks to show that the rapidly increasing value of department stamps is not caused by speculation, the holding of quantities of them by persons desiring to "bull" the market, but that the supply is not adequate to meet the demand. Mr. Wilber has some peculiar ideas in regards to specializing. In closing his article, he says: "The satisfaction of gazing on well-filled pages, of discovering occasional varieties not previously chronicled and of possessing an inexhaustable stock of information in regards to each stamp of every issue combine to make this branch of our hobby full of fascination and profit." He also gives credit to a prominent U. S. specialist who discovered the secret marks of the 1872 and other issues. And yet Mr. Wilber decries the specialist who collects plate numbers, declaring this to be nonsensical and unprofitable. If we are correctly informed, the plate numbers have considerable to do with the positiveness of the specialist in regards to certain of these secret marks. And surely a collection of plate numbers must carry out Mr. Wilber's idea of "satisfaction" as stated in the excerpt above. In our opinion, the collecting of plate numbers has come to stay. They are or much interest in themselves, and are of invaluable assistance is ascertaining whether a stamp is watermarked or not. In the late U. S. issues it is almost impossible to make sure of the presence or absence of a watermark unless the plate number of the stamp is known. While this branch of collecting is a late arrival in this country, it has long been recognized in England, where collectors of plate numbers are numerous. A "List of stamps issued and chronicled during 1895," by Mr. Zahn, is continued in this issue. This is quite complete and is invaluable for a reference list. Considerable labor must have been expended in compiling it.

There have been many efforts made to successfully publish a paper exclusively devoted stamp advertising and enchanging. Most of these attempts have proven failures, the collector demanding reading matter along with advertising. From Birmingham, England, comes The Advertiser, now in its second year, and containing only advertisements. The paper has a healthy appearance, and should be popular with collectors of this country. Publication office is "Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England."

We have received a catalogue of the first auction sale of the Kansas City Philatelic Society. Many desirable lots are offered, and the sale speaks well for the progressiveness of the society. We note their exchange department contemplates doing away with the cumbersome sheets formerly used in that department, books holding sixty stamps each to be substituted. The exchange department of the Nebraska Philatelic Society has always used and endorsed books in preference to sheets, and we are happy to see our sister society making the change.

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Counting Perforations.

So many readers of our paper are beginners, and so many seem to be rather in a fog as to this subject, that a few remarks may be allowable. The two-centimeter gauge, now universally adopted, consists in measuring a space of two centimetres along the bottom or sides of the stamp, and counting only the dents in that space. Of course, it will be understood that if all the dents along one side of a stamp were counted, then two stamps from the same machine would give different perforation numbers if they were different in size; whereas, if measured by the gauge, all the stamps perforated by the same machine, (or, rather, by the same set of needles), would give the same perforation number, no matter what size the stamps themselves were. A simple gauge is formed by cutting a piece of black paper exactly two centimetres long and say ¼in. wide, and gumming it along near the edge of a small visiting card. We say "near the edge," as it can then be slipped under a mounted stamp without removing the latter. If now one edge of the little black strip is made to coincide with the very center of one of the dents, then counting the dents from there to the other end of the black paper, will give the perforation number of the stamp.

For those who do not care for the trouble of counting for themselves, a dozen or more gauge cards have been published, marked with all the guages to be found, from 7 to 16, and the stamps can be tried on the different numbers until one is found which fits its it exactly: the number printed beside that particular gauge is the gauge number of the stamp. One gauge is printed on thin gelatine, so that it can be laid over the stamp, being transparent. The one defect of this particular gauge is its susceptibility to moisture and heat, causing it to curl up when not in a book. If it were varnished on both sides, probably this defect would disappear. In using these ready-made gauges the the proper way is not to try to fit the black dots into the holes of the stamp but to bring the center of each dot against the center of the projecting teeth, when any variation will be at once seen. Also the user must see that all the dots (and not merely the first and last) correspond with all the teeth; for it often happens that the first and last correspond nicely, but if he looks along the whole line of dots, he will see that the middle ones do not coincide; as for instance, in the perforations 12½ and 14, where the beginning and end of a 14 will coincide when put to the 12½ row.—The Bazaar.

Boiled Down.

Original and Otherwise.

Actual experiment shows that benzine is the proper thing to use in detecting water marks. It not only discovers the watermark, if there is one, but what is of great importance, it does not, in the case of unused specimens, injure the original gum in any way whatever. This then must be a very important item to the collector of rare specimens. Method—place the stamp face downwards on some dark article, for preference a piece of japanned tin, then coat over freely with the benzine by means of a rather thick camel hair pencil.

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We receive the following from S. P. Hughes, of Howe, Nebr.: "Just got the rarest of the rare—a Foochow local on original cover—and came to an acquaintance, too, so I know it is genuine. Scott says these stamps are bogus. This surely disproves his stand."

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The 1885 special deliveries, also same of 1893 are still on sale at a number of offices in eastern Nebraska, and we advise collectors to lay a few of these aside, along with the 1 yen value of Japan.

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Do you collect watermarks? You have probably experienced some trouble in finding the watermarks of some of your stamps after they are mounted in your album. The following is good advice to follow if you would do away with this inconvenience: The best and only proper way

to hinge a stamp is on the left side and directly in the middle, with only about one-eighth of an inch of the hinge attached to the stamp. (see illustration); a larger amount does not insure any greater security. When the hinge is so placed the stamp can be turned over like a leaf in a book, the watermark then being seen in its normal position.

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Before the issue of half-penny stamps in Jamaica, the government authorized the bisecting of the one-penny value for use as half-penny postage. This is a bona-fide variety, and is not recognized by collectors as it should be.

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A writer in a recent number of a contemporary, in speaking of Mekeel, spells it "McKeel." Must be Irish.

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A scientist announces that the way to find out whether a postage stamp has been used or not is to photograph it. If the postmark has been obliterated the blue or green color will not make any impression on the plate, while the black traces of obliteration will appear with great clearness. Even when the stamps have been well washed and no traces of obliteration can be seen by the naked eye or through the microscope, the photograph will show very clearly the two concentric circles of the stamp, the date, and even the name of the locality.

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Editorial.

Late last month—early this month.

Rather incongruous — advertising the S. of P. handbook in the "Pennsy." And yet it is done.

We wish some good MMS.—no notes, but something "solid," on interesting subjects. Subjects furnished if desired.

We have received Albrecht's "Vest Pocket" catalogue, and Albrecht's catalogue of U. S. stamps. Both are very complete and no collector who wishes up-to-date compendiums of prices should be without them.

Counterfeit Detectors.

One department of our societies that is little used by the majority of collectors is that presided over by that functionary styled "counterfeit detector." Collectors seem to incline more towards having their doubtful stamps examined by some dealer. There are two objections to this manner of ascertaining whether a a specimen is genuine or not. One is that an expenditure of twenty-five cents is called for for every lot examined. And the fact that the dealer's opinion cannot be altogether unbiased is also admitted to be an objection. He may think he is giving his honest convictions when he pronounces a a specimen a "fake," but his verdict usually can not but fail to be influenced in many ways that antagonize an unprejudiced statement. The counterfeit detector of a society, if he is a competent person, can give the collector much greater satisfaction, and, moreover, it costs less to patronize him. The expense of having one lot examined by a professional will pay a year's dues to any one of a number of societies.

Sebeck's Discomfiture.

As to whether the petition recently sent to Sebeck-ized countries by our leading societies influenced President Alfaro, of Ecuador, or not, when he made statement that "considering that it is unworthy of the dignity of the government to continue the contract made for the supply of postage stamps it is decreed that such contract is declared rescinded and cancelled" we are not informed. This intelligence is welcome news to all, however, and we will not reserve our praise for President Alfaro. It is possible his decision may have some influence on other South American countries whose emissions are now so much in disfavor.

Spain.

What an inviting field for stamp "finds" Spain must be. Philately has never has never received much attention there, there being but a scattering of Philatelia's followers residing in the country. To an American conversant with the language and customs of the land, it offers an opportunity to pick up treasures that are lacking in this country, where the ground has been gone over so often and so thoroughly. With the awakening of the collecting spirit now in progress there, we may certainly expect to be entertained with many stories of the adventures of the seekers after rareties.

A Word With Advertisers.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of collectors who rarely see a philatelic paper, he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people, he secures a permanent, paying trade.

Residing in the West, in Nebraska and surrounding states, are hundreds of collectors to whom practical philately is yet unknown, save by perhaps an occasional stray sample copy or dealer's price list. Among these are numerous collectors who can well be termed "advanced" who always are willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score who only possess small collections but are only awaiting the opportunity to buy and increase their varieties.

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I give above list of new members as Pennsy did not finish it though it was sent in) so all can see who e members.

There are a number of N. P. S.'s whose dues are e and this is the last notice that will be sent out. If this notice is marked you are on the list and ould send 25c at once. All Nebraska collectors e cordially invited to join. Fee is only 10c and es only 25c per year. Secretary will be pleased to nish any information together with all necessary nks.

L. BRODSTONE, Secretary.

Nebraska Notes.

We have received the annual report of the Birmingham, (England), Philatelic society for 1895. A few pertinent remarks on this may interest members of the N. P. S. The society had 26 members in 1893, 45 in 1894 and 77 in 1895. This is regarded as a good showing by them. Their library is very complete and it is a pity our American national societies do not emulate their example. What they cannot get by donations, is purchased outright, thus making the library a useful adjunct.

The exchange department has some features that are worthy of recognition. No special sheets or books, such as our American societies have, are used, the members being allowed to furnish their own sheets. To secure uniformity, the size of the sheet and other restrictions are made. The price is written above each stamp, a space being left below for the signature of the purchaser. The owners of sheets have permission to utilize the back of their sheets for notices of exchange, etc. Each member is required to have a rubber stamp to use in the place for his name when a stamp is removed. All packets are required to be forwarded by registered mail, and no deviation from this rule is allowed, under penalty of removal from circuits. None but the members whose names are on the circuit list are permitted to examine or purchase from the sheets. All members are required to send filled sheets into the department, those not so doing being made last on the list of the circuit, thus losing the chance of securing the most desirable stamps in the lot. The packet cannot be kept longer than one day without a payment of a small sum per day. Every third member on the circuit must notify the secretary of the arrival of the packet. A fine is inflicted for non-obeyance of this rule. Accounts are settled quarterly. It will be noticed that their rules are very strict, and many of them, while perhaps suited to English collectors, would be regarded with scorn by society members in this country.

The annual report is a neat pamphlet of 20 pages and cover, and is a very creditable advertisement for the society.

Mr. E. L. Platz, Exchange Superintendent of the N. P. S. is doing a brisk business in his department, in spite of the dullness apparent in commercial circles. Six hundred dollars worth of stamps have been put on circuits since November, and a good per cent of these were sold.

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The N. P. S. auction sale takes place during the first part of March.

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"	30c orange		40
"	90c blue		2 80
1862—	2c black	20	04
"	5c chocolate		2 00
"	15c black		40
"	24c red-lilac		1 20
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"	2c black, "		20
"	3c rose, "		02
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Miscellaneous Philatelic Thoughts.

U. S. revenues are certainly in demand. Dealers are advertising them extensively and collectors, it will be noticed by exchange columns, are after them more than ever before. We think U. S. revenues are the best investment of any stamps, barring unused U. S. stamps. Fine well centered perforated, and wide margined unperforated revenues are worth every cent of catalogue price.

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About every other time I go to the postoffice to buy one cent stamps, I get a sheet of inverted watermark. One day I bought a strip of five 8c stamps with plate number 58. They were watermarked sideways. Wonder when the bureau of engraving and printing will learn to manufacture a uniform article of postage. Soon time.

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It is quite noticeable that the "Chronicles" are published in only a few of the first class journals. There was a time when nearly all the small papers copied "Chronicles of New Issues," just to fill up space, we suppose; but in all the lately published journals and papers, the "Chronicles" are noticeably absent. The "Review of the Press" is being dropped, too, gradually. Some writer's "Review of the Philatelic Press" is very interesting, because they know how to make it so; but others, presumably "kid" writers put up such stuff, that it is no wonder so many stamp journals "die" so soon.

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In the year 1882, we learn, America could boast of no philatelic writers. We can now, however, have a splendid lot. To be sure, there are some mediocre writers, (probably we are such, but we are learning) but as a rule they are of the younger element, but who may become some of the finest one day.

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We have before us "The Philatelic Stamp Value Book," published early in 1895. It is supposed to be a book of prices stamps are worth to dealers. Here are a few of the valuations:

New York, 5c black,	$ 1 00
1847, 10c black,	50
Executive, 3c,	50
Executive, 1c, 2c, 6c, 10c,	1 00
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VOLUME I. SUPERIOR, NEB., APRIL, 1896. NUMBER 4.

Early Stamp Collecting.

R. L. PAYNE, SCHUYLER, NEB.

Somewhere about 1854-5, I began collecting postage stamps and at that time collecting was confined to school boys. I was one in a large school in England and almost every boy collected. We used to stick our stamps solidly in old copybooks and carefully cut to shape all envelopes and thus we spoiled what are now extremely rare stamps. As we had no catalogues, we knew nothing of arrangement and placed entirely as our fancies dictated. The most easily procurable stamps were English, French, Spanish, German States, Prussias, Sicilian, Neapolian, Tuscan, Canadian, Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, and Sardinians were a drug in the market and we used to close a deal with each other by throwing a dozen of Sardinias in to complete the trade. Mulready envelopes were cheap and not uncommon, and black 1d common also. In those days we little thought of the ultimate value of these stamps. No especial value was placed on the 4-4 Mecklenburg Schwerins. The triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps were probably the most valued on account of their shape only. Early Mauritius and many other now scarce stamps were easily obtained.

When Russian and Finland stamps came out, how we were bothered with the strange characters on them, and to where they belonged. United States locals soon became common and although many were probably counterfeits, we were happily unconscious of such. At one time I had 200 of these locals. (I wish I had now).

I still possess many early specimens of envelopes that I collected as a boy and often sadly think of the time I so carefully spoiled them by close cutting.

When I came to this country in 1870, I began taking the American Journal of Philately, published by J. W. Scott & Co., and secured the first volume, beginning March 1 1868 and studied up the chronological system by W. K. Freeman. Since then rapid strides have been made in the science and I have altered the arrangements of my stamps several times.

I now have only United States, locals, revenues, etc., as only a millionaire can keep up a general collection. I have, however, reserved my English stamps. I have all on separate cards fixed this way:

I draw a design, leaving spaces for stamps, and these spaces are cut out of the card which is of a neutral tint. I then mount this card on bristol board, which, of course, leaves a depression for the stamps to be mounted on. The spaces between stamps are ornamented by lines of blue and when finished present a very neat appearance.

I also collect unused stamps as I think the beauty of them is destroyed by cancelling. I keep a second lot of cards, however, for cancelled U. S. and keep them seperate as I would not otherwise get anything like a full collection.

I know of nothing that will give as good a knowledge of geography as the study of Philately and every boy should be encouraged in this by his parents.

Honest Dealers.

Honest stamp dealers. By this we do not mean to reflect on all stamp dealers or stamp dealers as a class. But if collectors will reflect upon the course some so-called stamp dealers have taken; their many tricks and twistings to cheat collectors out of their money, we think we know they will agree with us when we say we would like to see not some honest dealers, but ALL dealers strictly honest and reliable. Many collectors will no doubt reply, "Of course we would like to see all dealers honest, but we cannot help it if dishonest dealers thrive." Collectors, this is where you make a mistake. It lies in your power to drive every dishonest dealer from the business. Do not patronize them, do not send any orders to dealers who are not known to be strictly honest and reliable. Do not send a single order to a dishonest dealer, no matter how cheaply he advertises certain coveted stamps. Discourage other collectors from dealing with them, and, in short, do all in your power to break up their business. If all honest collectors would pursue this course, and if all honest publishers would refuse to insert advertisements which on their face show the dishonesty of the dealer, there would in a short time be a scarcity of this unwholsome drug on the stamp market.

The publishers of this paper intend to follow this rule, and thus practice what we preach. No advertisements sent by parties who are known by us to be unreliable, will be inserted.

A Specialist's Paradise.

A bill lately introduced in the house, provides that beginning July 1, 1896, it shall be lawful to transmit by mail at the postage rate of one cent apiece, payable by stamps affixed by the sender, written letters on private mailing cards such cards to be sent openly in the mails, to be no larger than the size fixed by the convention of the universal postal union, and to be approximately of the same form, quality and weight as the stamped postal card now in use in the United States.

If the bill becomes a law what a magnificent field for the specialist will be opened! Shades of Moses! No danger here, however, of the millionaire being the owner of a complete collection.

Boiled Down.

Original and Otherwise.

The delicate brown shades of the stamps of Tobago will not stand a bath of even cold water, and collectors should let their specimens go dirty rather than to have them do as the last rose of summer invariably does—fade away.

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A very curious error has come to light in Norway. It is in the 1 kr. 50 value, 1879. The error lies in the "50," which is to be found distinctly smaller than the usual figures; it occurs several times in the sheet, I believe, but which has now been corrected. A pair of these stamps showing the error, on specimen, changed hands recently for about $3.00.

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Germany, it is said, is swarming with Philatelic clubs, numbering the respectable total of 400. Nearly every little town of the Fatherland has at least one Stamp Club; whilst Berlin—a town only a quarter the size of London—can boast of as many as six clubs.

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Many collectors will allow an unused stamp to pass without ascertaining whether it is watermarked or not, on account of fear of injuring the gum. As was remarked in this column last month, benzine does not injure or effect the gum a particle. It should be applied directly to the back of the stamp. It will evaporate in a short time, leaving no trace on the specimen of its having been used, the gum remaining as perfect as it is in mint state.

Cuban Stamps.

A set of stamps has appeared in Europe which purport to be issued by the Cuban Republic, and are being sold in Paris as authentic. The design is the same as that of the 10c green which undoubtedly was issued during the revolt of 1873, and which is still sold as genuine in New York in an unused state. The Revolutionists now have control of some of the most important part of the island, and it is not incredible that they should have established some sort of a postal system. We do not therefore, go to the length of saying that these stamps are necessarily bogus. We merely advise our friends to be chary of them until their character is a little better established. The fact that they are on sale in Paris, that modern rubbish market of philately, is alone enough to raise suspicion. The five stamps are 1c orange, 5c green, 10c gray, 20c brown, 50c brown.

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Editorial.

The edition of March 5, of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News was a missionary paper of great value. Replete with articles of interest to non-collectors, and to those who once had collections but discontinued, this paper will do an unlimited amount of good in bringing in new recruits and reclaiming deserters.

Our business manager reports an unusual demand for copies of THE PHILATELIC WEST from foreign collectors. Australia, England, South American countries, etc., all seem highly pleased with the paper. Collectors can probably acquire a nice foreign correspondence by judicious advertising in these columns.

Nebraska collectors have long mourned the lack of an official organ published in the state. Having secured second-class rates, we intend to endeavor to fill this want, and hereafter will act as the official organ. The change was made with the sanction of the officers and prominent members, and it shall be our aim to give the best service possible.

Many collectors will be pleased to hear that certain prominent collectors residing in the east have made a concerted move to resume the methods of collecting in vogue several years ago, doing away with the exhaustive search for minute varieties of perforations, watermarks, papers, shades, etc. John W. Scott has announced himself as much in favor of the movement, and other prominent dealers have expressed themselves as regarding the movement as well worthy of consideration. This is welcome news. Personally, we admire collectors of shades, plate numbers or minor varieties, and respect the collector of them. But we are of the opinion that the mass of collectors prefer this method of collecting that is again coming into favor, and we hail its advent with pleasure.

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Dealers who hold auction sales have added a a new feature this year that cannot fail to be appreciated. Photo-gravures of the rareties of the sale are given with each catalogue to prospective bidders. The work on these is of the finest, an exact reproduction of the stamp being secured. Beginners will be enabled to see just what notable gems look like, and the illustrations can also be used to advantage in comparison with doubtful specimens, where originals can not be obtained for this purpose.

For the information of our contemporaries, and others interested, we wish to state that THE PHILATELIC WEST is published under a joint ownership, comprising the editor and the business manager. What few expenses may be incurred in the publishing of the paper, and all the immense profits accruing from the same, are equally divided between the two proprietors. And in this connection, we wish to state that while advertisements sent to the editor, and MSS. mailed to the business manager, will always receive careful consideration, we would prefer to have prospective advertisers and parties sending articles for publication to consult the "shipping" directions at the top of editorial column, and be guided thereby, thus saving your humble servants considerable trouble and your communications delay in reaching their proper destination.

The Chicago Philatelic Society has started the ball rolling by the following request, sent to all the stamp societies in this country: "The undersigned committee of the Chicago Philatelic Society respectfully request, that that the officers of your society sign the enclosed slip, and attach the official seal, stating total number of members, petitioning the postmaster general "To place on sale the Newspaper and Periodical, also Postage Due Stamps for the benefit of stamp collectors of this country." This is a move in the right direction, and it is hoped the petitions will receive the attention they will merit when they are sent in.

Philatelic politics are getting more lively every year. Whether this is to be regretted or praised is a matter requiring careful consideration to decide. The number of candidates already in the field for offices in the coming P. S. of A. election is surprising. Six men, at least, have announced their intentions of entering the arena and striving for the Presidency. Aspiring candidates for Exchange Superintendent are numerous. Dame Rumor has it that one of the Mekeels intends entering the race for this office. Comment is unnecessary.

Despite a very bad storm, some twenty or thirty were present at the sixth auction sale of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, held at Parmalee & Brown's, 1316 Farnam street, Omaha, on Wednesday evening, March 18. Mr. Parmalee officiated as auctioneer. The prices obtained were very low when compared with sales in the east. The following are a few of the prices over $1.00:

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"	107	90c " "	39.5
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There are a few members yet on the list who are in arrears for dues and this is the last notice that will be given. If this notice is marked you are on the list. Send in 25c at once, so as not to be dropped.

L. BRODSTONE, Secretary.

President's Address.

We haven't addressed our members for some time. But we have been working for the N. P. S. just the same. THE PHILATELIC WEST is one of the results of our work. "In the Interests of Philately and the Nebraska Philatelic Society" is our motto. Do you not think it is one worthy of attention?

We must urge members who are in arrears to make settlements with the secretary. Our new membership cards are gems, and you should have one. The new application blanks are works of art, and you only have to show one to a collector to induce him to join. Secure a supply and do some missionary work.

ED. H. WILKINSON.

Nebraska Notes.

The genial State Journal man, S. A. Gardner of 1922 R street, Lincoln, has an original idea in collecting the U. S. watermarked series. He puts them in his album in strips of four, showing the letters U. S. P. S. Mr. Gardner collects U. S. only.

C. L. Thurston, our honorable N. P. S. librarian, has recently been appointed a staff officer of the Omaha Cadet Corps.

Nebraska collectors will be sorry to hear of the severe illness of Mr. F. E. Ellis, of Santa Barbara, California. We are unaware of the nature of his disease, but it is reported the prospects are unfavorable for his immediate recovery.

O. H. Kent, an enthusiastic stamp crank of Auburn, has recently purchased the Auburn Post, and in spite of his many duties still finds time to talk stamps.

Several of Nebraska's advanced collectors are refusing to touch the present U. S. stamps on watermarked paper, claiming that a stamp on which artificial means must be used to detect a difference, is really no variety.

Specializing, we think, is carried a little too far when men who know better, take up Seebecks, in preference to legitimate postal issues. It is needless to add they are not members of the N. P. S.

Mekeel's Weekly says the 5c changling Garfield envelopes are coming from Nebraska. Now as we have only 500 collectors in the state who is the guilty one?

Another new stamp company for Nebraska. Crosby & Higginson of 1425 S. 8th St., Omaha, are in the field for a share of Nebraska trade.

Prof. Philatelicus' Black List.

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It has been stated that the watermarks on our present issue commenced after the plate numbers were near the hundred mark. Not long since we purchased a lot of plate numbers of dues, and among them we found number 60 on watermarked paper.

A new variety, present issue U. S. 2c envelope has appeared. The outer circle is broken directly opposite the T of postage. Collectors who find this variety will be surprised if they examine the inside of the evelope.

The 1d black and 1d red unperforated stamps of England can be found with numerous minor varieties in the letters in the corners. The letters may be double, apparently caused by being printed twice. Some are found with periods after the letters.

S. P. HUGHES.

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The Ten Cent Green of 1861.

Stamp collectors in some respects resemble sheep. They usually follow their leaders, who to use a common expression among bicyclists, "set the pace."

In collecting stamps of the United States, great interest has been shown since the arrival of the new catalogue listing several hitherto unknown varieties. None of these Type varieties have caused more excitement than those of the ten cent green of 1861.

As Type I is listed at $20.00, and Type II at 10c and as the difference between the two is not very marked, every collector and dealer has eagerly searched his duplicates to find the rare one.

We are informed by Tiffany that there were 28,872,780 of these stamps issued. The prices of each denomination of this issue in Scott's will be found to be well proportioned to the approximate number of each issued. It will be observed by looking back several years that while all of this issue have shown a steady advance, but one or two values have shown any remarkable jump.

Two very prominent firms have sent out circular letters offering to pay good prices for this stamp in large or small quantities and dealers as a rule are refusing to furnish the stamp in quantities, some claiming they have none and are not able to purchase.

Collectors who are "up to date" are making a great effort to obtain stocks of them, some of them probably in the hopes of making a rich find, others from purely speculative motives. But whatever the cause may be, it is certainly becoming quite a craze, somewhat similar in nature to that which we were afflicted with by the Columbian set.

The stamp is to be found in all shades running from a dark rich green to a very light pale color. I believe the dark ones are the most uncommon. It is extremely hard to find an evenly centered and lightly cancelled specimen, while the stamp in a torn, poorly centered or heavily cancelled condition is quite plentiful. The good specimens are few and far between, and it is worth every collector's attention to see that he has a good specimen while they are within his reach.

Of course those who are holding this stamp expecting a bonanza in a phenomenal rise in the next year are liable to be disappointed. Still, with stamps, as other commodities, are governed by the supply and demand, and at present this one is surely in great demand, and the supply seems to be too small to supply this inordinate demand.

Be this as it may, it is quite certain that it will not decrease in value and who can say but what by the time the next catalogue is issued, some enthusiast will have found another scarce variety.

F. F. TOMBLIN.

Boiled Down.

A new variety of the 6d blue of Victoria (1865) has recently been discovered, the existence of which has remained unsuspected for 30 years. Few stamps have been studied more carefully than this, and fully fifteen varieties of water-mark and color are already known. The newly-found variation has as a watermark a double-lined 2. As only one has ever been seen, it is probable that not more than a sheet was printed, all told. The explanation is supposed to be that once when the Victorian office ran out of paper, and borrowed a supply from Tasmania of the double lined 1 and 4 papers, a single sheet of the other was included in the lot, no doubt by accident. It is a quaint reflection that this mischance of a generation ago, should now be the means of enriching any man who happens to find a stamp produced through it.

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It is exasperating to find unused stamps pasted down tight in a collection you have purchased. To remove them without injuring the gum is quite a trick. Try this method next time: When the paper at back of stamp is larger than the stamp itself, bathe the other side of the paper with luke-warm water a few times, then raise the stamp slowly with a pen-knife. When the paper at the back is smaller than the stamp, bathe in the same way (being careful not to get the water on the stamp), then remove with the thin blade of a pen-knife, as with the other method.

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For detecting water-marks, and removing dirt from stamps, deodorized benzine is preferable to the common benzine. As its name indicates, it is perfectly odorless, and it is also much freer from the heavier colored oils of petroleum than the common benzine.

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It is said that the Belgium Sunday stamps have proven failures, and that discontinuance is contemplated by the government. These stamps have not been used very extensively, and a set of them will be of some value in a few years.

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The revenue of the Republic of Liberia is chiefly derived from the sale of postage stamps.

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It has long been considered an established fact, that the 1865 issue of Belgium consisted of two printings, one effected by the engravers of the plates, Messrs. De la Rue & Co.,—the so-called London print,—and the other by the Brussels government printing office. But this theory seems to have been altogether wrong. The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly has it upon unimpeachable authority that only 1,500 sheets of the 1 franc were ever printed by Messrs. De la Rue, and that this value is the only one that was ever printed in London! Furthermore, all the 1 franc stamps ever printed by De la Rue were delivered in the perforated state.

Thus is a fallacy of long standing shattered. It appears that the first printing of the stamps of 10, 20, 30 and 40 centimes was done by English workmen, dispatched to Belgium for this purpose by Messrs. De la Rue. Hence the idea that the stamps were printed in London, together with the 1 franc value.

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Editorial.

E. A. Holton's March Price Lists have been received. His price list of rare and desirable stamps should be in the hands of every collector.

Jones' Check List of Philatelic Literature is invaluable to collectors. A copy and a year's subscription to THE PHILATELIC WEST for only twenty five cents.

The Philatelic Literature sales of Geo. E. Cleaver are becoming very successful. His fifth sale, to occur May 5, is to contain 3,000 different papers, many of extreme rarity.

No Nebraska collector should be without a copy of the Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book. It is of unestimable value to collectors residing in the state, in many ways, and at the low price, is in the reach of all.

We have received a circular letter from an eastern party offering fifty-cent Columbians at two cents premium per stamp, or fifty-two cents each. The letter states that a certain party holds about $500.00 worth of this stamp (and is anxious to unload). The parenthesis is our own.

The Bay State Philatelist for April comes flat in an envelope the size of the paper.

W. H. Kessler, jr., editor of the Michigan Philatelist, will have an address book out for his state this month.

We expect soon to have some premiums of unusual value to offer subscribers. Until we are ready to announce them, however, we will say that a quarter's worth is guaranteed to every subscriber in good reading matter.

We have received the American Philatelic Association year book, a neat volume of 138 pages. It contains much interesting matter to the members of the society and also to non-members. Something similar should be published by the P. S. of A.

We invite notes from collectors in any town or city of the state for publication in the Nebraska column. The editor will revise and correct all notes sent in, when so desired, so don't be backward because you are afraid you cannot prepare them properly.

We will have an article each month from the pen of some Nebraska collector, telling of the experiences they have had in their collecting career, and giving their ideas of up-to-date collecting. These are always interesting, and the feature will be regarded with interest by subscribers.

Mr. H. B. Vesey, of Norfolk, Va., announces a "Directory of Virginia Philatelists," to appear in May. It has become quite the fashion for some enthusiastic collector to issue a little book of this kind for his state. And these are productive of very much good, for they usually have a good circulation in the state they represent, and serve to bring home collectors nearer together, giving them a sort of introduction to each other, as it were.

A price list was recently received, containing a long list of foreign fiscals used for postage. Both used and unused specimens were offered for sale, the prices on the latter being less than the former. We cannot see what a collector who confines himself to foreign postage, and very few pay any attention to any revenues but those of the U. S., can want with these unused revenues. They are often seen in albums in spaces allotted to "revenues used postally," put there, perhaps, from ignorance, or carelessness. The revenue used for postage is bad enough; the unused revenue in a postage stamp collection is abominable.

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President's Address.

We are pleased to present the new N. P. S. constitution to members in this number. This was adopted at the convention last fall, and we believe it to be as complete and comprehensive as that of any other society.

As the dull season in stamp circles approaches members should not allow their enthusiasm to grow lax. We are gaining new members at the rate of four or five a month, and this is a good showing for a state society already having over one hundred members. Keep up the good work! We are now recognized by all as preeminently the largest and best strictly state society in existance, and always will be if each member does his share.

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My Collecting.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

I am going to give you some of my ideas of collecting, so I will use "I" considerably. It can not be avoided, so I ask your pardon.

I think there are benefits to be gained from the collecting of stamps that can not be as easily obtained in any other way. This is especially true of the geographical knowledge that is acquired. It is also largely true of the miscellaneous information. This miscellaneous knowledge embraces a wide range of subjects, but it is mostly concerning foreign people and customs. These remarks apply principally to general collecting. If one makes a science of philately, he gets many of the benefits that he would get from studying any other science.

But the benefits of philately would keep but few of us collecting. The true reason why most of us collect is because we like to. There is a certain pleasure about the collecting and studying of stamps that must be experienced to be appreciated. No one who has been a true collector ever entirely loses his interest in stamps. Show your collection to some one who has been a collector several years back, and see.

I began collecting in 1887. Like many others, my attention was first drawn to stamps through the collecting of postmarks. There are two events that I will always remember as the happiest moments of my collecting. The first was after I had learned that there was such a thing as a stamp dealer and had received my first packet of 100 for two cents. The second was when I saw my first copy of The Philatelic Journal of America. I guess we all have had some such experiences.

For several years I have been gradually trading my general collection for the stamps of special countries. At present I only have Great Britain, Chile, France and United States. So now I guess I am a specialist. I have not become such because it was the fashion, but because I have collected the minor varieties and have disposed of the countries that did not interest me.

To anyone who wishes an interesting country to specialize on, I would recommend Chile. The first issue is much more interesting than one would suppose from the catalogue. The paper is hand-made, and most of the watermarks in a sheet differ slightly in shape or size. I am thinking of getting a number of blocks and strips and trying to reconstruct a sheet from them.

Until lately I have never heard of an album that suited me. Either the style or the price was at fault. I have just made one that is satisfactory. To make this album one must get a book with a good binding and of the size you prefer. I take the Reports of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. They are well bound and come free. When you get a suitable book, have the leaves cut out, leaving stubs. The width of the stubs should depend upon the weight of the paper that you intend to use for leaves. Select the paper you wish for leaves, have it cut the right size and paste them to the stubs as they are needed. Leave several stubs between each two leaves. If you use very heavy paper for leaves, some of the stubs should be removed to allow for the extra thickness where the leaf is pasted to the stub. A border can can be printed or drawn.

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Prof. Philatelicus' Black List.

Forgeries of the Argentine Jubilee stamps are on the market. The source is unknown. The forgeries show seven or eight birds between the sails of the ship; genuine, only five. There is no cross-bar to the A in ARGENTINA. The watermark in these counterfeits is PRINTED on the stamp in oil, and shows plainly from the front.

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It is an important historical fact that the earliest official information that we possess of the introduction of stamps into Great Britain is in connection with duties levied on legal documents in times of the Stamp Act, passed in the middle of the eighteenth century. The amount of these duties was impressed on small pieces of blue paper affixed in a peculiar manner to the second page of skins of parchment. A small strip of lead foil was inserted through the center of this stamp and the parchment to which it was affixed, both ends of the foil being brought through to the other side of the sheet, when a label containing the double monogram G. R. surmounted by a crown and the figures "57" and "8," referring to the 57th Act of Parliament of the eighth year of the reign of George III, was placed over both ends of the lead foil, thus rendering the stamp in front available for the one document and no other. This style of impressing duties on parchment and vellum is still in force, the label with monogram bearing the double twisted letters V. R. instead. These parchments with affixed stamps are to be purchased at the offices of internal revenue.

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Stamps that are frequently overlooked are the various Great Britain surcharged "Govt. Parcels." The surcharge is not always distinct, and these varieties are often found among lots of common stamps.

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The English postoffice authorities have been made aware of a light-fingered industry which devotes itself to the skilful cutting-off and rejoining of the unstamped halves of stamps that, having passed through the post, have not been entirely defaced.

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ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. I. Any stamp collector of good moral character residing in the state of Nebraska is eligible to membership. Application shall be made to the secretary upon blank furnished for that purpose, and must be accompanied bp the initiation fee and dues for the first year's membership. Such application must be signed by a member of the society as a reference. Name and address of applicant with name of reference shall be published in the next appearing number of the official journal and if no objections are filed with the secretary by any member of the society within two weeks after publication of the application, applicant shall be declared elected, and shall receive his membership certificate.

SEC. II. If the Secretary receives any objection to the applicant's admission, he shall refer same to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees shall notify said applicant to submit a defense, and the matter shall be considered by the Trustees who shall have power to accept or reject the applicant. If no defense is made to a substantiated charge, the applicant shall be rejected.

SEC. III. The annual dues of this society shall be twenty-five cents. An initiation fee of ten cents shall be charged all applicants.

SEC IV. Any member of this society who shall remove from the state after he has been admitted a member while residing therein, shall be allowed to continue his membership in the society.

SEC. V. All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote and eligible to any office.

SEC. VI. When charges are preferred in writing against a member of the society, said member shall be tried by a court composed of the Trustees of the society; their action in the matter shall be final and binding, they suspending or expelling the member as their judgment dictates. All complaints of this character shall be made to the Secretary, who shall notify the President, and shall refer said complaints to the Board of Trustees.

SEC. VII. No resignation from any member will be accepted if said member is indebted in any way to the society or its departments. The Secretary shall publish the resignation made by any member in good standing in the official journal. If no objections are received within two weeks after publication, the resignation shall be accepted and notice of same shall appear in the official journal.

ARTICLE III—CONVENTIONS.

SEC. I. Once each year at such a place and on such a date as shall be selected by the President, the members of this society shall meet in convention. The condition of affairs and prevailing sentiment of the members at the time shall influence the President in choosing the place and fixing the date. Members shall be notified in the official journal of said selection

SEC. II. The President shall preside at all conventions of the society. In his absence, the Vice-President shall preside; in the absence of the Vice-President, the senior member of the Board of Trustees shall preside; in the absence of all the aforesaid officers the members present shall select a chairman to preside over the meeting.

SEC. III. A majority of the members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at a convention; all questions except ng election of officers shall be decided by them.

SEC. IV. No member of this society shall be entitled to vote for or hold proxys for more than five other members at any convention.

V. The President shall appoint such committees for the transaction of the business of the convention as he may deem necessary.

ARTICLE IV—ELECTIONS.

SEC. I. The election of all officers shall be by ballot. At least sixty days prior to the annual convention the President shall call for nominations for officers Any member may make nominations, and shall forward same to the Secretary, who shall publish same in the official journal. The polls shall be declared open after nominations made have been published in that number of the official journal following the one containing the President's call, and shall be closed the day previous to that on whish the convention is held. Voters shall mail or present their ballots, inclosed in a sealed envelope marked "ballot," to the Secretary. Ballots received by the Secretary after the polls are closed shall not be accepted or counted. The Secretary shall deliver all ballots received, unopened, to the Committee on Credentials. A plurality of the votes cast shall elect. No member shall be permitted to change his vote after it has been received by the Committee on Credentials. The sealed envelopes containing ballots shall be opened only after the polls have closed, and the official count made only in the presence of a majority of the Committee.

SEC. II. In case of the death or resignation of any officer during his term of office, the President shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term. The President shall appoint a substitute to act for any officer who may become incapacitated from attending to the duties of his office, said appointment to be subject to the approval of the officer in whose place the appointee is to serve.

ARTICLE V—ELECTIVE OFFICES.

SEC. I. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Librarian, Exchange Superintendent. Auction Manager, Counterfeit Detector, Attorney and Three Trustees, to reside within twenty-five miles of a common center. The aforesaid officers shall be elected annually as prescribed in Article IV, Section I, and shall serve one year and until their successors are elected and duly qualified. Vacancies from any cause shall be treated as prescribed in Article IV, Section II.

SEC. II. Whenever twenty-five members of the society shall prefer charges against any officer or officers of the society for dereliction of official duty or violation of this constitution, he, or they, shall be tried by a court of five members, appointed by the president. In case the President is the officer impeached, the court shall be selected by the Trustees. The findings of said court shall be final and binding upon all parties. During the impeachment of an officer, he shall be debarred from transacting the duties of his office and from exercising the power which his office endows.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. I. PRESIDENT: -The President shall in addition to the general duties of his office, enforce these laws, and perform all duties required by the same. He shall appoint all committees, sign all certificates of membership, warrants on the treasurer for money required by the constitution and all contracts, notes or other obligations assumed by the society.

SEC. II. Vice-President: — The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death or inability of the President. He shall assist the President in any duties required of him.

SEC, III, Secretary-Treasurer:—In addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a true record of all the proceedings of the society, conduct all correspondence, have charge of and preserve all documents, keep the general financial accounts of the society. He shall receive all applications for membership and make publication of same as provided for in Article II, Section I, and upon an applicant's election, forward him his membership certificate, properly filled out and signed by himself and the President He shall collect all money for dues. He shall notify all delinquent members of the amount they owe the society. He shall perform all the duties required of him in I, II, VI, VII, Article IV, Section I, Article VI, Section III. He shall take charge of all the moneys of the society. He shall pay out money only upon warrants presented to him and approved by the President, He shall publish in each number of the official journal a report of the workings of his office during the month. He shall present a complete statement of all the transactions of his department during the year to each annual convention, accompanied by the receipted bills for all money disbursed.

SEC. IV. Librarian;—The Librarian shall solicit and accept from all proper sources such philatelic publications as he deems useful. He shall collect, in advance, from members desiring to receive books, or papers by mail, the necessary amount to cover all expenses of postage thereon, and shall make no other charge to members for the use of the library. He shall make such rules to cover the minor details of his department as he shall determine, said rules to be

approved by the President. He shall acknowledge all donations received in the official journal and shall prepare a list of the contents of the library for the use of members.

SEC. V. Exchange Superintendent:—The Exchange Superintendent shall have full charge of all business relating to the exchange department of this society. He shall make such rules for the operation of his department as he may deem necessary, such rules subject to the appraval of the President. He shall retain ten per cent of the amount realized on all sales to defray the expenses of his department. He shall have the privilege of first choice of all stamps sent him for circulation in his department. He shall require any member under twenty-one years of age to furnish a responsible guarantor. Any surplus remaining in his hands after all expenses are paid shall become the property of the society, and shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer. He shall prepare and present to each annual convention a concise report of the workings of his department during the year.

SEC. VI. Auction Manager:—The Auction Manager shall receive stamps from members and offer same for sale with or without reserve as the owners may direct, at auction sales, held as often as he may deem necessary. He shall make all rules for conducting the business of his department, said rules subject to the appuoval of the President. He shall retain ten per cent of the amount realized on all sales to cover the expenses of the department.

SEC. VI. Counterfeit Detector:—The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce to the best of his ability upon the genuineness, and, as far as he can, when requested, the value of stamps sent him by members. Members shall be required to pay the necessary postage, and shall be charged nothing more.

SEC. VII. Attorney:—The Attorney shall organize a department for the collection and settlement of any claims that may be sent him by members of this society against any persons whatsoever, or the recovery of any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return thereof. In case of the collection of a claim, the attorney shall retain ten per cent of the amount thereof. In case the attorney is unable to collect a claim, he shall be reimbursed by the claimant for all postage, etc., expended by him in his endeavors to collsaid claim. No claim amounting to less than one dollar shall be accepted by the attorney for collection.

SEC. VIII. Trustees:—The Trustees shall perform all such duties as are required of them in this constitution. They shall make reports periodically of all business transacted by them, and cause same to be published in the official journal.

ARTICLE VI—APPOINTIVE OFFICES.

SEC. I. The appointive officers shall consist of a Board of Information of three members, appointed by the President, serving until their successors are appointed. Their duties shall be to furnish any information in their power to give, relative to stamps or stamp matters in general, to any member of this society who requests same, said member to furnish postage necessary to relieve said board from all expense incurred in correspondence relative to members queries.

ARTICLE VII—OFFICAL JOURNAL.

SEC. I. The Official Journal of this society shall be The Philatelic West, of Superior, Nebraska. All reports and other matter pertaining to the society shall appear therein. One copy as it appears shall be mailed regularly to each member who is in good standing, at a cost of one cent a copy. All reports of officers and other matters pertaining to the society to be published free of expense to the society in said journal.

ARTICLE VIII—PROPERTY.

SEC. I. At the expiration of their respective terms of office, all officers shall deliver to their successors all moneys, papers, books and other property in their possession relating and belonging to the society.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS.

SEC. I. This constitution may be altered or amended only by the assent of two-thirds of all the members or this society.

A Word With Advertisers.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of collectors who rarely see a philatelic paper, he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people, he secures a permanent, paying trade.

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Exchange of foreign butterfies and stamps for stamps of America. Edward Holly, 3 South street, Deal, Kent, England.

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Anyone sending 50 or more stamps from his country will receive same quantity of Chile. Joseph Garrigo, Casilla 248 Conception, Chile, S. A.

Correspondence wanted with collectors in South America, Asia, and other foreign countries. Send list of what you have for sale or exchange. E. F. Heltman, Superior, Nebraska U. S. A.

Will give double catalogue value in good foreign for any U. S. stamps not in my collection. Send what you have. C. R. Pyburn, 1226 N. 20th street, Omaha.

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My Collecting.

A. PILLEY, THAYER, NEB.

What started me collecting stamps? The Columbian issue in the first place, in the second twenty varieties of foreign stamps received with a sample copy of a paper, which, by the way, was issued only twice afterwards—hope giving the stamps did not cause their failure. I should have probably discontinued collecting, but a friend started, and that kept up my interest. I knew little about stamps, had no catalogue and received few papers. I had few opportunities to exchange, as collectors were not so numerous in those days as they are now.

Altogether my interest in stamps is greater now than when starting, I buy fewer than then. It takes too much cash to keep up.

I think collecting is becoming altogether too scientific. Too much time consumed in hunting for minor varieties, which, when secured, are but little noticed by other people. At least this is my experience. Why not divide collectors into two classes? Class A: Those who collect all the minor varieties, watermarks, papers, etc.; Class B: Those who recognize only the same varieties as were collected ten years ago.

It is my opinion that if our stamp papers would give the latter class more attention there would be fewer collectors give up our pursuit. Three-fourths of the reading matter of our publications is devoted to auction sale prices, where few stamps that have sold for less than $2.50 are mentioned, descriptions of new discoveries of minute varieties, uninteresting personal matter, etc. It has been stated that out of a million collectors, five per cent buy stamps priced above $1.00. Say ten per cent do, that leaves ninety per cent who do not care to read so much about stamps they do not own, and many of which they never will possess. Let the papers cater more to the majority.

Now if the papers, or some firm, were to publish a list, leaving out all minor varieties, listing only stamps that differ from others in nearly the whole design or in color, not shade, as a guide in placing stamps in albums, it would help collectors of class B, and I think would induce many to collect or continue collecting. And still there would be more varieties than ninety-nine out of one hundred could get. I have five varieties of the 10c brown and to get them in their right places in an album requires a microscope and even then I am not sure about the shades. It is the same with others and this spoils the pleasure except for advanced collectors. As albums are now printed there is bound to be lots of blank spaces, as very few collectors get all the varieties, and it is necessary to purchase a new album each year if you would have it correspond with the standard catalogue.

NOTE.—Recently movements have been started by prominent dealers and collectors to carry out some of the reforms Mr. Pilly suggests. A new catalogue and an album have already been issued that leave out all of the so-called "minor" varieties.—EDITOR.

Exposed.

Philatelic Editor: Ha! my boy; doubled our circulation this month!

Friend: What! Have you received another subscription?

String Your Stamps.

Quite the most novel method of collecting stamps we have heard of has recently been brought to light. A gentleman residing in Lincoln, upon being informed that a certain lady possessed an old collection which could probably be secured at a small outlay, lost no time in calling on the lady and making known the object of his errand. She did not at first understand what he wanted, but after a lengthy conversation, a bright light dawned upon her and she exclaimed, "Oh! now I know what it is that you wish! It is that string of stamps I made when I was a girl," and promised to have them for him if he would call the next day.

Our collector was somewhat at sea as to what she meant by a "string" of stamps, but rather expected to make some kind of a rich find. True to his promise, he called on the lady the next day, and you can imagine his expectations were raised to the very highest notch. And what was his surprise to receive a veritable "string" of stamps, consisting of several thousand specimens all strung on a piece of thread. He was presented with the lot as the lady assured him they were of "no value whatever." Nothing loath, he accepted the gift, and bid the donor adieu. Upon examination, he found quantities of scarce varieties of the 1870-72 issues, but each specimen, unfortunately, had a small hole through its center.

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Editorial.

The new Omaha firm of Crosby & Higginson is now owned by the latter. It will pay to try him.

We are informed that Mr. J. A. Pierce, of Chicago, intends going out of the stamp business in the near future.

Collectors who have any damaged stamps they wish mended should write S. P. Hughes, Howe, Neb., as he is an expert.

The *Pipestone Philatelist* is numbered among the things that were and the *Michigan* has consolidated with the *International*.

Well! Well! "Who'd a thunk it!" The *Springfield Philatelist* has, we are informed, suspended publication. Peace to its ashes.

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, formerly published by the firm of Harrington & Zahn, is now under the exclusive control of Mr. J. E. Zahn.

To every N. P. S. member who will secure three members for the Nebraska society and send secretary before meet or Sept. 1st, he will give a set of four varieties of entire Columbian envelopes, if postage is paid. Address the secretary.

Look out for a surprise next month! Send in your subscription before our next number is out, otherwise you will probably not receive it.

We have been favored with a copy of Kissinger's "Hand-book." The matter in this book was compiled by C. W. Egan. It should be in the hands of every collector.

Our Business Manager recently spent several days in Lincoln in the interests of a bicycle road-book in course of preparation by the Nebraska division of the L. A. W.

Several prominent A. P. A. members, despite the earnest solicitations of their friends, have declined to announce themselves as candidates for the Presidency. Is the odium attached by many to the cumulative ballot system the cause of this?

In the Nebraska Philatelic Society constitution, published last month, a typographical error was made that should be corrected as follows: In Article VI, Section III, place "Article II, Sections," before the numerals I, II, VI, and VII, these appearing in the fourteenth line of Section III.

There are still a few papers who do not send us two copies of their publication, as requested elsewhere. Those who wish to receive THE PHILATELIC WEST regularly will kindly put us on their mailing list for two copies, one for the Editor, one for the Business Manager, at their respective addresses.

We learn with regret that Mr. W. H. Barnum, secretary of the P. S. of A., has sustained an accident in which a knee joint was dislocated. It is feared that he will never entirely regain the use of the limb. This unfortunate accident has been the cause of the delay in the workings of his department recently complained of by P. S. of A. members.

Nebraska collectors who are patriotic to the city or town in which they reside should send in notes for our Nebraska column. Under the new arrangement you are given credit for matter sent in, and it speaks well for a town to have notes appear regularly therein. Send anything in any shape you please—write on both sides of the paper if you like—use grammar good or bad—we will fix it up in presentable form.

As to the coming P. S. of A. election: We,—the Editor, the Business Manager and THE PHILATELIC WEST—will let politics severely alone, and any matter appearing herein bearing on this can be regarded as advertising, nothing else. We have our preferences, of course, but the columns of THE PHILATELIC WEST will not be used to express them. It has been our experience that politics, philatelic politics, afford but small profit to he who concerns himself with them, be he candidate or layman.

Enough papers to champion the various candidates have already begun to fill their columns with campaign literature. We will not inflict our readers with any such matter, unless it is paid for at our regular advertising rates. We love the P. S. of A., and desire to see it prosper, and believe it will, but this year we will make no enemies and lose no friends by keeping our columns free from campaign matter

Columbian envelopes of the 5c and 10c values can be obtained at the Washington, D. C., postoffice: 5c Columbian envelopes of P, Q and official sizes; 10c Columbian envelopes of P, Q and official sizes. At Chicago postoffice: 1c, 5c Columbian envelopes, R size, 4¼x5¼; 5c Columbian envelopes, G size, 3⅞x8⅞; also, 4c envelopes of different sizes. They are nice to use for registered matter and sending exchange lots, and worth face value when used. Send at once so as not to be too late, as it will pay you to get them.

If readers, or members of the N.P.S., will let the editor know of any stamps on sale at your postoffice or if you know of a class that is desirable and not on sale at every place, we will be pleased to publish same, and in this way help each other. The editor and manager not being dealers, we wish to help readers of this paper.

The business manager of THE PHILATELIC WEST, L. T. Brodstone, expects to attend the stamp meets at Minneapolis, and if you do not expect to attend, he would be pleased to get you proxy to any of these societies: P. S. of A., A. P. A., L. A. P. and W. P. A. He is a member of these and will use proxies as you wish. If he has more than the required number, he will see that they are used as you ask, as he would like to get yours. And remember if already given and you wish to give to him, the one with latest date will throw out all others given before. If you have any friends you can secure proxies of, will be glad to get them, as can't get too many. See? Proxies for any of the above societies or all can be sent, and if no instructions be given will be used in best way possible.

If you have any friend collectors you think would like to see this paper, kindly send us the names as we will be pleased to send them a copy. We are anxious to secure any collectors names we do not already possess and will give advertising space for same.

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President's Address.

The attention of members is invited to the reports of the librarian and exchange superintendent appearing below. Both are complete and interesting. Loyal members will respond to Mr. Thurston's request for small donations.

This column is open for contributions to all members. Suggestions, notes, etc., solicited.

ED H. WILKINSON.

New Members.

133. H. E. Bennett, College View.
134. E. F. Heltman, Superior.

Applications.

135. Verne Rice, 2534 Decatur St., Omaha. Reference, C. Pyburn.
136. F. L. Shepard, Nebraska City. Reference, L. Brodstone.

Exchange Superintendent.

TO THE MEMBERS, GREETING:

This department has been worked up to the point where the sales of stamps are such as warrants members putting on good stamps and adding a helping hand toward making it better.

Last year the department was made to pay for itself and this year even more than that. The sales will compare well with any society of equal size and in fact, will run ahead of most of them. There is one thing I wish to remedy and that is the length of time it takes to make returns.

Should I be reelected to this office I will devise some plan whereby the returns will be made monthly. A great deal of the delay of time can be laid to the members themselves, as some do not send the books to the next on the circuit as soon as they might. Again, they fail to notify me when they do send out the books and of the amount they take, thus entailing an unnecessary amount of correspondence.

Just before our annual convention next September, I will issue a small pamphlet or circular, giving a *resume* of the year's work and valuable information about this department. Any member can have one by sending me his name, address and society number. The department will close June 1st.

Below will be found my report up to April 15th:

Number books received,	140
Value of books,	$951.87
Number of books returned to owners	83
Number of books now in department	57
Number of circuits	43
Number of people on circuits	215
Number of members using department	20
Sales	$265.13

A little over 25 per cent.

E. L. PLATZ.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

Since I was elected to the office of librarian of your society in last September, I have done my best to give our society a fine library. But one person can not make a library, fitted to the needs and requirements of Nebraska philatelists. I need the co-operation of every member to secure success. Since I have been in office I have completed the following volumes: "Pennsylvania Philatelist," vols. IV., VII., VIII.; "Philatelic Californian," vol. I.; "One Dime," vols. I., II.; "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies," vol. II.; "Rocky Mountain Stamp," vol. I. The publishers of the following magazines supply me with current numbers of their publications, regularly: "Michigan Philatelist," "Rocky Mountain Stamp," "International Philatelist," "Evergreen State Philatelist," PHILATELIC WEST, "Pennsylvania Philatelist," "Pipestone Philatelist," "Springfield Philatelist," and "Metropolitan Philatelist." This list shows that the publishers of the leading papers throughout the country think we are deserving of their patronage. But as the Bible says, "God helps those who help themselves," we must do some work and put forth some energy to make the N. P. S. library the finest owned by any state society in the United States. At Geo. E. Cleaver's first auction sale of philatelic literature I bought 25 cents' worth of magazines for the library, completing several volumes and filling up many vacant spaces. Can not some other member do likewise? I want to ask a small favor of each member. I wish each member, if he feels able, to send me five or ten cents to help build up our library. Just think what this would do. We have 130 members; if 100 of them would send five cents we would have $5.00, which complete dozens of volumes for the library. This is not a great request—only the price of a car fare. Let me know, each of you, if you will do so. I will use the money thus raised as judiciously as possible to complete our volumes. Everyone having any papers to send me, prepay postage, and I will pay you the postage which you expended. In return for the money I here spent for the library, I only ask that I may take what papers I need for my own collection from the duplicates in the library. You can not object to that, surely. I wish all members would write me at once.

Trusting I have faithfully discharged the duties of my office, I remain, yours obediently,

CLARENCE L. THURSTON,
Librarian N. P. S.

Prof. Philatelicus' Black List.

We understand that a 2c stamp of the current issue of U. S. has been counterfeited by another Chicago party. It is reported to be a lithograph, printed in a shade of red unlike any of the regular issue.

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S. P. HUGHES, HOWE, NEBR.

Nebraska Notes.

From Omaha Omaha collectors have been inundated with unsolicited approval sheets, emanating from a New York dealer, who continues to to carry on his unbusiness-like methods despite the opposition lately made by our press. We hope he will be "called down" so forcibly some day that he will reform in a hurry.

Mr. E. P. Capen, of Minneapolis, sojourned in Omaha a few days last month.

Mr. S. P. Hughes, of Howe, has disposed of his approval sheet business to a Wisconsin dealer. He intends devoting more time to his collection in the future. Good idea. Approval sheet business doesn't pay, anyway, unless you have unlimited capital, infinite patience, and illimitable time.

A Burt county man was recently taken before Judge Dundy, at Omaha, to answer to the charge of sending molasses through the mails. He used molasses instead of mucilage to stick a stamp on a letter.

Mr. Wm. C. H. Duensing, of Chicago, recently paid Lincoln and Omaha collectors a visit. He carried with him his usual fine line of varieties.

Mr. C. L. Thurston comes out in a neat, three-color card, announcing his candidacy for the P. S. of A. Exchange Superintendency. Here 's good fortune to him !

E. L. PLATZ.

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From Kearney Kearney collectors hope to organize a branch of the P. S. of A. here in the near future. Good idea, but do n't forget our Nebraska Philatelic Society.

A number of two-cent pinks and one-cent light blues, unwatermarked, were sold the other day to a collector of this city at the Elm Creek, Neb., postoffice. An entire sheet of the ones was in the lot, and if I remember rightly, the plate number was 18.

Plate numbers have taken a boom here. All the collectors, from big to little, are pestering the postoffice employes for them.

There remains, at this late date, a few of the 30-cent blacks of the 1890 issue at this postoffice.

Kearney can claim one of the best collections of U. S. in the state. It has almost all of the adhesive stamps; all but three of the envelopes, which are all entire, and nearly all of the newspaper stamps. All of the stamps in this collection are unused. This magnificent collection is the property of Mr. George Frank.

ROBERT RHONE.

From Lincoln Lincoln collectors mourn the loss of another prominent collector, Mr. F. D. Thompson having recently sold his collection. It was very complete in U. S. departments and envelopes, and we regret to see him leave our ranks.

Mr. W. D. Garlock, recently of this city, has removed to Cripple Creek, Colo.

A. L. Shader, a druggist of Lincoln, carries a line of stamps, packets, etc., acting as the agent of the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis.

Lincoln collectors, generally, can show a better assortment of U. S. revenues in proportion to the size of their collections than any other town we know of. Prominent among these is the collection of Dr. F. L. Riser, which lacks very few specimens of being complete. We expect to give a short account of how he obtained the bulk of the collection in our next number, and can assure collectors it will prove interesting reading.

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