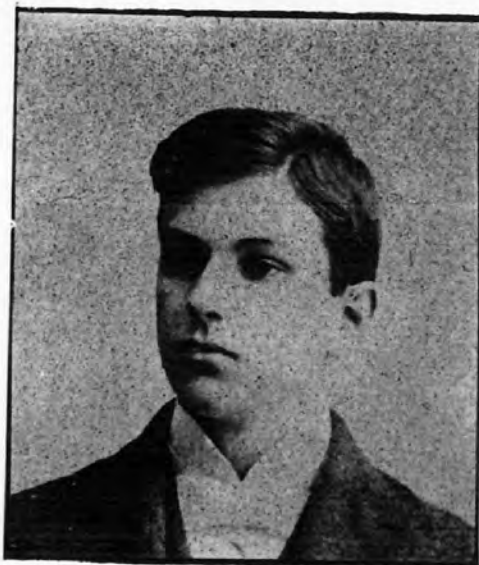


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In the Interests of Philately and the Nebraska Philatelic Society.

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## Our Illustration.

MR. FRED E. WOOLSTON, of Winside, Neb., whose half-tone portrait is on the cover is one of Nebraska's foremost collectors as well as writers and is one of the members of the Bureau of Information of the N. P. S., and a member of the P. S. of A., L. A. P., etc.

These portraits will be a special feature of this paper hereafter.

## Boiled Down.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Madeira is no longer the name of a Portuguese colony;—it is now known as Funchal.

A fine collection of old German states was recently purchased by Stanley Gibbons for \$30,000. The same firm recently purchased a collection for \$10,000 that cost the original owner just \$345.

Collectors in Paris are having an epidemic of thieving. Five or six rogues have been arrested lately, and a vigorous prosecution will ensue.

It is the business of the mail clerk on ocean steamers to sort all of the letters and other material, making them up in packages for the various cities so that they may be forwarded express by fast trains without delay as quickly as the steamer arrives at New York. By the adoption of this method from two to fourteen hours are saved in New York City and the mail is received at many western and other distant points from two days to a week earlier. Merchants in Chicago and St. Louis are often able to reply to letters from abroad by the same vessel on her return trip. To make the connection between railway and steamship as close as possible outgoing foreign mails at New York are not closed until ten minutes before the time of sailing, and up to the very moment of the ship's departure a mail clerk stands at

the gangway with an open pouch in his hand, ready to receive contributions.

A 10c Baltimore on white paper recently sold for \$4,400. This is the largest sum of money ever paid for a single stamp. The present owner believes he could secure \$5,000 for it if it was placed on the market.

May we expect a new issue from Persia?

Franz Mooge, a fraud of the first water, has been arrested in San Francisco for using the mails with intent to defraud. He swindled many dealers, operating under seven aliases in twenty or more different towns.

Contrary to a statement made in this column in April, the Belgian Sunday stamps will not be withdrawn;—so the postmaster-general of that country states.

It is said that the designer of the late French stamps labored eight months before getting a satisfactory result.

## How Our Writers Adore Each Other!

*First Philatelic Writer* (angling for sucker): Heard a neat compliment on your article about "The Coming Philately" the other day.

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**MR. A. B. WHITMER**, our "preacher friend" from Osceola, Nebr., is spending pleasant moments in Ohio.

**MR. L. McALLISTER**, formerly of Wood River, Nebr., and at one time an officer of the N. P. S., is now located at Ferudale, Calif.

**E. W. JULIAN**, who served as secretary of our society at one time, has removed to Hot Springs, S. D. His time is so completely taken up with other matters that he can give philately but little attention at present.

**DR. J. D. McALLISTER** went to Georgia several months ago for a visit. He now writes that he is so favorably impressed with the country he has about decided to permanently locate at Fitzgerald.

Our old friend, **R. E. Wright**, is engaged in exploring the Black Hills.

**MR. C. A. BRIGGS**, of Lincoln, is now in St. Louis. He escaped the great storm there without serious bodily injury.

A CERTAIN Omaha collector has recently been changing the color of the 2c Columbian envelopes from violet to a greenish blue and offering them to unsuspecting collectors as rare errors. Take warning, or next number will give name.

THE Business Manager of this paper would like to hear from all Nebraska collectors who expect to attend the stamp meets next month at Minneapolis next month.

How many members of the Nebraska society will attend the fair at Lincoln, July 3 and 4? If you are going drop a postal to the president, box 47, Lincoln, as if enough attend, a meeting will be held.

ARE you a member of the P. S. of A., or the A. P. A., and will you attend the meets this year? If not, the Business Manager would be pleased to act as your proxy for one or both.

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.....Reminiscenses.

Written for *The Philatelic West*, by A. W. Fitt, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

SOMEWHERE between the years of 1868 and 70 my collection was started in the old country and we had hard work to get stamps then. It was a seaport town, and many foreign vessels came to port, so myself and some other boys used to go from ship to ship and ask the sailors for stamps. Sometimes we got them and sometimes we got kicked out. Another way was to go to the emigration agents who principally had correspondence with the United States and Australia, each boy having his particular hunting ground. In this way a collection of several hundred stamps was made composed chiefly of European countries, Australia, United States, Canada, New Brunswick, etc. These stamps were firmly gummed into a copybook, each country having a page, or a part, to itself. The gum we generally used was made from gum arabic and water when required. I well remember my first "postage stamp album," which was given to me by my father, and the work I had transferring and gumming in again to the new book. We used to clean off the gum from the face of the stamp with a damp cloth, then when a brighter and cleaner or better perforated specimen was attained it was pasted over the older one. "Open's Postage Stamp Album" was the name and it gave a collector far more information than the present style of books. The heading of each country was in large letters and underneath, continent, ruler, date he or she commenced to rule, kind of government, population, chief city and population of same, coinage reduced to English money, complete heraldic description of arms, and flags. Covers were of cloth with spaces for inserting extra leaves. The book contained about 200 pages hard white paper, size about 8½x10½ inches, and all for the small sum of 2s 6d, or 60c. In fact it was more of a book for the so-called advanced collector than a beginner. However one learned more about the countries without being discouraged by the number and varieties of issues.

In 1883 I came to the United States and determined to be the owner of at least one each kind of envelope stamp. So I went to the general postoffice in New York city and made my

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**Address the Editor on Other Subjects.**

## Editorial.

How do you do? How do you do? How do you like our new form?

THE CAREFUL observer will take note of the fact that owing to the smaller size of the type used in THE PHILATELIC WEST than in the majority of other philatelic publications, it contains more reading matter than other papers of the same size and number of pages, and as much as is found in many boasting of a greater number of pages.

### PESSIMISTS, AVAUNT!

It has probably occurred to many that there have been an unusual number of changes in philatelic business circles this spring. Many of our papers have suspended publication; a number have changed ownership—some of our most prominent publications coming under the latter class. Several prominent dealers are disposing of their stocks preparatory to withdrawing altogether; a number have changed their location from one city to another, sanguine, perhaps, of a better trade in a new field. Quite a number of collectors have become determined to withdraw from philately, and their collections have been disposed of in auction sales or by other methods. What is the cause of all these changes? A pessimistic friend of ours recently asserted that it was the alarming prospects of philately's rapidly approaching decline that led all these people dispose of their interests in the pursuit. Regarding the matter from a reasonable standpoint, however, we can not think this true. The collectors and dealers we had in mind when the comments at the beginning of this paragraph were written are all men of the highest order of intelligence and good judgment—men to whom the prospects of philately can never have appeared more promising. Editorials and articles have appeared in all of our contemporaries, bearing on "The Future of Philately." Those writers who are fearful that stamp collecting will soon be dead are a very small minority, indeed, and we can truthfully say that they are as a rule people of worthless judgment. Our friend mentioned previously is a pessimist—nothing else prompted him to take such a gloomy view of the outlook. We are not prepared to state just what is causing the unusual number of changes mentioned above, to which our attention was directed by the aforesaid pessimist. Perhaps it is a mere coincidence that they transpired in so short a period. At any rate, we deem the matter of small importance, and not worthy of causing any commotion among collectors.



*THE S. S. S. AND GREECE.*

The condemnation of the late Grecian commemorative issue by the S. S. S. S. is a very foolish proceeding. These are the most artistic stamps philately has seen for a long time. The subjects portrayed on them are all of works of art renowned the world over for their marvelous beauty and perfection. The stamps are not to be withdrawn in a short time, as other really *speculative* issue are, but remain on sale for an indefinite period. With these two facts in mind, collectors will hardly be disposed to regard the pronouncement.

Mr. CAPEN says editorially in *The Post-Office*, in regard to the inflexible rule of the S. S. S. S. to place its ban on all commemorative issues, regardless of any redeeming features connected with the causes of their issuance:

"We can not regard such a rule as founded on good common sense, and our belief is that adherence to it or to any other rule of like nature will interfere with and finally destroy the influence of the society. We believe that its work is a good thing, and will surely be productive of great results if it is carried out in a consistent and sensible manner. We do not believe that the members of this society fail to see the difference between such an issue as the Columbian and the issues Portugal is making. We want the benefit of this knowledge of difference on their part. We want them to discriminate for the general advantage of collectors. When Greece or any other country makes a commemorative issue we wish them to decide as to whether the event commemorated is of sufficient importance to warrant an issue of stamps. If a nation show a disposition to go into these issues, as Portugal has, for the purpose of money making, it should then be placed under the ban of the society and collectors notified of the fact."

*AN IMPORTANT OFFICE.*

In our opinion, there is no office of a society which should be more carefully be more carefully guarded against allowing an incompetent man to gain than that of the exchange superintendent. To properly perform the duties of this office, the incumbent should have unlimited time to the work; should be possessed of good business judgment; should be well versed

in counterfeit detecting; and should be noted for his veracity. In the approaching elections of the various societies, where the candidates will be so numerous, collectors should consider well the qualifications of the men before making their choice. An incompetent incumbent in this office can do more harm and cause more trouble than any other officer.

*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.

THE PHILATELIC WEST offers to advertisers a never before equalled opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates more extensively among them than any paper published. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors travelling over this territory, is owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in this list are only of those known to be actively engaged in collecting. Over one half of these are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at some expense in the only way possible—by personal inquiry in the various towns of these western states. To the enterprising advertiser, THE PHILATELIC WEST offers the means, whereby to reach these collectors. Can you afford to let the opportunity pass without grasping it?

**Reminiscences.***Continued from page 3.*

request politely to the clerk in charge of the window. He was old, crusty and wore spectacles. I was filled with confusion when he told me he had no time to attend to me then, to come in the morning and write a list of what I wanted. The list was made and as I found there were stamps up to 90c concluded I could not get all so went as high as 30c. Next morning I handed in my list and got four 2c, three 3c, two 5c, three 6c, one 10c, one 15c, one 30c. I went back to my room, cut them out to shape and gummed them into the book. Shortly afterward I was located in Michigan, near Detroit, and met several collectors who knew much more about the value of stamps than I did and then was soon deprived of nearly all my so-called duplicates both perforated and unperforated. I let the unperforated go as the others looked much better in the book. Here I got one of Scott's albums and transferred all from Oppen's to Scott's and gummed them in fast. While in Michigan I collected about 1,500 varieties.

In 1885 I moved west and stamps were forgotten and put away at the bottom of my trunk.

In 1893, when visiting the World's Fair, I wandered into the government building and spent the balance of the day examining stamps. The old interest which had lain dormant for over seven years was aroused. I met a collector and he told me that stamps were for sale in the fine art building. After a long search I found the place and bought a packet, went to my room and opened it. I found it full of the commonest continentals, was disgusted and did not know what to do with them.

On returning home some kind christian sent me a copy of Meekel's Souvenir, and then for the first time I discovered that stamps had a mercantile value. The next step was a catalogue, and after long and continued search and hard work, found I had a few specimens worth from \$5 to \$10. I consulted with a friend and decided to offer them to some dealer at half price. I received the reply that they were either "all bogus or fraudulent cancellations of the worst kind." My friend and I considered the man a liar. I got my stamps back and after a few more trials traded \$10 worth for \$6 cash and \$6 in trade. This was sufficient, so I have not since tried to dispose of stamps to dealers. I have now about 3,000 varieties of foreign and some 250 United States.

Stamp collecting now is not what it used to

be when I first started. A boy can with expenditure of from 3 to 5 dollars obtain as many varieties now as it took me ten years to collect. It seems to me that the buying and selling of stamps in such large quantities is making collecting so easy that it loses half its charm and is only a matter of money who has the largest collection.

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**President's Address.**

The attention of members is called to Sec. I, Art. IV, of our constitution. Nominations should be made for publication in the next number of THE PHILATELIC WEST. Your attention is especially directed to that portion of this article which bears on the method of voting. I hope to see a good vote cast this year, and candidates should bestir themselves to attain this.

Mr. Fred B. Woolston will soon present in these columns a new idea which is worthy of consideration. ED H. WILKINSON.

**Secretary's Report.**

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**Nominations.**

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**Prof. Philatelicus'  
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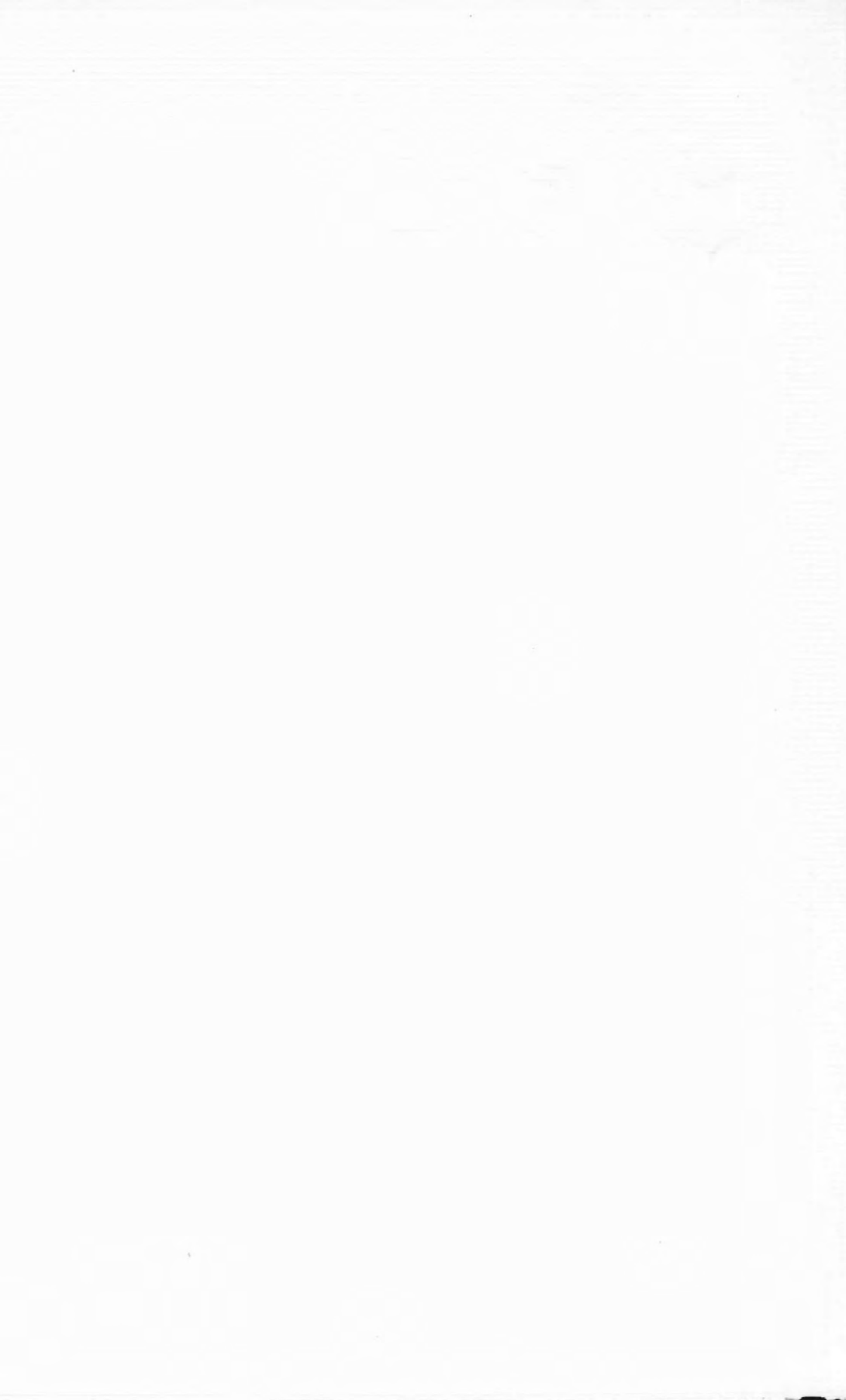
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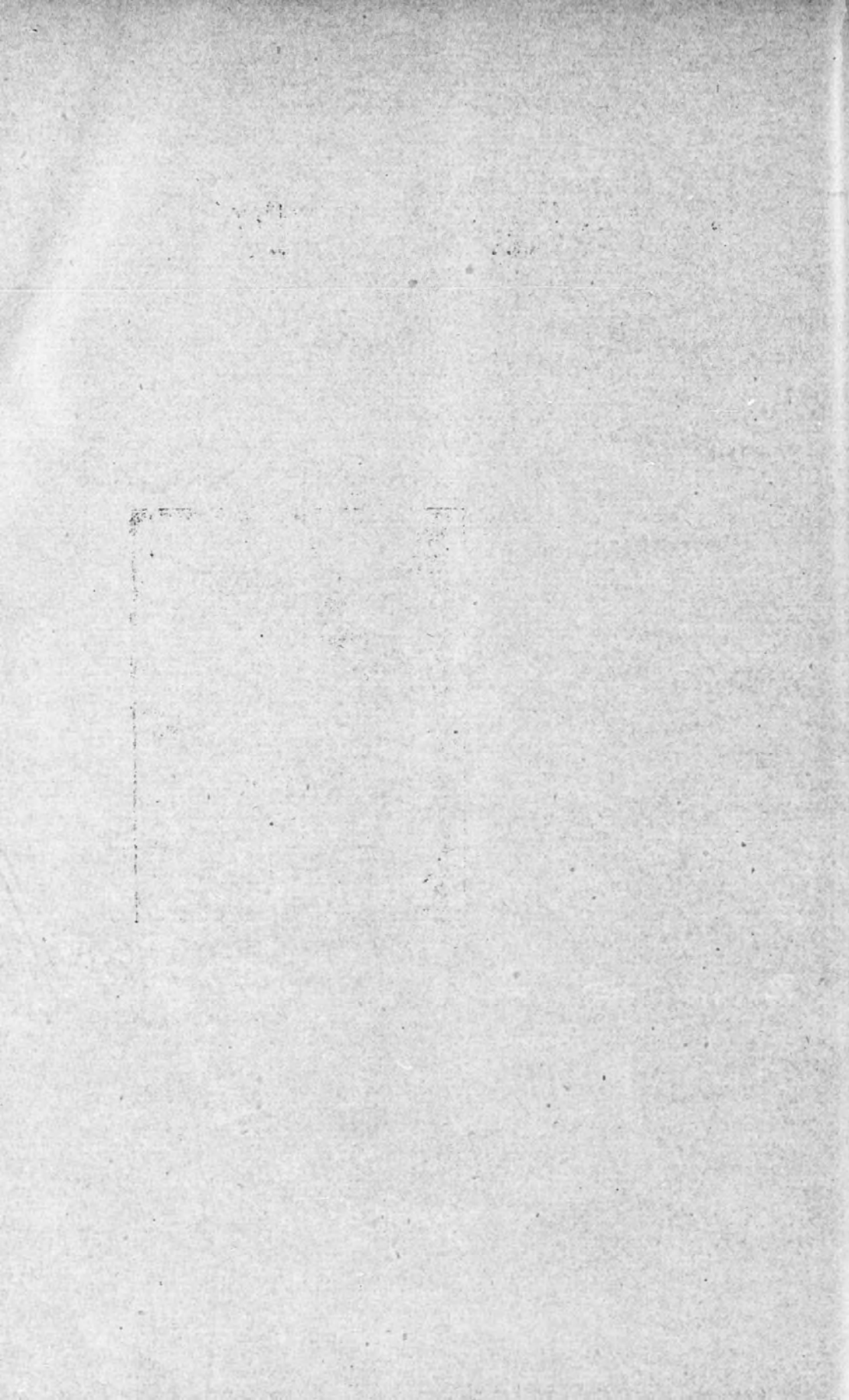


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## Boiled Down.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

A daily paper says: "Paul Bourget's dispute with his publisher has had the effect of stirring up one of the French Deputies to propose a bill compelling publishers to place a one centime stamp on each copy of every book they print.

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At a meeting of the City of London Philatelic club held on April 20th last, a discussion took place on the subject of "English Stamps Used Abroad," the object being to decide whether the *nationality* of a stamp, strictly speaking, is affected by the postmark it bears. The question was put to the meeting, and fifteen of those present voted,— nine in the negative and six in the affirmative. A resolution was accordingly passed as follows:—"That although this Club is of the opinion that a postmark does not alter the nationality of a postage stamp, yet the collection of English stamps used abroad is regarded as full of interest for philatelist."

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Zimmerman, a notorious stamp swindler, received a sentence of one year in prison in San Francisco last month.

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Mr. F. T. Shepard, of Nebraska City, wishes information in regards to part perforated department stamps. He has a one cent treasury that has been separated from the adjoining stamps by cutting. It has good margins, showing a part of the adjoining stamp on one side.

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The Olympian games are to be held every four years, in different cities of Europe. Are we to expect a commemorative issue each time? Perhaps the experience of Greece will tend to discourage this business.

## Our Illustration.

Our illustration this month is of Nebraska's leading philatelist, Clarence L. Thurston, of Omaha, son of Senator Thurston. He is publisher of *The Philatelic Nebraskan* and a writer for a large number of philatelic papers. He is a member of all America's leading stamp societies and is a candidate for secretary of the N. P. S. (being the only candidate and has a sure thing), and for exchange superintendent of the world's largest stamp society, the P. S. of A.

We expected to give a history of his collection in this number but to date has not been received.

## To The Members of the N. P. S.

We now have a very good society. In some ways it is only surpassed by the local societies of the large cities. But there is one way in which I think we can improve very much.

We are all aware that one can learn a great deal about a stamp, if one has a large number of copies of the stamp to examine, and a great deal that has been written about the stamp to read. Unfortunately but few of us have the opportunity of examining a large number of copies of a stamp or of reading much that has been written about any single stamp. We miss much of the information that is contained in the stamp papers, because it is so scattered. The greater part of it exists in the form of notes that have never been crystallized into single articles about particular issues.

My plan is for us to act in concert in getting as much information, in the manner described, as possible, then have it printed. We have quite a few stamps and papers in the state and I am sure that we could get up something worth reading.

To accomplish this work let each member study up and report what he has learned. Then let the reports be shifted and published.

It would be well to make the reports under different headings such as: impressions, separations, guards against counterfeiting, gum, essays, counterfeits, reprints, rates of postage etc., etc. Of course one would not need to give the common information.

This plan should interest general collectors as well as specialists. It would not necessarily be a study of minor varieties. The most important things that would be found out would be the hows—how the stamps were printed, how the gum was applied, how the paper was made, how they were perforated, and how all of the other details of their manufacture were accomplished. Other important things would be the whys—why a particular design was changed, why a value was withdrawn, why a color was changed, and why some of the curious regulations of post office departments were promulgated. The dates upon which stamps were withdrawn and the rates of postage will interest those of us who wish to determine the rarity of stamps. The number of stamps in a sheet is also interesting.

Some of the issues of France or Denmark might be good to commence on. They are common and do not have too many minor varieties.

We are all constantly learning these little things. Let us join our knowledge, so that each may have the good of what the others know. Think it over. It would be a pleasure for us; a credit to the Nebraska Philatelic Society and, possibly, to philately.

If some of us will recollect one thing, I think that our objections to the plan will be overcome. It is this: you are not required to have a variety of every scratch and ink gob in your collection just because you are trying to learn how and where an issue was printed.

Hoping that this will meet with your approval, I am, yours respectfully,

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

### P. S. of A.==Notice.

This is to notify you that if you receive or have any exchange lots of the department between July 25 and August 1st, forward them to me direct by special delivery so I can have them all in before the convention. Do not send to next on circuit but send to me direct.

L. T. BRODSTONE,

Ex. Supt. P. S. of A. Superior, Neb.

VOTE FOR GREENE AND PROSPERITY.

## Western Notes.

*Being Personal Mention of Particular Interest to Nebraskans.*

The periodical and special deliveries have appeared at small offices in Nebraska on watermarked paper.

C. E. Severn in his Chicago notes to *McKee's Weekly* reports the finding of some envelopes mailed as late as 1851, stamped "Paid" instead of the regular issue of stamps being used. Now in itself there is nothing surprising in this, as we have some in our possession sent from Brownville, Neb., in 1864, and are all marked "Paid"

Nebraska City collectors can boast of a good live society—something no other city in the state has, we believe. The Nebraska City Philatelic Society was organized in January, and every collector in the city is a member. F. T. Shepard is president, W. A. Wessel secretary, and M. Wessel treasurer.

Mr. Bert Gunther, residing at Howe, Neb., has combined the hardly analagous pursuits of collecting stamps and raising game cocks.

Three post offices were robbed in Nemaha county, Nebraska, last month: Peru, Howe, South Auburn. About \$1000 worth of stamps were taken, and about \$300 in money.

Will some one suggest a remedy for unsolicited approval sheets? In the last six months we have received at least 1000 and it is getting to be a nuisance, as quite often the postage for their return is not included.

The smallest paper in the state is *The Kid*, of Beaver City, publishes a stamp column or more taken from the PHILATELIC WEST. They also wish to exchange with any paper in the world. Write to Green Bros. for a copy.

The coming Vice President Hobart's son is an ardent stamp collector and for his age has a very fine collection.

Rev. A. B. Whitmer, of Osceola, and Dr. Risser, of Lincoln, have returned from the East. The latter gentleman disposed of his collection to Massoth, of Chicago.

According to the Beardsley Directory, Nebraska out numbers all other states by one hundred or more collectors, so you see it will pay to advertise in this paper as we have hundreds of names not in any directory.

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## President's Address.

When this number of THE PHILATELIC WEST appears, no more nominations can be made. As soon as it is received, members can proceed to vote. (See Art. IV, Sec I). It is hoped a good strong vote will be cast this year.

In accordance with our constitution, I hereby announce that the convention of the N. P. S. will be held at Omaha on Tuesday, Sept. 1. I hope everyone who intends attending the State Fair will make arrangements to be present. Place of meeting will be announced later.

I have appointed Messrs Thurston, Hopson and Parmalee as committee on arrangements.  
 ED H. WILKINSON.

## Secretary's Report.

## Applications.

137. Chas. S. Einsel, Holdrege; reference, L. Brodstone.

## Nominations.

The following nominations have been sent in for officers at coming election:

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 C. Thurston, Omaha.  
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 Hopson, Thurston and Pyburn, Omaha.  
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 All present officers are candidates except the secretary-treasurer.  
 L. T. BRODSTONE, Sec-Treas.

## Proxy Blank.

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS** That I, a stockholder of the American Philatelic Association and Philatelic Sons of America, do hereby make, constitute and appoint L. T. Brodstone, of Superior, Nebraska, my true and lawful attorney and agent, for me and in my name, place and stead, as such stockholder, to do and perform all acts and things, and to vote upon all questions, except the Election of Directors, at the Annual Convention and Stockholders Meeting of said corporation, to be held at Lake Minnetonka, in the state of Minnesota, in the month of August, in the year 1896, as fully and with like effect as I might do, as such stockholder, if personally present and acting, hereby giving my said attorney full power to substitute any other person in his stead for the same purpose, and the said substitute to revoke or renew at will. Witness my hand and seal this..... day of..... 1896.

..... Seal. No.....  
 And in case I shall not have personally cast a ballot for Directors at the annual election to be held at the same time and place, I further authorize my said attorney and agent to sign my name to, and to cast a ballot for me.

And in case a full board of directors is not elected upon the first ballot, and the polls shall be reopened, I further authorize my said attorney to cast a ballot at such election for me and in my name, place and stead.

..... Seal. No.....

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**WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH SEEBECK?**

Collectors may rejoice over the recently announced statement of Mr. Seebeck, wherein he states that he is willing to do what he can to induce countries with which he has made contracts, to accept a sufficient quantity of the issue of 1897 to last during the period covered by the contract, this in lieu of a yearly issue. Prominent dealers have agreed that if any of these governments with which Mr. Seebeck had contracts should try to continue the yearly issues they will refuse to handle these stamps after they have become obsolete and declared useless for postage. All honor to Mr. Seebeck. He was, as we always contended, honorable and fair in his stamp dealings, and only followed his business judgment with which, from a business standpoint, was nothing wrong. His spirit of fairness is evinced in his readiness to discontinue his contracts.

**AHEAD OF TIME.**

We are always early, but this month we are a trifle earlier than usual, this being caused by our Business Manager's anxiety to get this number out before the conventions are held, as he will be there in all his glory. Ye Editor must remain at home this year, but requests all his numerous friends who are not going and who want a good man to care for their interests to send their proxies to Mr. Brodstone.

**OMAHA IN '98!**

Western collectors are asking that the P. S. of A. convention in 1898 be held in Omaha. They think that it would be the proper place, as a second World's Fair will be held then, railroad rates will be low, and a good attendance would be assured. Make out your proxy blanks in favor of Mr. Brodstone, and he will use your vote to the best advantage to this end.

EVERY collector should write to Hotel Lafayette for photo and circulars, as it is one of leading hotels of Minnesota and will pay to

try it. It has accommodations for eight hundred guests with all conveniences to be found in a modern hotel. It is the official hotel for all the conventions. The address is Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota.

A COPY of the Texas Philatelic Directory has been received. A very neat and handy little book, indeed. Also the Michigan Hand Book by W. H. Kessler Jr., of Detroit, Mich., and Cat. of Plate No., by J. M. Bartels & Co., of Washington, D. C.. Every collector and dealer should have these. Write the publishers for further particulars.

HERE is an incongruity for you. *The Philatelic Advertiser* is the name of a paper that is principally reading matter and few advertisements; in *The Evergreen State Philatelist* the advertisements constitute the greater portion of its contents.

THE P. S. of A. convention can say whether or no the voting of this society is to be cumulative. Say no, and avoid the past and probable future troubles of the A. P. A.

If you don't see what you want in this paper write it yourself.

Skip it! If you see anything you don't like in this paper.

### Kansas Items.

*By Roy Farrell Green.*

The West is the scene of activity in stamp circles this year. A prominent eastern dealer in a personal letter regarding the stamp trade informs me that if it was not for western orders he might just as well dismiss his several clerks and close up shop. The West is called upon to maintain the standard of philatelic progress and never forsakes its trust. How is the West to be rewarded this year in the matter of votes in the society elections?

Fred W. Potter, of Peabody, who has just finished the school year at Emporia college will enter Princeton this fall. Fred's father

is one of the leading candidates for the republican nomination as governor of Kansas this fall.

T. C. Gooch, one of the state's energetic young collectors and correspondent for several philatelic papers, has taken up his residence in Chicago. The Sunflower boys miss him very much.

Several of the lower values in the Columbian set are still on sale in Kansas offices. The eight-cent denomination being more in evidence than any others. Should anyone wish to buy for collection or speculation, your correspondent will see after the matter if communicated with.

Topeka, our capital city, reports an accession to the ranks of over forty active collectors within the past year. Wichita and Emporia likewise have progressed and all over the state collectors are making themselves known each day. If the incoming officers of the P. S. of A., to be elected in August, will appoint a recruit committee in this state probably no less than one hundred new names may be added to the rolls.

Perhaps 'tis a hobby of mine, but so far I have heard no objections to its feasibility, it has seemed to me that the appointment of recruit committees consisting of each state's most active members would be a policy that the P. S. of A. could well inaugurate. Should one committee get hold of some collector in another state who would be likely to join, the name could be referred to the proper state committee. Each state would work its own territory, and the various committees could be in perfect harmony, aiding each other.

Miss Lulu A. Thorpe, of Eldorado, a prominent P. S. of A. member in Kansas, recently graduated from the college of music in that city. She will continue the course, probably in the East.

C. R. Chenoworth, of Leon, who is one of the relief operators on the St. L. & S. F. telegraph system, after holding the key some weeks in the Arkansas City office is back again in his old place at Leon.

It is likely that Kansas will be represented by one or two members at the society conventions this year. Treat 'em nicely, for the Kansas boys are "the salt of the earth."

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CLARENCE L. THURSTON,  
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Reference:—Philatelic West.

## Omaha Notes.

By Wm. B. Hopson.

A traveling man with headquarters in Omaha recently secured over \$12 worth of the new newspaper stamps from the postmaster of a small place in which he was stopping. The lot contained a sheet of fifty of each of the 1c and 2c values, the rest being 5c and 10c stamps. He would not tell the name of the place where he bought them.

Mr. C. L. Thurston, of Omaha, a candidate for Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A. in the coming election, has just graduated from the Omaha High School with honors. He is an able writer as can be seen by his articles which appear from time to time in the philatelic papers and is reported to issue a paper this summer called *Philatelic Nebraska*.

Mr. Geo. B. Eddy has purchased a complete set of card-board proofs, and as you look over the pages of the neat album in which he has them arranged, you cannot but admire their beauty and color. A non-collector would be attracted at once.

T. S. Shallenbarger, of Bradshaw, Neb., stopped in the city recently on his way home from Denver. He says that the stamp business is very lively there and out of the three hours he spent in the store of Pierce & Zahn, there was not ten minutes when there was not one or more customers in the place.

F. N. Higginson has succeeded Crosby & Higginson in the stamp business started by them last winter. Mr. Higginson is a rustler and we wish him success.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society now has one hundred thirty-six members and is the largest and most active, strictly state society in existence and wants every Nebraska collector not a member to join.

A couple of weeks ago Mr. Julius Meyer, one of Omaha's oldest settlers, came across an old collection of stamps started by him about twenty-five years ago. He had them catalogued and was greatly surprised and delighted to find that they were worth over \$25000. The collection is rich in early issues of the United States and foreign.

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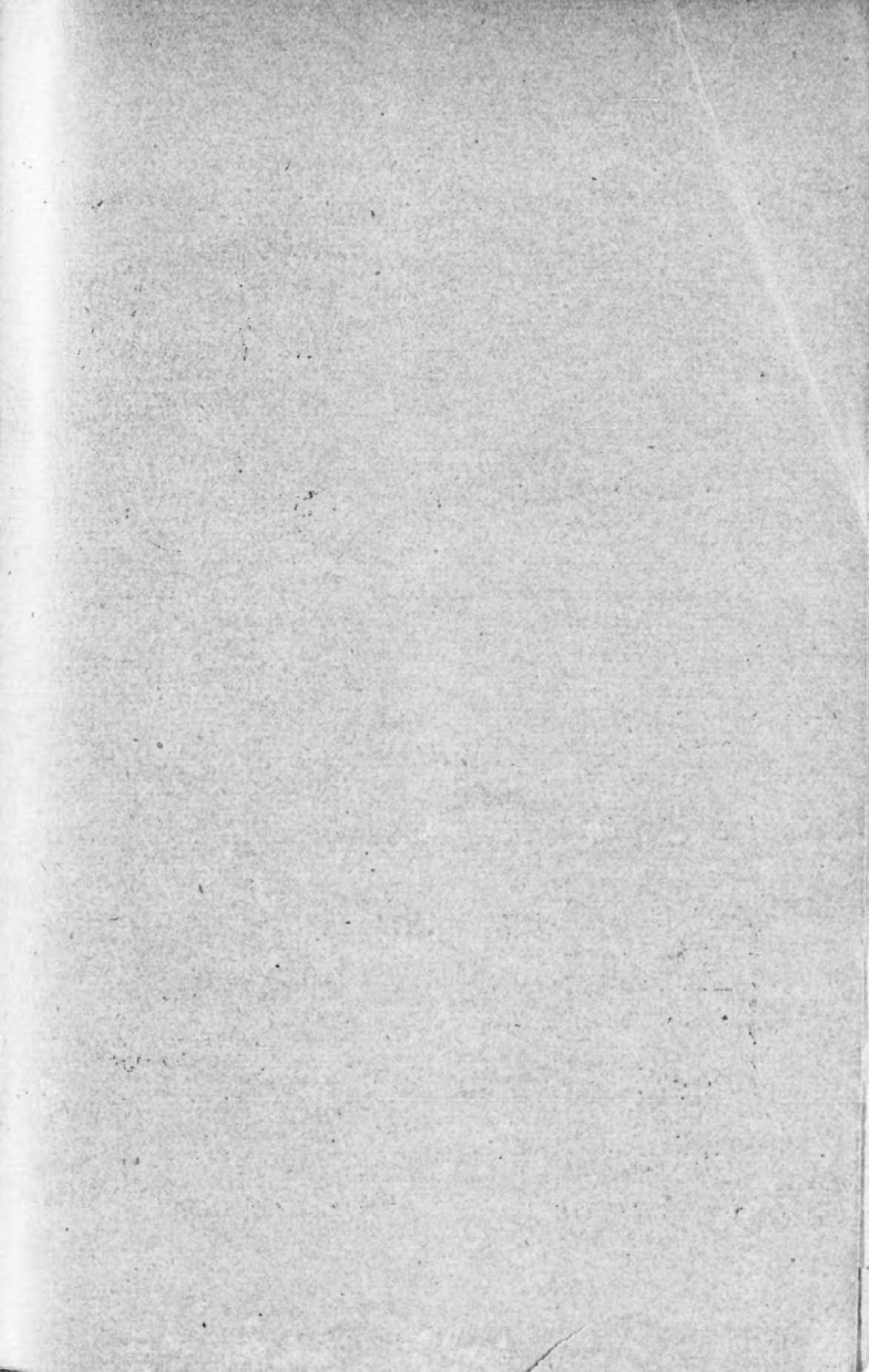
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# A Word About Hotels.



○ F course you are going to the Con-  
vention and will want to stop at  
the best hotel. Like the Kentuck-  
ians' whiskey, all the hotels are good but  
there is a "best" one.

## — The Lafayette,

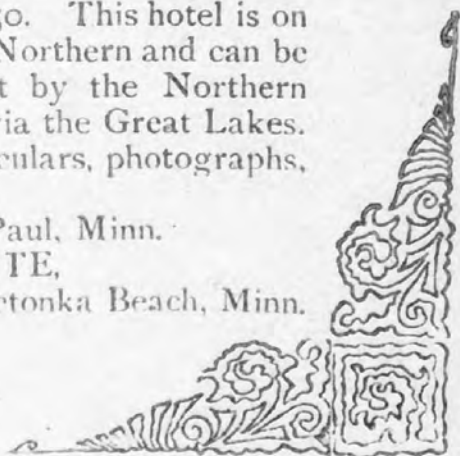
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## Our Illustration.

This month we present Frank T. Shepard of Nebraska City. He is president of the Nebraska City Philatelic Society, a member of N. P. S., P. S. of A., etc. He is an enthusiastic stamp and philatelic literature collector and has a fine collection of both, most of his dealings being carried on by exchange. He has the finest collection of tags west of the Missouri river, comprising over 2,000 varieties. He is a candidate for librarian of the N. P. S., and will attend the convention.

## Nebraska's First Philatelic Convention.

THE first philatelic convention of the Nebraska Philatelic League—as the society was then known—was held in Lincoln during the state fair of 1892, and was a howling success, as far as it went. I was president at the time and Geo. A. Miller, of Cambridge, (Miller has since gone to California) was the secretary, and after considerable correspondence between us we decided to call the convention at the state fair as everybody said they would be at the fair and would make it a point to be there on the days I had set. As I had never met a collector in my life outside of Fremont, I was very anxious to be there and in order to be able to identify my brother philatelists I had some blue silk badges printed and sent them out to the members who had signified their intention of being on hand. Mr. Wilkinson had just moved to Lincoln from Broken Bow and he was the reception committee. He named the Capital hotel as the meeting place and stipulated that all were to wear their badges.

Well, the eventful day came, and with it I hid myself to Lincoln with my pockets full of duplicates and my little blue badge fluttering in the most beautiful autumn breeze that Nebraska could produce. I thought to myself

"what a time I will have with the boys." My first annual address was diligently studied and upon my arrival I had expected to be received with a brass band and usual accompaniments but nary a one showed up. My spirits dropped. Here I was a stranger in a strange city; the country folk gazing at my bit of blue ribbon, and not another in sight.

I was hustled off to an omnibus by a meek-eyed hotel runner and taken to the Capital hotel where I expected to see the "boys." After registering and telling the clerk all about my badge and what it was for I took a seat in the hotel office and waited for somebody to show up. Dinner time came and no one on deck. Was I to be the whole thing? After dinner and another long and painful wait I went out to the fair grounds and saw the fair, and tried to improve the time that hung so heavily on my hands. I didn't come to see the turnips and cows, nor the cabbage and binder twine men. I came to see stamps and stamp men; but I was doomed to disappointment. I was the only one at the convention. And so it ended. I had done my duty and the other fellows had failed. Such is life!

The next year it was held in Omaha with with better success.

I will tell you about that next time.

ED. BEE.

## Boiled Down.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

OHIO wants a philatelic society. Some more collectors seeking for glory. The never ceasing hustle for office still goes on.

Philatelic "club-houses," rooms where auction sales can be held and exchanging done is the latest. No reason why such a venture should prove unsuccessful in our large cities.

H. R. H., the Duke of York, has been elected



president of the London Philatelic Society.

English collectors are inclined to scoff at the recently published agreement between Mr. Seebeck and the dealers of the U. S.

Mr. C. J. Phillips, a well-known English collector, had an experience during his recent European trip that is worthy of mention. When crossing the Russian frontier, his baggage was opened by the customs officials, and four albums chock full of Russian locals were discovered. The inspectors looked stern for a moment, but one of them turned out to be a collector himself, and the matter was adjusted without further trouble.

A collector in British Guiana recently purchased an unsevered pair of the two-cent rose, 1851, circular stamps of this country from a minister who had received them from one of his congregation as an "Easter offering." As they brought over a thousand dollars, it was a noteworthy offering.

Nicaraguan "Seebecks" have become a drug on the market since the "anti-Seebeck" movement was launched, and in an endeavor to increase the sales a large quantity of the issues from 1890 to 1894 have been sent back to Nicaragua to be cancelled and returned, the dealers handling them expecting a better sale of "postally used" specimens, no doubt.

The Cuban  $\frac{1}{2}$  stamps were intended for use only within the city of Havana.

Belgium intends issuing a commemorative stamp for the International Exposition, held at Brussels in 1897. From the present outlook a speculative issue will not prove very remunerative by that time, if collectors are depended upon to invest in the stamps.

The entrance fee to the London Philatelic Society is two guineas. And yet American collectors seem to find it uphill work to discover a quarter or even a dollar for their dues to leading American societies. We believe, however, the London society aims at quality

more than quantity—integrity and a few being preferred to doubtfulness and many.

Roy F. Greene is the popular candidate for the P. S. of A. presidency.

### The Approval Sheet.

THE approval sheet should be laid on the shelf. Such is the opinion of the writer, be it worth much or little. You ask why. A few of the many reasons may be briefly enumerated here:

Firstly, it requires time (and time is money, says the sage) and no little labor to prepare approval sheets for the market. To be properly presented, they should be mounted with hinges. The cost of hinges is insignificant, but the time consumed in adjusting them is no small matter.

Secondly, approval sheets often fall into the hands of bad company and are led off into evil ways. At least we surmise that such a fate overtakes them, as they never return to tell of their wanderings. To stop the rounds of the sheet would be to deprive the stamp fraud of the privilege of "increasing his store" at the expense of others, and the sooner this can be done the better. This philatelic paradise has surely lived long enough. The relegation of the approval sheet will be striking him a deserved blow. The honest collector could hardly object to this procedure, so long as stamps could be obtainable through packets or price-lists.

Thirdly, the approval sheet has often had a deleterious effect. A youthful collector receives a sheet and is immediately fascinated with the appearance of the stamps. He has not the money to buy, but have the stamps he must. Accordingly he stores them away, and resolves to remain "mum" ever afterwards. He has stolen the "penny in his youth," and now we may expect him "to steal a pound in his manhood." The voice of his guardian angel has ceased to be a factor in his life, and he drifts on from "bad to worse," until he has reached the realm where "hope is a stranger and mercy never comes." Other reasons could be given but space forbids.—*Stamp Lover.*

[NOTE: The above was written by a dealer. Perhaps collectors disagree with him on this subject. If any collector looks at the matter from a different standpoint, we would like to hear from him.—Ed.]

VOTE FOR GREENE AND PROSPERITY.

## NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

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**President's Address.**

As stated last month, our convention will be held Sept. 1. This day was selected as the best day of the week for our purposes. Members will have to forego seeing the sights for a time, but as the meeting will be held in the evening, this can be done without much sacrifice. Mr. F. S. Parmelee has kindly invited the society to hold the convention in his store, and we have accepted his offer. It is centrally located on Farnam street, and can be readily found.

Remember the place, Parmelee's gun store; the date, Sept. 1; time, 8 p. m. 1316 Farnam St.  
 ED H. WILKINSON.

**Secretary's Report.**

A copy of this paper is sent to every member of the N. P. S., and to every collector in Nebraska whose name we have. All are cordial-

ly invited to attend our 5th annual convention at Omaha, Sept. 1st. Every member is requested to vote. Written ballots and proxies can be made. Only the votes of members whose dues are paid count. Look at your membership card and if you are in arrears send dues with ballot and it will be counted. Ballots to be received at Box 860, Omaha, on or before the last day of August; envelope to have "ballot" marked on outside. All Nebraska collectors are invited to join the society. Send to the secretary for application blanks and particulars. A fine badge will be given to all present and we expect to have photo taken of all who attend. Exchange of stamps, etc.

Hoping to see you all at the convention, I am yours respectfully,  
 L. T. BRODSTONE,  
 Sec.-Treas.

**New Members.**

137. Chas. S. Einsele, Holdrege.

**Applications.**

138. Rev. O. Kloeckner, Syracuse; reference Rev. H. Wendt.

**Nominations.**

The following nominations have been sent in for officers at coming election:

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All present officers are candidates except the secretary-treasurer and president.

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HURRAH for Bryan and vote for McKinley.

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**Address the Editor on Other Subjects.**

## Editorial.

"Nebraska's First Philatelic Convention," in this number, is a true to life description of the Nebraska Philatelic Society's first convention. The author who has seen fit to hide his identity under a *nom-de-plume*, "calls down" ye editor very forcibly. We were, or, more properly, I was the reception committee. After choosing the headquarters, I undoubtedly experienced many of

the same feelings of anxiety and wonderment as my friend, "Ed. Bee." Suffice it to say, I wandered around the city and fair grounds, with frequent visits to the hotel where visiting collectors were expected to stop, day and evening, and never once got a glimpse of one of those blue badges, one of which I proudly pinned to my coat in the morning, and sorrowfully removed in the evening. But let by-gones be by-gones. Since that memorable day, our society has prospered, and a convention now means something—a period of unalloyed delight to all who attend.

We expect to publish more reminiscences from "Ed. Bee" in the future.

Others are influenced by our own actions. Collect *FRIENDLY ADVICE.* See books or other speculative

issues, that should be regarded with disdain by all, and the young man friend of yours will follow in your footsteps. Perhaps he may set an example that a young friend of his may follow. Thus are the Seebeck and speculative issues made popular—one collector allows them to repose in his album; another, who, perchance, may have previously regarded them with disfavor, looks over the pages of the album, sees there a choice selection of these stamps, and concludes that if this man collects them, he intends to do so.

How many collectors have been made by other collectors? *Made*, in the fullest sense of the word. My friend, let it be *your* aim to influence other collectors as you would yourself wish to be influenced—in the manner that your best judgment commends as proper.

Enjoying a personal acquaintance with the Democratic nominee for president, Hon. William Jennings Bryan, and being on "speaking terms" with Rev. C. E. Bentley, the National party candidate for this high office, we must be par-

done if we are a trifle dignified this month. We have thought of introducing Mr. Bryan into philatelic politics, where he could no doubt learn such that would be of benefit to him in his own campaign. We doubt, however, if he would approve of the slander and vituperation that is appearing in the columns of some of our publications. It is to be deplored that such methods as those employed by the political swindler and black-mailer have entered into our fair philatelic domain. God speed the day when we shall feel assured such practices are no longer resorted to.

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We have received a set of *ARGENTINE'S* the new Argentine Republic *NEW ISSUE* emission, issued in commemoration of the 86th anniversary of the country's independence. There are eleven varieties of envelopes, wrappers, postal cards and letter cards. They are about as homely an outfit as we have seen. A commemorative issue usually consists of specimens that are more attractive than ordinary—these are almost just the reverse. Perhaps they will "take" for that reason. We have known collectors who regarded hideous nightmare-producing issues from Afghanistan as beautiful, so far did their zeal and enthusiasm carry them.

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NEBRASKA collectors should lay their plans to be present at the convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society this fall. It is held during the state fair, and, occurring in the evening will not interfere with your attending the fair during the day. Little routine business is ever gone through with, the counting of the ballots being the principal business of the evening, so any fear of tediousness may be brushed away. Come and get acquainted with your brother Nebraskans.

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THE half-tone cut of Mr. F. T. Shepard, which adorns our cover, was made by Shepard Bros., of Nebraska City. If you are in need of

any of this kind of work, we can recommend them.

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THIS number will probably reach our readers long before it is due. This is done to allow the proprietors to take their vacations without interfering with a feature of the paper—always appearing on time.

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"Not the beet but as good as the bset" is the way our ad reads in a contemporary. Here's proof-reading for you! This surely is "not the worst, but worse than the worst" proof-reading we have recently encountered.

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WE hear that a new paper will soon be projected from Omaha, indeed, may have appeared ere this reaches our readers' eyes. Nebraska and the great West present a most enticing field to the aspirant for honors in the field of philatelic journalism, and we have no doubt the new journal will find room in which to flourish and grow.

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ALL Nebraska collectors who expect to attend the conventions at Minneapolis should write to our Business Manager, Mr. L. T. Brodstone. He has the matter of badges in charge, and all going want to wear Nebraska decorations, and "whoop'er up" for Omaha for '98 conventions for all they are worth. "The early bird catches the worm," you know, and we launch the scheme in plenty of time.

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A vote for Roy Farrel Greene is a vote for the future welfare of the P. S. of A.

Stamp collectors all over the country, in their efforts to secure new members for their favorite society or societies, are making no pretense of ascertaining whether or no their candidates are reputable and worthy of membership. They are so desirous of seeing a rapidly growing membership list that they will go to almost any length to accomplish this. Some try to win prizes that are often offered for the largest number of members sent in during a certain time. Application blanks are sent to collectors whose names are obtained from the columns of some stamp or amateur paper or some other unreliable source, the sender signing his name as reference, and requesting the party to join, and in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred nothing is known of him whatever. He may be a black sheep going under a nom de-plume, or, perchance, openly using his own cognomen, trusting to the collectors ignorance or neglect to examine into his antecedents. He who secures a new member assumes considerable responsibility, it being understood that the member knows something about the applicant he vouches for.

One of the fundamental principles of every stamp society is to admit no one who is not trustworthy and reputable. Members are supposed to pay some attention to this, and not send in the application of anyone who may be willing to join, regardless of whether he is known or not, and yet we believe it to be a fact that a large majority of our society members disregard this, standing ready to act as sponsor for anyone who requests them to do so or whom they have asked to join. With this fact staring us in the face, we must certainly admit that a collector's honesty can not be expected just because he belongs to a society.

A few years ago all a dealer required from a collector as reference was his society number—few follow this rule now.

Let us discriminate.

Mr. E. R. Holmes, a well-known collector of Lincoln, was married July 22 to Miss Kittie Shackleton, of Indianola, Neb. After the ceremony the happy couple departed for Colorado. Mr. Holmes' friends in both philatelic and business circles hold him in high esteem for his many sterling qualities, and all join in wishing him many long years of happy and prosperous married life.

As a special inducement to new subscribers we offer to every member of a philatelic society who sends 25c before Sept. 1, a year's subscription from time received and include all back numbers to date, except volume 1, No. 1.

It will pay all our readers who are cyclists to read the ad of the *Western Cyclist*, which appears in this issue. It is the oldest cycle paper in Nebraska and leads all U. S. papers. Send for a copy.

A vote for Roy Farrel Greene is a vote for the future welfare of the P. S. of A.



### Prof. Philatelic's Black List.

#### RUSSIAN LEVANT.

The 1 Kop stamp, surcharge 40 Paras, chronicled last month turns out to be a forgery palmed off upon the philatelic world by an employee of the Russian Levant Company. —Phil. Calif.

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" 50c.	new, o. g., fine	.. .75
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" set, env., entire, new		.. .30
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### Convention Greeting.

*P. S. of A. Convention, Minnetonka, August, 1899.*

**A**NOTHER twelve-month span has run,  
 With all its long attendant train  
 Of joys and sorrows, pleasure, pain,  
 Its records finished, honors won,  
 Its friendships fostered through the days,  
 That still untarnished brightly shine,  
 And linger on, through twilight grays,  
 Our sweetest gifts, oh Master mine!

We meet again, our social band,  
 To frame the new year's purpose true,  
 Outline the tasks we mean to do,  
 That hope shall sound to all the land  
 Where Philatelia's subjects reign.  
 With counsel wise and vision clear,  
 The records ope, without a stain,  
 To write thereon the newer year.

We thank the fates for light and life  
 That moves us forward day by day;  
 That crowns our loved P. S. of A.,  
 And frees our hand from worldly strife;  
 That still protects from envy's blight,  
 That sees each cloud above us clear;  
 That makes us stronger for the fight  
 For glad success the coming year.

With tears for brothers, real and true,  
 That, since we met one year ago,  
 Have bade farewell to earthly woe,  
 And thankful we that these were few,  
 We bless the fates for fortune's smile,  
 For hands that guided day by day  
 In wisdom, freed from guilt and guile,  
 The chosen band—P. S. of A.

We ask no more in years to come  
 Than guidance through the mist and maze  
 Of future paths. May after days  
 Make clear the ways we needs must shun.  
 May health, and wealth, and honor, bless  
 Our every brother true, and may  
 The winds of peace each fold caress  
 Our flag inscribed, "P. S. of A."

—Roy Farrell Greene.



## Personal Remarks.

Since the "American Collector," a new paper under an old name, in its initial issue has seen fit to editorially cast reflections upon me, personally, in connection with the Sons of Philatelia library which was placed in my charge in 1892 as official custodian, and which since that time has remained in my possession I have a few remarks to make. In 1893 I saw fit to resign my membership as well as my office of librarian in the society which was then under a cloud of disgrace and my resignation was treated with the utmost disrespect, in that it was never acknowledged. After a time, however, a new librarian was commissioned in some way and demands were made for the library in my possession. One mail would bring a letter from some self-constituted leader in the society telling me to give up the library, the next mail a letter from some other telling me to keep it until the tangled society's affairs were in shape again. This went on and on, orders made and countermanded, until at last I was ordered by Lewis M. Long to hold the library until further orders from him as the society owed him and he expected to take the library for settlement. These are the orders I am obeying. The library is still in my possession in good condition, boxed ready for shipment to whoever has the right to receive them, and I shall be only too glad to get the books and papers off my hands as soon as the society gets over its own little strifes, settles its bills outstanding and clears me from any

future difficulty in connection therewith. Any attempt to cast a slur at me in connection with the affair I resent as unwarranted and unreasonable.

The P. S. of A. convention for '97 should, I believe, go east. The exact location the eastern members should agree on among themselves. The west should have the '98 convention at Omaha during the big exposition in that city since there can be a larger attendance at that time and place than in any other city that could be mentioned. Everyone should vote for an eastern convention seat for 1897 and remember that according to the rule of alternating between East and West that we shall ask the 1898 "meet" for Omaha.

Convention time is here and let us hope that all differences of opinion may be settled by wise counsel and that the new year may open auspiciously and bright. Let us all work harder for the welfare of our society in the coming months than we have worked before.

ROY FARRELL GREENE.



and tell you that if you wish to have a good exchange department you want to vote for E. L. Platz for Exchange Superintendent, N. P. S. 1897. Send me your proxy. Election Tuesday Sept 1.

## A Philatelic Crash.

## Commemorative Issues.

"Will there be a philatelic crash?" is the question in the minds of many philatelists at present. Various stamp publications occasionally refer to "the downfall of our hobby."

But the question to be answered is "will there be a crash?" To this we answer most assuredly NO! Not so long as we philatelists cling together and work in the interests of philately.

That no crash is imminent can be assured by the steady growth of our societies and ranks in general, by the success of so many stamp journals and dealers, and also by the manifest joy which one derives from his stamps.

Many collectors declare that the rapidly increasing number of varieties of postage stamps, taken together with the fast increase in catalogue prices will tend much to cause a downfall to our Philatelic Empire.

But such is not the opinion of the writer. Is there not a recourse from these obstacles? Yes; in specialism. No crash can ever come upon such a strongly built empire as philately's. Scarcely a half century old and she has tens of thousands of ardent contingents. And each succeeding year sees the addition of hundreds, yes, thousands of new recruits to her already replete ranks of followers. How can such a thing as a crash which some pessimistic writers predict happen to our thriving Philately? Be not afraid of such a downfall for such can never, according to present indications, occur; and the sooner a few pessimists cease predicting a crash, the better it will be for the good of philately.

E. B. HORN; JR.

I may be regarded as a "crank," but I really look upon and collect all commemorative issues with delight. I have my reasons, certainly, and believe they are reasonable and good.

No one will combat the statement that, as a rule, a commemorative issue is a work of art, far surpassing the ordinary stamps. The designs are usually selected from drawings submitted to a committee by the best artists in the world. The stamps are engraved in strict accordance with the design, something that can not always be affirmed of the ordinary issue. The printing is done in the best possible manner, another fact not always apparent in ordinary issues. Of course the arguments above will not apply to all commemorative issues, but I think it safe to say that nine-tenths of them surpass the ordinary issues in design and printing. Of course there is a reason for this—and one which I am sorry to admit. The country making an issue of this sort usually expects to make a considerable profit from the sales to collectors. In order to realize this expectation no pains are spared to have the stamps as perfect as possible.

A commemorative issue is issued to "commemorate" some important event in a nation's history, and this is my one great reason for collecting them. By purchasing them as they appear, I soon have in my album as neat a history of great events in history as could be attained in any way, being instructive and interesting at once. By adding to my commemorative issues sets like the U. S. 1869 issue, which portray important events in a nation's history but can

not come under the head of a special or commemorative issue, and placing them in a blank album which I have had prepared for this purpose, I have a historical collection that for novelty, instructiveness, beauty and general interest cannot be surpassed.

I do not wish to be understood as championing the cause of such issues as those of the Seebeck type. They are not worthy of the consideration of any collector. But issues issued in commemoration of some event in a nation's history worthy of notice are deserving of being collected, to my notion, because of the few reasons presented in this article. And as such, I shall continue to collect them, keeping my "historical album" up to date.

J. A. JAMESSELL.

#### The S. S. S. S. Correct.

Since our last month's criticism of the ban the S. S. S. S. has placed on the Olympian stamps of Greece, we have been shown correspondence and had other evidence submitted that show conclusively that this issue is purely speculative—issued to fleece the stamp collector. We had entertained an opinion that the extension of the period during which the stamps would be sold in place of the regular issue was good evidence that the issue was not speculative, although it was commemorative, and as we have no objections to make against a series of stamps not issued for the sole purpose of gaining revenue from collectors, we felt called upon to remark that the S. S. S. S. was wrong. But it has subsequently appeared that the decree placing them on sale until October was made because of the fact that collectors and dealers have re-

garded the ruling of the S. S. S. S. and refrained from purchasing any considerable quantity the stamps thus disappointing the Grecian government, which undoubtedly expected collectors to invest heavily in the set, and making it necessary to continue their sale in order to realize a larger sum to assist in defraying the expenses of the Olympian games. A statement made by the president of the Athens Philatelic Club, published in the "American Journal of Philately" some time ago certainly admits the series is speculative, although he is endeavoring to show that it is not. He says:

"The Hellenic government has not, like some other states, proceeded to issue these stamps as a speculation, but to help the commission of the Olympian games, which had to go to considerable expense."

The stamps are beautiful and interesting, but collectors who wish to regard principle have and will refuse to purchase them. Every issue that is boycotted means that we are drawing that much nearer to the time when the governments of the world will recognize the fact that stamp collectors are not all "suckers," by any means.

The fact that the sale of the Olympian set was greatly hurt by the ban placed upon it by the S. S. S. S., and there is no doubt but what this was what caused dealers and collectors to boycott the issue so generally, shows that this society has an influence not to be despised. Although many of their decisions may appear unjust, we believe that after a careful examination of the facts in each case is made, it will be admitted that their action was correct.

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## Our Illustration.

Will L. Hendricks, of 1711 Leavenworth street, Omaha, is one of the city's leading collectors and has the finest line of U. S. Revenues and coins in the city. He is one of the early members of the N. P. S., and is a member of the P. S. of A., A. P. A., etc. He is also on the committee to help secure the stamp conventions for Omaha in 1898.

His speciality is U. S., which he now has complete and is now engaged in making a duplicate of same.

Mr. Hendricks is night clerk at the popular Paxton hotel and is always glad to meet collectors.

## BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

The current 8c stamp of Seychelles Islands surcharged 4c is intended for inland revenue purposes.

The S. S. S. S has reached its first birthday. May it see few more—for with no work to do its existence would be unnecessary.

Africa is making itself heard in philatelic affairs—new issues galore have come out or been announced in the last few months. Seebeck turned out his products annually—African countries go a step farther and endeavor to give us monthly outputs.

He who collects the most may not

necessarily collect the best. Quality is preferable to quantity; intelligent, zealous collecting is preferable to the opposite.

Intelligent collectors make philately more respected by onlookers. But the aforesaid intelligent collectors must not hide their light under a measure—let the world know that you, and, incidentally, stamp collecting are living, and here to stay.

'Tis said that stamp collecting and clocks differ in this particular: The latter serves to point out the hours; the former to cause us to forget them.

That well-worn expression that used to be printed on every approval sheet and in every circular—"all stamps guaranteed genuine"—is being relegated to the rear—where it properly belongs. A dealer of repute is expected and usually does handle only genuine stamps, and such assertions as the above are superfluous. Even with this guarantee before them most collectors are wary, and view a specimen of doubtful appearance with disfavor, the "guaranteed" being deemed of small import.

The U. S. stamps in the Tapling collection are reported on display in the British Museum.



**President's Address.**

We have a society, fellow members, of which we should be proud. We can congratulate ourselves that we live in Nebraska.

Was there ever any other society that brought out 50 per cent of its members to a convention?

I appoint as the Bureau of information Messrs Whitmer, Rhone and Frank Brown.

In compliance with the resolution of Mr. Thurston I appoint as a committee on securing the '98 conventions, Messrs Wilkinson, Hendricks, Parmelee, Brodstone and R. L. Shepard. Every member of the society, and particularly those who are members of other societies or are connected in any way with the philatelic press, must consider themselves aids to this committee. Omaha certainly should have the meets in 1898, but we can not get them unless we work.

Thanking you for electing me president of your society, I am,

Yours truly,

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

**Secretary's Report.****NEW MEMBERS.**

138. Rev. O. Klockner, Syracuse, Neb.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

139. P. Jamison, 28th and Blondo St Omaha

140. F. Baliman, 28th and Blondo St. Omaha, reference C. R. Ryburn.

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Respectfully,

S. P. HUGHES.

**OUR FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.****Condensed Sketch of the Proceedings.**

The Nebraska Philatelic Society's fifth annual convention was called to order at 9:15 p. m. by the president, Ed. H. Wilkinson.

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## GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

### RESULTS OF THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS.

#### Harmony and Peace Prevail Throughout the Conventions.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the leading societies:

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#### NOTES.

Atlantic City is the choice of the conventions for next year's meet.

Omaha is the choice of all for the 1898 meet.

Nebraska men fared well in the run for offices. L. Brodstone and F. B. Woolston, both "got there."

Thurston made a gallant fight. He made many new friends by his clean, enthusiastic campaign.

C. W. Kissinger's withdrawal from the A. P. A. election was a great surprise. The motives assigned to him for the move are various. His enemies ascribe it as a "graceful acknowledgement of defeat." His friends disclaim any such ideas.

Cumulating voting must go.

The expulsions this year were more numerous than last.

The P. S. of A. has fewer members than the A. P. A. Seems that it should have more.

George Carion was nearly unanimously expelled from the A. P. A. The same man lacked but a dozen paltry votes of being elected to office in the S. of P.

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PHILATELIC politics this season were  
characterized by their unusual fierce-  
ness. Disappointed and, perchance,  
disgruntled, candidates are numerous.  
But let all such regard their defeats  
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WHAT IS witnessed every fall—the renewed activity and zeal of collectors is now beginning. The discussion of the causes are left until the spring and summer, when such topics are more relevant. What is now to be noticed is that THE PHILATELIC WEST desires its friends and dealers to patronize its advertising columns. Results, good; inducements, numerous. We are unable to boast of over 5000 circulation, but can assert that our circulation is CHOICE—and that is more to be desired than a great number of copies distributed among unthinking, unbuying and unbelieving collectors. For

more detailed information on this subject, the dealer is referred to previous numbers, where our statements are evinced by good arguments.

If the much talked of advance in U. S. revenue prices does come to pass in the next catalogue, the majority of the dealers of this country will have a pretty good thing of it, for, judging from the advertisements, nearly every dealer of any moment has a good stock of these stamps. Just scan the advertising columns of any paper, and you will see revenues of all issues and grades offered for sale. What is to be drawn from this fact? It certainly gives rise to some doubt in our minds as to whether this pre-ordained advance is altogether on account of an unusual demand. When ever our leading dealers are all well stocked with a certain class of stamps, stamps which have not received their share of attention in the past, and it is heralded over the country that there is to be a tremendous advance in prices soon, and "buy while you can at the appended low prices" circulars are sent out, we certainly must be allowed to take the "unusual demand" statement cum grano salis, promulgated, as it appears to have been, originally by our influential dealers.

We must not be understood as preaching a sermon against these revenues. They are pretty and interesting, with just enough varieties in paper and shades to make them interesting to specialist and non-specialist alike. We also believe them to be a



good investment, for it must be a foregone conclusion that a series of stamps issued a number of years ago, and now obsolete, must necessarily advance in value, for various reasons. The point we wish to make is this—that in this case a sudden great advance in prices this winter will not be altogether on account of a revival of interest and correspondingly increased demand, but, from conclusions we have drawn and formed from various sources, will be ultimately found to have been a result due in part to the dealers.

#### Queen City Society.

The Queen City Philatelic Society held its second annual convention at Colorado Springs, Sept. 10th with a good attendance. Report received as follows from E. A. Steigler:

President, T. A. Hawyard; vice-president, E. H. Hall; secretary, M. E. Whitehead; treasurer, J. W. Thomas; librarian, W. J. Stephens; counterfeit detector, R. M. Gottslebed; exchange superintendent, J. S. Davis.

The doing away with proxies made it plain that was the only way and should be adopted by all societies.

The reports of the L. A. P. and N. P. S. held at Minneapolis, Sept. 4th have not been received.

#### Chats With Collectors

Philatelists as a whole do not seem to be enthusiastic enough in respect to gathering new recruits to our ranks. They do not seem to take hold and push forward, but let many rare opportunities for converting outsiders into collectors slip by unnoticed. This is

not the best policy or the right way to act. Far from it: Let each philatelist who considers himself a wide-awake collector or dealer exert every effort to bring new collectors into our phalanx wherever the chance comes to him. Be frank and give some friend a few stamps for him to make a beginning with, and tell him about philately, our societies and our journals, and without doubt you will make an ardent collector of him.

What can anybody expect to accomplish who makes no efforts, but merely stands aside and lets every opportunity for advancement glide by unobserved.

If a friend questions you in any manner concerning stamps, endeavor to get him interested by showing him your collection, and describing the various specimens etc. You will seldom fail in your project provided you pursue the right course.

Another way in which you can benefit philately is to expose all frauds and the like, and to discourage the dealers' custom of sending out unsolicited lots of approval sheets, and endeavor to your utmost to discourage all inclinations in philatelists towards speculation in stamps. SPECULATORS AND COUNTERFEITERS ARE THE BANE OF PHILATELY.

In many other instances do opportunities present themselves wherein you can benefit our hobby in many respects. It is not our aim to herein speak of every mode of benefitting the hobby of stamp collecting, but merely to touch lightly upon a few ways of



doing philatelic good.

But to go on with our subject let us say that still another chance to do charitable philatelic work is to benefit yourself by belonging to as many societies as you can afford to, and to subscribe to most, if not all, of our leading publications. In this way you keep yourself well informed and up-to-date, and keep in touch with collectors in general. Let each and every reader of this article take hold and push forward and put philately on a still more prosperous basis than it now rests upon. E. B. HORN JR.

#### OUR FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Continued from second page

Messrs Brown, Higday and Rhone were appointed as committee on credentials, and immediately retired to count the ballots. While they were preparing to report, the reports of the various officers were read and adopted without alteration. The secretary's report showed his department to be in good shape. The society was shown to be progressing well, and members were urged to keep up the work.

The librarian reported some good earnest work done during the year. Many new volumes and papers added. Many leading papers send copies to the library regularly.

Exchange superintendent reported sales of over 33½ per cent of all stamps sent him last year.

Stamps to the amount of over \$1200.00 were received.

Trustees report recommended that Mr. W. D. Garlock, University Place,

Neb., be expelled from the society. Motion to expell was unanimously carried.

Auction manager reported one sale, wherein amount realized was \$600.00.

Suggestions by various members were made in regards to securing national conventions for 1898. The president was authorized to appoint committee of five to push the work.

The credential committee returning at this time, their chairman was instructed to read the result, and the list of officers for the coming year was reported as follows:

#### OFFICERS.

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After other matters of minor import were discussed, the meeting was adjourned sine die.

## Omaha

Wants the conventions in 1898. Hurrah for Omaha!

#### Canadian Revenues.

Since the collecting of revenue stamps has become so popular it will be my intention in this article to take up only the issues of Canada and her provinces.

In taste, design and color, they are far the most beautiful stamps ever issued, for a legitimate purpose. Having but few errors, or minor varieties they are equally interesting to a beginner or an advanced collector.

Their uses in all cases were, and are similar to our own internal revenue stamps.

The first issue commonly known as "Bill Stamps" was in 1864, the second issue in 1865 and the third and last issue in 1869.

These interesting stamps were in continual use for 18 years, or until 1882, when the law requiring the collection of this tax was repealed.

The first issue, 1864 consisted of seventeen varieties, all blue, and of like design.

In shape they were almost square, being 22x25mm, the dollar values somewhat larger. Head of queen facing to the left in oval 13mm wide, perpendicular frame, "Bill Stamp" at top 17mm wide, "Canada" below, value in large numerals at either upper corner, and in words at bottom in straight line 21mm in length.

With the 50c value the design was slightly changed, having head in octagon 13mm wide, "Bill Stamp" at top, "Canada" below; otherwise the design was the same as smaller values.

This issue was both perforate and imperforate. The perforated ones are

all 13½ and most of them had wide margins. The paper, in each variety, was of a very thin white wove.

The only error worthy of notice in this issue, was the seven cent value—a few of them being printed "seven." Genuine copies of this stamp are very rare.

In 1865 appeared the second issue, consisting of nineteen varieties, various colors, and designs. This is by far the most interesting of the three issues, and being the product of the American Bank Note company of New York, are perfect specimens of true art in printing. No stamp more beautiful can adorn the pages of an album, and are true philatelic treasures, of which any collector may well feel proud to own.

The paper was both pelure and thin white wove.

The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 8 and 9c values were a bright red, perforated 12. They were oblong in shape, 20x25 mm. Head of Queen to left in oval 16 mm wide, "Canada Bill Stamp" at top in two curved lines, value in curved line at bottom 17 mm in length, also a large figure just above and at either side of oval.

Beginning with the 10c value, the color was changed to blue, and design to that of octagon. The size of the stamp remaining the same, head of Queen to left in octagon 16 mm wide, "Bill Stamp" at top in double curved line.

To be continued in November issue.

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## Canadian Revenues.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

"Canada" in curved line below, value in words in straight line at bottom and in figures at upper corners. The dollar values were somewhat larger, 10x25 mm., head of queen to left in circle 18 mm wide, "Canada" above, "Bill Stamp" below, value in words at bottom in double curved line, also in large figures at upper corners, word dollars between 9mm in length.

The dollar values were printed in two colors, one dollar red, green center; one dollar green, red center, two dollar red, purple center; three dollar red, blue center.

The 30c value of the issue was also printed in red, but as about one fifth the number printed were in this color, they are not very scarce, not as much so as the 30 and 50c imperforate, which are by no means common.

In 1869 we come to the third and last issue of these interesting "Bill Stamps."

While this issue is attractive as well as interesting they by no means compare with the previous issue, either in beauty or artistic design.

The paper was both white wove and pelure, very similar to that of the second issue.

This issue had head and shoulder profile of queen (with widow's cap)

chin resting on hand, facing to the left in oval topped rectangular frame 16mm wide.

Size of stamp same as second issue, 20x25mm, perforated 12.

The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9c were all of same design, "Canada" above in curved line, "Bill Stamp" below, value in words in straight line at bottom, also in numerals at either upper corner.

With the 10c value the design was slightly changed, profile of queen facing the left in circle 19mm wide, "Canada Bill Stamp" above circle, value at bottom in straight line. Value was also in large figures at either end, and just above line of value.

The 1, 2, 4 and 8c were printed in brown, the 2, 5, and 7c in red orange, the 3, 6 and 9c in green, and the 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50c values in blue.

The dollar values as in the second issue were printed in two colors, one dollar blue, black center; two dollar red, black center; and three dollar green, black center.

The dollar value of this issue is known to exist with inverted medallion but is very rare in this condition. While a number may be found in all issues with double perforations, imperforates, minor varieties and the like, they are to be regarded as oddities more than anything else.

By the Business Manager.

One of the neatest hand books yet received is that of the P. S. of A., got-out by L. M. Lang of Baltimore, Md. It gives a list of members, branches, etc., and is well illustrated with cuts of its officers. The report of the convention at Denver is well worth the small price asked—25 cents.

R. Rhone of Kearney has caught onto a very nice way of advertising his business. At the Denver and Minneapolis meets he had a card on the back of which was the words: "Vote for Omaha in '98," and at the N. P. S meet he gave neat badges out. Mr. H. D. Ruehlman of Sharon, Wis., also gave out neat cards at the Minneapolis meet, with unused Columbian stamps on, as well as badges.

Too many cases in our societies now of applications of parties against whom objections are made, being tried and refused all in a minute, not even giving party time to make defense, as was the case of Mr. Ross, in the Columbian Society, when the main objections were owing him at the time and not paid to this day, is too much like boys' play, and yet claim to have only good members.

Received of N. Cobe of Waltham, Mass, catalogue of U. S. letter sheets of 109 varieties, well worth the price of 10 cents asked.

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Price lists of Joe Beard, J. C. Miller, R. L. Albrecht & Co., Steinbrecher, of Chicago, also for Mexico, J. V. Revels, Ideal Exchange Sheets of W. Brown, of Salisbury, England, wholesale price list of Bright & Sons, of Bournemouth, England, copy of Bazar and Exchange Mart from 170 Strand, London, England, price list of Norwegian stamps of H. Buckley, of Rosenkrantz, 2d 2, Kristiana, Norway, first auction sale of Philatelic Literature of Page & Doughty, box 1061, Muscatine, Iowa, and J. M. Hampton, Big Run, Pa. Also catalogues from J. W. Scott, B. L. Drew and Bogert & Durbin. Price list of S. A. stamps of J. Maximo Sachen of Andes 1059, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. Many thanks. I believe any reader can get above by writing to parties named.

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The  
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With

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## NEBRASKA'S PRIDE,

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## President's Address.

Mr. Platz, the nominee of the convention, having declined to serve as auction manager, I appoint Dr. F. L. Riser of Lincoln.

All of our departments are now in running order; let us patronize them.

We must do all we can to get Nebraska collectors into the national societies.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

## Secretary's Report.

## NEW MEMBERS

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## APPLICATIONS.

142. C. T. Clauson, Amelia. Rec-

ommended by L. T. Brodstone. Above will be admitted if no objection is made within two weeks. Let each member try and secure at least one new member before the year '97. Application blanks may be had of the secretary.

## Pertinent Paragraphs.

By S. Estle Miller.

The gall of some wholesale stamp dealers is unlimited. They issue "Wholesale price lists to dealers only" and price their stamps at so much per ten or hundred, and then advertise single stamps elsewhere for the average price PER TEN. Is this not taking a decided advantage of the retail dealer? In this way he is put in direct competition with the wholesale dealer, and is of necessity compelled to sell his stamps at cost and lose the postage "into the bargain." But this is only "one of many" cute ways of doing business. We favor a retail dealers protective association.

A certain philatelic writer sojourning "beyond the border" denominates the "denunciation of philatelic speculators" as "another chestnut." In opinion it is not so much of "a chestnut" after all. Against certain classes of speculators I offer no protest. It is perfectly legitimate to buy stamps at the lowest possible price and "hold them for a rise." But it is not honest business to go about in an effort to create false or fictitious values with the single thought of "feathering your own nest" and "swamping the

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Too much politics was the cause  
of our change in form last month. New  
printer means more trouble—but we  
hope for the best.

REV. A. B. WHITMER, formerly of  
Osceola, Neb., has removed to Win-  
more, Neb., where he will be pleased  
to hear from his friends.

"THE Directory of Virginia Philate-  
lists" has been received. It is neat  
but we don't think it can compare  
with the Nebraska Philatelic Blue  
Book.

PERHAPS Nebraska collectors have  
missed our "Nebraska Notes." We  
have no notes, no notes—none are sent  
so we have none to publish. There is  
undoubtedly much that transpires in  
our state worthy of publication, but  
to get it—"aye, there's the rub." We  
cannot print "space fillers"—must be  
newsy, terse and not too old to be  
stale—hence much of that received  
we are unable to use. We are still  
open for assistance in this line—not  
an object of charity, but for the good  
of our Nebraska fraternity.

### The Young Collector.

As to our friend the young collector  
or—we have not spoken of him in  
these columns before—but we are decid-  
edly in favor of the movement. We  
foot to pay more attention to him.  
The idea of publishing special albums  
and catalogues, for his benefit is, per-



haps, to be commended. We believe, however, that a catalogue containing every legitimate variety, but with a complete and perfectly clear description of the salient points of difference between each, would prove just as acceptable to the young beginner, and would be of much greater worth and benefit. Seeing the numerous varieties, and from the explanations that should there appear, being capable of conceiving a clear comprehension of the differences, would he not be inclined to enter more deeply into philately and study his stamps? One of the most frequently mentioned of the benefits derived from stamp collecting is the immense amount of good the collector obtains from the study of his stamps—good that is unconsciously partaken of and therefore of greater value. Can this argument be sustained if the study of the stamp is done away with?

We do not believe in the idea of collecting stamps like buttons or tobacco tags—just to be able to say “I’ve a thousand varieties,” or “I’ve five hundred varieties.” If a stamp of certain design has been in use for a period covering some years, and at different dates during that time changes or alterations in perforation, watermark or paper have been made, or if the design is changed or re-touched, each change marking a different issue and a different year, why should not the collector, be he novice or no, pay serious attention to these things? As the matter now stands, it would certainly be perplexing to the beginner to determine all these various points.

But with a radically improved system of cataloguing these varieties, where the perspicuity and completeness of explanations that appear whenever necessary is a prominent feature, we believe this difficulty will be speedily overcome. Certainly no sane man desires to encourage any young collector to continue who lacks the simple intelligence necessary to conceive a plain and comprehensive statement of what such and such a variety is, and the mode of distinguishing it. Philately cannot pose as willing to accept such people. The boy or girl collector is all right, and should be desired and sought after, but let them be started on their careers correctly. With our numerous publications—magazines hand books, etc.—surely he can from the perusal of these gain a good idea of the delights open to those who take up collecting in the manner which we contend should be done, and, fortified with a properly prepared catalogue, something, by the way, that is not only to be desired for the beginner’s enlightenment, but also for many of the older collectors’ guidance, he will find his road easy to follow.

We are told that some collectors of many years experience are giving up this collecting of many different varieties of the same stamp, returning to the ways of our ancestors. If this be true, well and good. But we venture to say that such men are of “small minds” and lack that subtle patience and love of study that should characterize all true philatelists.

Pray let us consider this subject

with momentous care, for it concerns to a considerable extent the future of philately. Furnish the beginner with catalogues prepared as suggested, let other collectors who have gained from experience give him the benefit of their knowledge if necessary, and he becomes a most worthy addition to our ranks, and is much more likely to continue collecting than he who merely starts out with the idea of securing as many different stamps, without regard to detail, as he can, and whose advent, after all, cannot be hailed with much delight, unless, perchance, by the few dealers whom he enriches slightly. It is admitted that the latter class may become a student afterwards, but the chances in favor of this argument proving true are few. **START HIM CORRECTLY**—that is what should be done, then the terse phrase "once a collector, always a collector," can be applicably applied to him. Our prominent dealers, collectors and publishers who are advocating this removal from the sight of the beginner the delicious delights and permanent benefits gained from the study of stamps, would do well to concentrate their energies towards the building up and fostering of these things. Do not ask him to descend to the level of he who collects unknowingly, being actuated with the mere desire to possess number rather than knowledge and benefit.

We doubt if the collectors of any other state or locality are as fraternal and interested in each other as are those of Nebraska. Nebraska cannot

claim as great a number of collectors as eastern states, but all who are here are alive to the interests of this locality. Of course the Nebraska Philatelic Society—"Nebraska's Pride"—is responsible for much of this. Another thing that draws the collectors of the state more closely together is the "Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book," a little work that should be in the hands of every collector claiming allegiance to the state. We do not feel it is exhibiting an unnecessary amount of egotism to assert that THE PHILATELIC WEST has done, and will continue to do its share of this work. Originally designed for their interests primarily, the management still keeps this policy in view, and so far the results have been very flattering. Just one word to the members of the N. P. S.—are your dues paid up, or are you allowing yourself to fall in arrears? Don't allow yourself to drop out of our little world—and a withdrawal from our society means this to a certain extent. So far, our members have not experienced any of the troubles caused by unduly heated elections, exorbitant dues and incompetent officers, and we are sanguine that they never will. Be one of us—try and induce others to join.

#### The Approval Sheet.

In a previous number of THE PHILATELIC WEST, "Stamp Lover" discussed the evils of the approval sheet. Admitting that there are evils, are there not many good points connected with this system of sale? I think so.

I believe the approval sheet is one

of the most "up-to-date" things of stamp collecting. Suppose, now, that there were no approval sheets, how would the collector in some of the out-of-the-way places get his stamps? Of course he can buy packets, and at the same time get a lot of stamps he does not want and probably cannot make use of unless he does considerable exchanging. He can also order from dealers' lists of sets, and the same trouble is found as with the packets. He can, if his collection is well advanced, order separate stamps, but, as dealers' time is worth so much money they probably will not fill a list unless worth about twenty-five or thirty dollars. What is left for him to do? "Get some approval sheets," involuntarily comes to your lips. Certainly, any dealer who wants trade will send you some if you are known to him, and if otherwise will do so if you send him references or a small cash deposit. And when this course is taken how and why should the receiver store them away and keep "mum?" He has given reference or his cash deposit and so he will gain little if anything by this way of doing his business, which I think would not be found, or at least ought not, in a person competent of being a philatelist. If a person once gets sheets and never returns them it is usually the fault of the dealer by either sending the sheets without being asked to do so, or not having been careful to get references, or getting them and not examining them to see if they are good or worthless. A person who is not upright in

his dealings should be excluded from the philatelic world. By all means let us have the approval sheet.

ROBERT RHONE.

Pertinent Paragraphs.

Continued from page 3.

other fellow." Such business, anywhere and everywhere, is netarious. Who believes that the broker's business at the stock exchange is surfeited with legitimacy? Very few people, indeed. And where's the difference between the speculator at the stamp mart and a speculator at the stock exchange? Rightly viewed, the crusade against a certain class of stampie speculators, may not be so much of "a chestnut" after all.

Then I find an illusion to another "chestnut"—the article on "advice to beginners." I do not wish to be understood as making a plea for more of such articles. I am no Oliver Twist here at least. But allow the question—were such articles ever timely? If so, why not "now," as well as "then?" Are there not beginners in the ranks all times? Are there no recruits entering at the present day? Then is philately in a deplorable condition, and there is truth in the statement that "the boy trade is dying out." If such be the actual condition, may it not be due to this very fact that the many papers have closed their doors to all articles written for beginners? To capture and hold the young we must give them matter suited to their age and mental reach. Don't grow exclusively technical and scientific. The young idea can't reach it.

**Our Illustration.**

H. C. Beardsley, of St. Joseph, Mo., one of the western leaders of amateur collectors, philatelists as well as publishers, was born in 1869, interested in philately in 1882. dealer since 1885, has published Philatelic Literature Collector 1887, Western Philatelist 1888-9; Philatelic Advertiser 1885 to date, and International Philatelist 1885 to date and now has on press the Philatelic Directory (12,000 names) largest ever published, and the following hand books: Kansas Address Book, Iowa Address Book, Missouri Address Book, Colorado Address Book, Southern States Address Book, Philatelic Societies, Directory of Philatelic Journals and League American Philatelic Hand Book. Charter member of American Philatelic Association No. 35, secretary American Philatelic Press Association, member S. of P., P. S. of A. and L. A. P. After Dec. 1 will devote his entire time to stamp business. I- to Omaha for the '98 stamp convention, the year of the great Trans-Mississippi Exposition

**BOILED DOWN.**

Original and Otherwise.

A prominent dealer of San Francisco recently made a find of revenues, the catalogue value being \$17,665.00, and none under five cents each were removed from the documents. At the rate U. S. revenues have been unearthed during the last year, the market price cannot consistently advance a great deal this winter, as is confidently expected and hoped by many.

Spanish stamps issued in 1875 all bear on the back a number printed in blue within a white square, the square being enclosed within a frame

of faint dots, this being surrounded by a border of wavy lines. The number is different on every stamp in the sheet, making 100 varieties on each sheet for those who go in for such varieties.

An English firm, so, we are informed, has made a "find" of Nova Scotia remainders aggregating 200,000 sets, and the 8½ cent stamp has already dropped to \$1.75, and the others proportionately with the exception of the 5 cent blue, which was the one value missing from the find.

The gum on each stamp of the Leeward Islands is carefully examined by advanced specialists to determine what plate the stamp belongs to.

The Philadelphia party is still endeavoring to dispose of his \$2.00 Columbians at 15 per cent below face value.

An odd point about the international postal system is that registered letters may be recalled by the senders at any time before they are actually delivered. Not long ago a German bank sent securities representing a large sum of money to a firm in New York city. Soon afterward the bank learned that the New York firm was insolvent and on the point of bankruptcy, the news being received by cable. A cable message was sent without delay to intercept the securities on their arrival at New York, and the registered letter containing them was returned unopened to the bank. Great Britain, however, does not permit this privilege, holding that when a person has mailed a letter, it must be considered the property of the addressee.

Hanover, or Hannover, as it is spelled in German, is pronounced with the accent on the second syllable.



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## CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.

Began in October Number.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

In 1869 the Canadian government surcharged the then current Bill Stamps "N. S."—in large black capitals—for use in the province of Nova Scotia. With the exception of the dollar values, the surcharge was near the top, on these near the bottom of stamp. The dollar values of these stamps are very rare, and are lacking in many collections. The paper of course being the same as preceding issues, the entire set consisting of 18 values and 36 varieties.

### "WEIGHTS AND MEASURES."

In 1876 a new variety of revenues were issued, and from their use are called Weights and Measures. The entire issue consisted of eleven values, and over a dozen varieties. The stamps were of a much different design of any revenue yet issued, being 22x55 mm. in size. In the center of the stamp is a blank space 11x18 mm. in which the registered number is printed, in either red or blue, as the case may be. This registered number is sometimes found printed across the top of stamp.

Word "weights" in straight line above frame surrounding blank space, "measures" just below, value in figures in lower part of stamp enclosed in

oblong frame 4x11 mm. surrounded by irregular frame of fine scroll engraving. In 1887 a variety of this stamp appeared printed in red, that had neither number nor value. I do not believe it was ever used, as I have neither ever seen or heard of a used copy.

These "Weights and Measures" as well as most of the following stamps were engraved and printed by the "British American Bank Note Co." of Montreal, and are still in use.

### "GAS INSPECTION."

"Gas Inspection" stamps were first issued in 1876, and as far as I know, are at present exactly the same design as those issued for use twenty years ago. The stamps are used by "Gas inspectors" and affixed to the certificates given gas companies, as to the quality of gas they manufacture. These are of the same design as "Weights and Measures," even in regard to size and perforation.

They are printed in blue and consist of nine values: 5 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$10.00.

The registered number is printed in red across the middle of the stamp.

"Electric Light Stamps" or "Inspection" proper have just been issued.

The design is the same as the two preceding stamps, and consist of seven values all printed in red. The registered number is printed in blue across center of stamp.

The values are 25 and 50 cents, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

**BOILED DOWN.**

Original and Otherwise.

The Spanish 4 cuartos of 1864, rose on flesh-colored paper, is said to have been found perforated 12½.

The Philatelic Exhibition booked for London in 1897 promises to eclipse all previous efforts in this direction.

The only time when the U. S. varied the rule of having the busts of its departed statesmen on its stamps was in the 1869 issue.

J. B. Moens, a prominent dealer of Belgium, confines his business to the mail only, refusing to transact it in any other manner.

There have been 1,625,000 stamps printed in San Marino during the past nineteen years. The population of this interesting country is about 8000.

The stamp to "commemorate" the Brussels Exposition of 1897 is out. It measures 35 mm. by 24 mm., has a perforated Sunday label and has a face value of ten cents.

The following French stamps are being called in and their issuance is to be discontinued: 75 centimes adhesive stamp, 5 centimes large size and 15 centimes small size envelopes, 3 centimes stamped wrapper and 60 centime and one franc postage due.

The latest feature of a stamp society is the "Grand Stamp Lottery," started by the Bombay Philatelic Society. Each member supplies a packet of stamps, and then some kind of a drawing is held, wherein some get good prizes, while others get left.

Every ship that carries the mails across the ocean has a completely equipped postoffice. Though crowded into small space it is provided with everything of importance that is to be found in a postoffice on land. The clerk in charge is the postmaster of the sea postoffice. On an average trip he has to sort 75,000 letters and in addition the contents of perhaps fifty bags of printed matter.

Only two issues of stamps were ever declared obsolete by the department. They were the issues of 1847 and 1851. When the war came, the department had no means of getting at the postmasters in the seceded states, and making them surrender the large stock of stamps which they had on hand. The only way to prevent their use was to put out another issue, and declare all the old stamps valueless. This was done in 1861. All stamps issued since that time are as good today as on the day they were printed.

The sea postoffice on board a ship of the North German Lloyd line, such as the Elbe, has two clerks, one an American and the other a German. On the voyage to Europe the ship is called a United States German postoffice, and is under the direction of the American clerk. On the way back it is termed a Deutsch-Amerikanisch postoffice and is under the charge of the German clerk. The latter is quite an impressive personage, wearing a uniform of blue with brass buttons and a sword. The American clerk has no such distinctive costume or regalia, but only a regulation cap.



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The Nebraska Philatelic Society, Organized 1892.



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It has been suggested that we raise a fund to entertain the philatelic societies in case Omaha secures the convention in 1898. Send your name to Secretary Thurston stating the amount you wish to subscribe. Subscriptions must be over \$1 and are to be payable July 1, 1898.

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MENT.

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All members are requested to apply for circuits, and those having duplicates to send 5c for a blank book and give the other members a chance to purchase. Some of the members are in the habit of paying no attention to the rules of the department, and as fast as possible their names will be removed from circuits.

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Very truly,  
 S. P. HUGHES.

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particulars.

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esteemed contemporaries. Comment is  
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have no cause for grumbling over the  
prices in the 57th catalogue. Many of  
the early issues have advanced con-  
siderable. Early issues of Cuba have  
also gone up.

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the ground floor in our big January  
number are invited to address the  
business manager. We are going to  
depart from the usual routine slightly.  
Instead of raising the price, we intend  
to make it reasonable enough to make  
it an inducement for dealers to contract  
for space. This applies, of course, only  
to advertisements of a reasonable size.

What is the cause of so many resignations being made in the American Philatelic Association? Nineteen in one week looks bad. And what's more to be regretted the applications for membership are not coming in fast enough to offset this exodus.

The "U. S. Boy's Paper," as the Philatelic Record dubs our new paper, is meeting with much adverse comment. We cannot be in sympathy with this idea of encouraging the beginner to collect in an unintelligent impracticable manner, and have so stated, and can see no benefit to come from this new paper.

"Two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof" is the rate charged for first-class mail matter. Letters are occasionally seen bearing three cents postage. This amount can not be correct, as it should be two cents, four cents, six cents, etc. This fact partially accounts for the scarcity of the three cents due stamps.

It is rumored that philatelic literature collectors are considering the formation of a society or combination to prevent the issue of the various small papers having no value to collectors and apparently likely to die after the first few numbers. We would suggest that its promoters term it "The Pool for the Prevention of Poor Philatelic Papers," thus making it a rival of the S. S. S. S.

English papers are commenting on two new orders issued from headquarters to colonial postmasters. The first

order pertains to the practice of post marking stamps to order, and the postmasters of the several colonies are ordered to desist at once. The other instruction prohibits the sale of more than \$25 worth of stamps of the same value at a time to any stamp dealer. This last is a good example of some of the foolish ideas of the British department, and, if enforced, will cause much inconvenience to collectors in general. We understand, however, that it is not likely to be put into operation.

This is an age of abbreviations. In every line of business the practice of dispensing with unnecessary words and letters is rapidly becoming more common. Among stamp collectors this is particularly noticeable. The use of "U. S." and "Foreign" for "U. S. Stamps" and "Foreign Stamps" is resorted to by all. "Perf." for Perforated, "Imperf" for Imperforated, "Wmk" for Watermark, etc., are frequently met with. The compilers of auction sale catalogues find their space limited and we find "N. E." when they desire to call attention to the upper left hand corner of the stamp they are describing, "N. W." for upper right hand corner, etc. Signs are commonly used to designate a used or unused stamp, cut square or entire envelope, perforation and watermarks. To the un-initiated, the pages of a modern auction sale catalogue are as a sealed book, as far as understanding them goes.

Many and various are the methods employed by collectors to get the

current U. S. The usual way is by personal solicitation of firms having a large correspondence. Another way is to pay the office boy a small sum for all stamps he secures. The latest thing in this line, to which our attention was recently called, is to negotiate with the janitors of office buildings, paying them so much per hundred for each value. This is the best way we have yet heard of, as the janitor usually empties the waste baskets and has a very good opportunity to secure stamps in quantities. The collector starting the scheme sent circular letters to the janitors of the various buildings where stamps were likely to be found, stating what he wanted and asking for an interview if the party to whom the letter was addressed became interested in the matter. A schedule of prices allowed was then furnished, and arrangements made to call for the stamps once a week, payment being forthcoming upon delivery. After a month devoted to making arrangements, the collector's labors were easy. Properly managed, this method will bring in hundreds of specimens, and at a considerable less expense than where they are purchased of collectors, and many of the higher values will often be picked up.

#### FASHIONS IN STAMPS.

Stamp collectors are in a measure like the women of fashion—it needs but for some one to start a new fad, and they all zealously take after the originator or originators. I say all advisedly, but many collectors are certainly very like unto a flock of

sheep, following a leader with much devotion.

A few years ago it was Mexican revenues—an influential firm secured control of the bulk of the old issues, and by issuing special albums and catalogues and advertising extensively managed to create quite a boom. But where are Mexican revenues now? I know of one collector who invested quite a sum in these stamps and has a very nice lot of them, but they are now worth but a fraction of the amount expended for them. This same craze is frequently met with. Some country or group of countries, or some particular issue of a country suddenly becomes popular and collectors all engage in a wild scramble to secure specimens, paying exorbitant prices to secure coveted specimens, so far does their fanatic zeal lead them on. And after the boom has bursted—then indeed have they cause to ask the slang question, "where are we at." Like the boom of a new western town—once the excitement has died down and people have regained their sober senses, the fictitious values must drop to their true value, leaving those who invested "holding the sack"—and often an empty one at that.

Much has been said on this topic—it forms a good question for the space-filler to take up. But in my opinion, the evil of these fads should be kept before collectors until they desist in their mad attempts to keep up with every new one that comes out. To engage in a new line of collecting, or take up a new country or emission that has become popular is admissible,

but we should not allow our zeal to carry us too far. Secure new varieties but do not pay high prices; the unusual demand causes them to advance. Wait until they come down to their proper level, as they surely will.

The favorite this winter will be U. S. Revenues. Collect them carefully, understandingly and economically. Do not reach out for it like a drowning man would grasp for a life preserver; pay a reasonable price or let it go.

These are my ideas on the subject. Let us hear from some one else.

LEON V. CASS.

#### EXCHANGING EXTRAORDINARY.

In the present advanced stage of philately, when the statement is made that anything, from an article of wearing apparel to a town lot, may be obtained in exchange for stamps, it provokes no unusual comment.

A careful observation of the exchange columns in our papers published in the last two years reveals many interesting facts. One of the most amusing was an advertisement that appeared some time ago in a now defunct stamp paper, wherein the proprietors of a boarding-house in an eastern city desired to give board for periods of a week, month or year for collections of stamps.

Have you a desire to till the soil of the balmy south? You can obtain five acres of Florida land if you have such a thing as a "dealer's outfit" of sufficient value to offer in exchange. If you are thinking of taking a course of study in some university, do not

unwisely squander your hard-earned money for the scholarship. If you will give up your collection, you may receive in turn a three-years' tuition in a prominent western college, this offer being made by a member of the college's faculty.

Are you out of work or dissatisfied with your present position and desirous of changing your location? A pleasant position in a stamp dealer's office is offered to you, providing you will turn into your prospective employer's stock your accumulation of duplicates, to aggregate to a certain value. If you are of a fastidious turn of mind, and wish a new suit of clothes or an overcoat made in the latest fashion, a tailor in the east offers to fit you out in exchange for U. S. stamps for his collection. What an opportunity for some unfortunate who has perchance, an over-abundance of stamps, and a lack of clothes.

Anyone who has become satiated with all the delights of Philately, has become troubled with ennui in connection with his stamps, and wishes to take up some other hobby, may, without difficulty, be equipped in whatever hobby he may choose, be it bird's eggs, coins, post-marks, autographs, old books, curiosities, or anything that is collectable.

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