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## FRENCH POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Postage-due stamps were essentially a French invention, and were the converse of the postage stamps, as they represented the postage to be paid by the recipient, whereas the postage stamp represented the postage that had been paid by the sender. In England, it is customary to describe the charge for postage as a "rate." On the Continent it is described as a "tax," and as the stamps issued to denote the postage to be paid by the recipient always bore the amount in plain figures, they were in consequence described as *Chiffres-taxe*; they merely represent the charge to be paid by the recipient, on account of the letter having been posted unpaid or insufficiently prepaid.

Up to 1st June, 1853, no difference was made in the charge for postage, whether the latter was prepaid or not, but at that time a difference was made in the letters posted and delivered in Paris. The rate of 15c was reduced to 10c, in case the letter was prepaid; and on the 1st July, 1854, a similar premium of one-third of the unpaid letter-rate was accorded to all the letters for the interior of the Empire.

The effects of the previous legislation may be seen by the small results which had followed the introduction of postage stamps. In

1847 and 1848, before the introduction of postage stamps, 10 per cent of the letters posted were prepaid. After the introduction of postage stamps, on 1st January, 1849, the proportion of prepaid letters rose only to 15 per cent, and in 1851 to 20 per cent; but in consequence of the above-mentioned changes in the rates in favor of prepaid letters, they rose in 1855 to 85 per cent. On the unpaid letters it had always been the custom to denote the amount to be paid by the recipient in figures, in pen and ink, or by a hand-stamp bearing large figures of the amount in black; and the same was done with insufficiently prepaid letters. This was applied by the distributing office, and so there was a check upon the letters when the receiving office was not at the same time the distributing office.

In cases, however, where the letter did not travel out of the circuit of the receiving office, and was distributable within that circuit, there was no check, and this gave rise to the invention of the first postage due stamps, which the postmaster of the delivering office was ordered to affix to all those district letters which were liable to payment of postage, as being unpaid or insufficiently prepaid, and the public was warned not to pay any postage, except it was denoted by such stamps.

The approaching issue of the

postage-due stamp was announced at the end of 1858 by the following circular:

By order of the Minister of Finance, of the 14th October last, the tax on unpaid local correspondence, instead of being marked on the letters by a numeral, made by hand, will be represented by adhesive stamps, called *Chiffres-taxes* (*sic*), which the postmasters, distributors and letter-carriers, as the case may be, will affix on the address of the letters in sufficient number, and will obliterate them by means of the dated stamp of the office, or the stamp "O. R."

This latter stamp was one carried by the postmen, and the initials signified *Origine Rurale*. A further circular, sent to the country offices, directed that no unpaid local correspondence was to be distributed by the letter-carrier under pain of dismissal, unless the charge to be paid was indicated by the new stamp, duly obliterated.

Three designs were made for this stamp, which was to be of the value of 10c, and were submitted to the Postmaster-General, who made choice of one of them, which was ordered to be printed by lithography, at the Imperial printing office. The issue took place on 1st January, 1859. The impression was in black, varying in intensity of tone, and was on plain white wove paper. The experiment proving successful, it was extended on 1st June, 1859, to all articles not prepaid, which originated in and were distributable within the postal radius of each postoffice,

To supply the demands of the service for this enlarged use of the stamps, the design was typographed and printed in sheets of 240, in 12 rows of 20, and was so issued 1st June, 1859. (See Scott's type VI.)

The design of the typographed stamp is similar to that of the lithographed issue of January, 1859, except in some small particulars, which afford a ready mode of distinguishing between the two, even in the absence of those general indications which serve to distinguish lithographed from typographed stamps. In the lithographed issue, the lettering is clearer, both in that of the inscriptions in the frame and that in the center; but the most appreciable difference is that in the lithographed issue the accent on the letter "a" in the center is almost horizontal, extending *over* the letter, while in the typographed issue the accent points downward, near the middle of the letter.

The impression at first was on paper of a bluish tone of white, but afterwards it is found on rougher paper of a yellowish tone, and the printing on this latter paper does not give such clear impressions as on that of finer grain.

No further change was made till 1st January, 1863, when, in consequence of the charge on unpaid letters being raised from 10c to 15c, the postage-due stamp of 10c was superseded by one of 15c of a similar design, also printed by typography in black. The impression of this is also found on paper slightly azured, or on the yellowish paper.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



There are three dies of current issue 1-cent U. S. stamped envelope. First has a V-shaped projection in the bottom of the bust, the second has a double curve, while in the third the bottom of the bust is an unbroken curve.

**BOILED DOWN.****ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.**

A New York collector has a strip of three stamps, 50 cent denomination, with plate number 75 and imprint, imperforated vertically.

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Norwegian, Danish, German and Chinese locals have fallen into disfavor on account of the many unnecessary speculative issues they are continually sending out.

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The stamps of Tobago offer a good investment to the speculative collector, or to he who is not but who wishes to put his money into stamps that will not depreciate. Prices of these stamps are rising every year.

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A writer in the Bazaar thus defines speculation and investment: The term "speculation" should be discouraged when applied to philately and the word investment should be fostered. The more stamps get to be looked upon as an investment, the more firmly established and popular will philately become. At present collectors are inclined to mix the two terms, investment and speculation. To explain my meaning: in buying stocks or shares, when the interest is four or five per cent it is called an investment—when 30 or 40 per cent, a speculation, so that a collector who looks for any great and rapid increase in the value of his stamps is turning his hobby into a speculation rather than an investment. Any philatelist should be satisfied with a 5 per cent per annum advance in the value of his

stamps; it is very good interest for these days, and there is also the pleasure derived from the hobby. One need have little fear for the future of a hobby that is considered a safe investment, paying 5 per cent.

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Mr. Gilbert Lockyer, a philatelist and author of note of Great Britain, recently died.

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The late officially sealed commemorative stamps of Chili bear the portrait of Arturo Prat, the Chilean patriot who lost his life boarding the monitor Huascar in the Peruvian war.

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There are two distinct varieties of the 2½d. on 9d. blue, 1871, Tasmania. The "d" in the surcharge appears both with and without the cross at the top.

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The latest thing in hinges has a row of rouletting across the hinge, not sufficiently deep to materially affect its strength, but it serves to facilitate the folding of the hinge perfectly horizontal. It also would assist in keeping the stamp perfectly flat on the album page.

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Mr. B. S. Ross, a well known Chicago dealer, has disposed of his stock to John E. Burton & Co. of Lake Geneva, Wis. The consideration was the leading, well-equipped hotel of Lake Geneva.

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C. E. Severn says the stamp-collector bids fair to soon rank with the hired girl, the ice-man, the man-who-comes-home-late, etc., for the professional joke manufacturer to work on.

## NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



President—Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S. 28th St., Omaha.  
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 Official Organ—The Philatelic West.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members:—I wish to call your attention to your dues for '97. If you have not paid them please remit at once, as the society needs money with which to pay bills now over-due. Owing to charges having been preferred against our Secretary-Treasurer, all money should be sent to the President until matters are adjusted. I hereby appoint E. L. Platz and James Kotera as Trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of C. L. Thurston and C. R. Pyburn. The annual conventions of the various large societies are drawing closer, so let us work the harder to secure the support of the members for Omaha for '98. Yours for success,

WM. B. HOPSON.

Omaha, Neb., March 17, 1897.

To the President of the N. P. S.:

Owing to the press of other business and that I am going out of stamps, I tender my resignation as a member and also as trustee of the N. P. S. Respectfully,

C. R. PYBURN.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees have received charges which have been preferred against Clarence L. Thurston, Secretary-Treasurer, and will examine and report on same next month. An opportunity will be given Mr. Thurston to adjust matters, if he wishes to do so, before the case will be acted upon.

TRUSTEES N. P. S.,

WM. P. HOPSON, Chairman.

## EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Members sending in books for circulation will please take note that there is still a big demand for Arg. Rep. stamps, and please bear this in mind when you fill up your books. Price them reasonable and you can be assured of a ready sale. As noted in my last report the following have neither returned or paid for the books sent them. Bert. Palmer, C. L. Thurston, R. L. Payne, G. W. Greene, Gus. Bayersdorfer, Harvey E. Milligan, Geo. Authans and W. R. King.

Amount of stamps in department to date, March 16, \$597.21; number of books, 76; number retired, 29; number in circulation, 47; percentage of sales from all books retired, a little over 4 per cent.

Mr. E. W. Fitt reports two members, as sending him two valuable circuits by open mail—unregistered. Such carelessness will not be allowed, when these circuit lots can be sent most anywhere for 10c by express, and 14c by mail. Very truly,

S. P. HUGHES.

## COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

Counterfeits received this month: From F. T. Shepard, Nebraska City—Hawaiian, Scott's No. 10, 1c blue, greyish white. Hawaiian, Scott's No. 11, 2c black, greyish white. Hawaiian, Scott's No. 26, 2c blue, white. Malta, 4 pence, color blue. Ireland, 4 pence, color brown. Gibraltar, 4 pence, color bistre. Three latter all same design as 2½ pence Nevis. British Columbia, 2½ pence, rose. All the above are cancelled with straight bar, oval bar, square bar cancellations. The oval bar cancellation seems to be the commonest on all the counterfeit cancellations yet seen. Loyd's Penny Post, blue on thick white paper.

From L. T. Brodstone—Lubeck, 2 Sch., brown, uncanceled, Scott's No. 3, 1c U. S., 1872, color changed to green. 2c U. S., 1887, color changed to blue in day-time, green at night.

E. W. FITT.

Received application of Rollie Neumann, of Wymore, Neb. Reference, S. P. Hughes. Emil Hornung, Schuyler. Reference, R. L. Payne.

## OMAHA IN '98.

I favor Omaha for our '98 conventions. I believe if all the leading philatelic societies met there in one week during the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, it would help philately a great deal. It would be beneficial in many ways. Publicity is what we want, and the doings at our conventions would receive considerable mention in the daily press. Such mention is a direct mode of making philatelists out of mere collectors, and collectors out of readers.

I believe the railroad fare is quite an item to many collectors, and prevents them attending our meets. The philatelic societies taken as a whole have not members enough to enable us to secure special railroad rates to our conventions. For that reason I believe we should foresee a convention place where some event will occur, other than of a philatelic nature, and to which special traveling rates are likely to be secured. Omaha is the place for the '98 meets. With the Philatelic Conventions, the Trans-Mississippi Exposition and the cheap traveling rates, I don't see why we couldn't have the most successful conventions and the best kind of a time at Omaha in '98. It's the best place in sight, and I have no reason to believe the meets will go to any other city.

LOUIS J. KRAMER,  
Pres. L. of A. P.

## SELF-EXPLANATORY.

As the east and west should alternate with the convention seat it is only just that the west should have the meet in 1898. Omaha is working hard for it and should have it. I write to you to state that all my energy and all the work that I can give shall be for Omaha in 1898. To obtain results we must work, and I would suggest that we keep everlastingly at it and we will get the result we desire. Yours for Omaha in 1898.

ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN,  
Pres. Phil. Sons of America.

## BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Free subscription for 25 names of active collectors *not on our list*. I have yet to receive full 25 names I have not got, as names seen in stamp papers and directories there is no use of sending, as I already have them. I will send the paper for time according to the number of names we have not got, of those received.

To all members of the Nebraska Society: If you have paid your dues to Secretary Thurston drop a card to the president or publisher so we may know who have paid and who have not.

Of other advertisers who owe us are Higginson, of Omaha, and C. Rogers, of New York. Best to watch out for the last named, as he has several addresses and deals especially in reprints and counterfeits, from the report of a collector of New York who called and seen him personally.

We have received price lists of M. C. Berlepsch, 2 W. 14th St., New York; F. E. Smith, Newton, Mass.; Harry Hickles Co., 64 Cheapside, London, England; auction catalogue of G. R. Tuttle, at Collectors' Club, New York, April 5; P. M. Wolfieffer, at Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, in club room L38, April 9 and 10. It would be well to see.

Ewen's catalogue of English stamps is the best catalogue we have seen, and a collector of English stamps should not be without it. The publisher makes a low price to all wishing same, or can write publisher for a copy of his English Specialist Journal. Address, H. L. Ewen, 32 Palace Square, Norwood, England. Collectors' Almanack, by S. Stewart, Darlington, England, is well worth getting also.

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### "CONSOLIDATION."

Canadian collectors belonging to the two societies of that country have at last settled matters amicably, and decided to let amalgamation alone. Now the same topic for discussion has arisen in the U. S. Well, we all remember the war of words this subject led to a few years ago, and that, too, without any results. It always has been true that stamp-collecting means stamp-societies. Some collector, perhaps for personal reasons, desires to hold

office, or because he is simply an enthusiast and believes he is promoting a beneficial scheme, is eternally launching out upon the world a new society. These are generally local in interests, but oft-times the organizer's aspirations are wider, and the society is national. Well, let there be a consolidation of all the national societies of this country under one name, we venture to assert that six months would not have elapsed after such a scheme had been put into operation before we would have new societies springing up all over this broad land of ours. These would in a year or two get strong enough in membership to compete with the amalgamated societies, and we would soon arrive at the same stage where we now find ourselves. This is a society age, and in no walk of life is this more true than in philately. We believe that these numerous societies, as long as they continue as they are at present, can do no apparent harm, and, in fact, rather have a tendency to create new interest and impart new vitality into philately. Let there be but one national society in this country, and that zeal that now actuates a society member to make efforts to secure new members for his favorite society will vanish, for the cause of his efforts, the desire to see the society for which he labors prosper and rival or out-distance other societies, will have vanished. Collectors as a rule are not prone to join societies of their own free will. They must have application blanks and particulars sent them by these enthusiasts, who can,



by the way, suggest more "benefits" to be received from their particular society than could ever be given. Let there be societies and societies. They do no great harm, and perchance from some of them, and certainly from the good work of members in trying to secure new members, philately receives some benefit. The American Philatelic Society for the more sedate, advanced class, the Philatelic Sons of America for those who dislike the Sons of Philately, the Sons of Philately for those who are not enchanted with the Philatelic Sons of America, the League of American Philatelists and the Columbian Philatelic Society for those who prefer these to the ones first mentioned, or, if he be a "jiner," all of them for he of such mind.

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Scott's 57th catalogue is all right in every particular except prices. The majority of the U. S. seem to be priced at considerable, in many instances at double market prices. Why must this farce be foisted upon the philatelic public annually, or, forsooth, we may better pen the query, why will the philatelic public accept this as a "standard" work each year, knowing its unreliability? No dealer has had the temerity to issue a general catalogue of any great worth wherein prices are governed by the markets. Why?

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'Tis said that only three or four members were present at the late convention of the L. of A. P. What a snap for aspiring office-seekers who might happen to be in attend-

ance if such a statement can be verified.

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By the death of John Keer Tiffany philately loses one of her brightest gems. No man was better known and more highly esteemed than he. His researches as given to collectors were invaluable, and will serve to make his name one that will never pass from memory, and will always be regarded with reverence and love. Of his life and methods of collecting little need be said, every collector who reads being familiar with them. *Requiescat in pace.*



#### THE COLLEGE AND PHILATELY.

I find many of our college students who have collected stamps. I find very few who continue it. The reasons are not hard to learn. The boy going to college enters upon entirely new paths. Usually it is leaving home for the first time. He has a chum and a group of new associates. More than this, his time is well filled with work. If ambitious, he puts full time on his studies, that he may take a high place. If he be not ambitious he must do considerable studying or he may fail in examinations and be dropped. Then—at least in this college—there is much stir in regard to essays and declamations. Prize essays, requiring considerable reading and much painstaking, attract the ambitious students.

There is also an environment so diverse from that of home, that there seems no time for the home pleasures. Stamp collecting seems a part of boyhood, and the college boy feels himself already a man.

The college vacations are very brief, save the summer vacation; and in July and August out-of-door amusements are more attractive.

The majority of boys who collect stamps are not "born collectors." They collect stamps from curiosity or a desire to keep up with some one else. So soon as some other interests enter, the stamps go into obscurity. It is a "survival of the fittest." So here and there a boy collector keeps up his interest in college, and after graduation, whenever leisure comes, he returns to stamps. The best collector whom I know, valedictorian of his class in an eastern college, then graduating at Annapolis as a Cadet Engineer, has clung to his stamps, as he went hither and thither over the world in vessels of the U. S. Navy; and now his collection is large in number and unique in the grade and value of its stamps.

College shuts off many boy collectors. The students of this college, without doubt, as they find me now and then in my study with my cards of stamps, think and perhaps talk of the childishness of the Mathematical Professor who "goes in" for stamps.

OREN ROOT,

Professor of Mathematics, Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.



#### NOTES.

An American by the name of Scott has been arrested in Cuba, and the only charge against him is that he is a stamp collector, and among others had a set of Cuban Republic stamps in his album. He will be shot the same as any other offender unless our government interferes, which is not at all likely to happen.

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Frank T. Shepard, a prominent Nebraska City collector-dealer, has recently removed to Lincoln.

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Will some publisher kindly tell us why it is they accept advertise-

ments from questionable parties, and after the duped victims begin kicking to write to each that so and so seemed all right, as always paid for ads, etc? There is a time coming, and its not far distant—when this class of publishers shall be relegated to the rear, and the journals that ascertain the reliability of advertisers before publishing same, will receive the patronage and support they rightly deserve.

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B. S. Ross, a prominent Chicago dealer, has recently traded his immense stock of stamps for a large hotel. Stamps and hotels hardly go hand in hand—wonder if Mr. R. will make a success in his new venture.

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Three fine copies of the rare Canada Bill "SEVEN" have recently turned up. The price asked, \$20.00, for such a stamp is none too high considering its scarcity.

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Another "chain-letter" stamp deal has recently turned up, and from indications the number of deluded people will come near reaching the famous Edna Brown fraud, in which it is safe to say hundreds of thousands sent stamps.

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Collectors of Mexican revenues are rejoicing in the fact that the new catalogue just out does away with all varieties of paper, watermark and perforations, and gives only the regular issues, in such a plain, simple way, that even the beginner can easily understand it. We hope the same will be true of the new Canadian list, soon to be issued.

"A. D."



#### OUR ILLUSTRATION.

H. D. Ruelhman, of Sharon, Wis., Exchange Superintendent P. S. of A., and member and officer of nearly every national stamp society of the United States.

**EXCHANGE COLUMN.**

Free to members N.P.S. and subscribers.

Geo. M. Flint, 107 Museum St., Cambridge, Mass., has stamps and entire postal cards to exchange for stamps.

Philip B. Driver, Box 34, Ridley Park, Pa., has stamps to exchange for same.

H. Wood, 38 Summer Street, Stanford, Conn., has stamps to exchange for same.

E. E. Hawkins, 16 Callan Block, Minneapolis, Minn., has used U. S. department envelopes to exchange for U. S. Send want list.

R. S. Chase, 30 Alumar Ave., Providence, R. I., has stamps in sheets to exchange for others.

B. S. King, 31 New York Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., wants to exchange stamps for U. S. and revenues.

M. E. Reynolds, Buchanan, N. Y., Westchester Co., wishes to exchange stamp papers.

The publishers will be pleased to receive the names of your collector friends, especially those in U. S., Mexico and Canada wanted. Free exchange notice for every 25 names not on our list.

Do you want to receive a big bunch of stamp papers—several foreign ones? Send postage to Box 116, Superior, Neb., and get them O. K. If you wish to subscribe or advertise, can save you from 30 to 50 per cent. Particulars for postage.

Fred L. Graves, Lock Box 600, Silver Creek, N. Y., has duplicate U. S. to exchange for same. Let him know what you have and want.

E. S. Blackwell, 92½ 6th St., Portland, Oregon, has stamps to exchange for stamp papers.

Wish to exchange with collectors. Want list is U. S., Canada and Germany. D. Wendt, Sterling, Neb.

Will give one year's subscription to Trans-Mississippi Stamp for any stamp catalogue, 25c or 5c uncovered or 10c covered stamp papers. P. Jamieson, 2732 Blondo St., Omaha.

Philatelic Journal of America, December, 1894, to exchange for Evergreen Philatelist, July and August numbers. Wish to exchange stamps valued at 3 to 10 cents. L. M. Cass, Box 38, McGraville, N. Y.

I have a large quantity of Hawaiian, South and Central American stamps to exchange for any U. S. stamps issued prior to 1890 with exception of 1c blue, 3c rose, 2c brown, and 2 and 3c green. Want stamps in good condition only. Thomas G. Walker, Watsonville, Santa Cruz Co., California.

Have Scott's entire unused Nos. 725 and 749 and good foreign to exchange for good U. S. postage or revenues and entire envelopes not in my collection. Would like to get two copies of the 10c 1890 used. I have several of 749 and 725 envelopes. Would like to trade for U. S. Chas. S. Einsel, Holdrege, Neb. N. P. S. 137.

A wholesale mixture of 1000 foreign stamps catalogued at 2c each for \$8 worth of good U. S. stamps. Foreign collectors: I will exchange one of Scott's 25c catalogues for every 2000 stamps you send me. I wish to receive copies of stamp papers. F. F. Jelke, 516 LaSalle Ave., Chicago.

Papers, stamps, etc., to exchange. Publishers, send sample copies of your papers to H. G. Hoffman, 1908 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.

Exchange U. S. Coppers, 1800-1857; Hard Times Tokens, 1837; War Tokens, 1863; with some foreign copper and silver, for U. S. stamps. For lists and prices address O. Root, Clinton, N. Y.

I have stamps, entire envelopes and postal cards and stamp papers to exchange for photographic books and journals, and photo and cycle sundries. Would also like to exchange photos with all Nebraska collectors especially and any other collectors outside of state. Have a \$150.00 bicycle, with lamp, bell, cyclometer, etc., to exchange for best offer. L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

I have a Lohmeyer's postal card and envelope album that cost \$4.50 that I will trade for postal cards or stamps amounting to \$4.50 by Scott's 56th catalogue or \$3.00 cash. I have also a Mekeel's Mexican Album that cost \$2.50; I will take \$2.50 in stamps or postal cards or \$1.00 cash. Also a Mekeel's stamp album of the world that cost \$3.50; I will take \$3.50 in stamps or postal cards or \$2.00 cash. Also a Mekeel's United States album that cost \$3.50. I will take \$3.50 in stamps or postal cards or \$1.75 cash. These albums have been but little used, and I want stamps or postal cards that are not in my collection. Write to H. E. Bennett, College View, Neb.

Volumes of Scribner's, Cosmopolitan, Golden Days, and odd numbers of other magazines to exchange for stamps or philatelic literature. List for 1-cent stamp. James Sanborn, 83 Oneida St., Cohoes, N. Y.

To collectors of stamped paper: A few government stamped receipts, two varieties rare, to exchange for match, medicine or perfumery stamps O. Root, Clinton, N. Y.

I desire to exchange for U. S. and foreign postage stamps not in my collection. J. S. Thompson, Assistant P. M., Sterling, Neb.

Rev. Chas. Schober, Nelson, Neb., has Heligoland, 3 perf., green and bright red, cat. \$30.00 Scott's 57 No. 26, to exchange for best offer in stamps.

S. Vestey, Sindelfingen, Weirt, Germany, has stamps to exchange for others. Member P. S. of A. C-HERE—Hartfort Bicycle, 1893 make, pneumatic Y tires, lamp, bell, tools, brake and entire outfit, C all in good condition. What will you pay me L for it? No reasonable offer refused, or may E take an exchange. Write me J. Henry Thomas, 38 Henry St., Jersey City, N. J. P. S. of A. No. 149.



## Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

Siam, Scott's A1, orange, and cancelled with a circle with two squares inside, one inside the other. British Columbia 5c yellow-brown, surcharged 2c in red, cancelled with oval bar cancellation. St. Christopher 1c lilac, cancelled with thin oval bar cancellation. Venezuela 5c blue 1880, very coarse print, dark blue color on white paper, line from corner of mouth giving sneering expression to face, very heavy eyebrow not arched, hair smooth from crown of head.

## HALL'S BARGAIN COUNTER

is in full blast, and many strange faces are seen in the throng of bargain hunters. I offer the finest hinge on the market at 9c per 1,000, and the finest blank approval sheets at 40c per 100.

### Ginger(y) Snaps for the New Year:

	Cat. Price	My Price
U. S. 1861, 10c, type I, slight defect lot	\$20.00	\$ 9.00
" " 10c, 500, a fine desirable lot	75.00	34.00
" " 10c, 40, on covers, fine	6.00	3.50
" " Agriculture, 3c	.25	.15
" " " 6c	.75	.50
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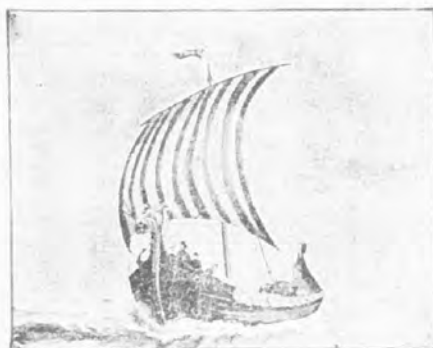
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## FRENCH POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Began in April Number.

When the manufactory of stamps for the country was transferred to Bordeaux during the siege and investment of Paris in 1870-71, the unpaid-letter stamp of 15c was printed by lithography at Bordeaux, and it requires a practised eye to distinguish between this impression and that of 1863. It is, therefore, at times requisite to depend on the ordinary mode of distinguishing lithographic from typographic impressions, namely, the absence of all indentation in the former, though for this purpose it is necessary to examine the backs of the stamps.

When the rates of postage were increased, after the Franco-German war, those for unpaid local letters were fixed from 1st Sept., 1871, at 25c for single letters, 40c for double ones, and 60c for those weighing between 20 and 50 grammes. The postage-due stamp of 15c was therefore superseded, and stamps of a similar design, of the value of 25c, 40c and 60c were issued, that of 25c being in black, that of 40c in blue, and that of 60c in ochre. These continued in use until the establishment of the uniform rate on all letters for the interior, which came into operation 1st June, 1878. The postage-due stamps of 25c and 40c then became unnecessary, and were

withdrawn; while the color of the 60c was changed from ochre to blue, and a new value of 30c, printed in black, was issued, the impression being on plain, white-wove paper, as in the last preceding issue.

None of these stamps had ever been issued perforated, though some are occasionally found rouletted, and there is a solitary instance of one being found perforated; but all these must be due to private enterprise, or they were done unofficially in the country post-offices, which alone made use of them, as they were not employed in Paris itself.

In 1880, the Minister of Finance ordered the design of the postage-due stamp of 30c to be altered, and it made its appearance in June, 1881, being of the same shape and size as the ordinary postage-stamps, and similarly perforated (Scott type V2). There is not much to be said in favor of this design, which is poor, and the Republic is only represented by the letters R. F. in the upper left and lower right angles; but on 1st Oct., 1882, the system of postage due stamps was extended to the whole of the correspondence of the interior, and the amount of deficient postage was ordered to be denoted by stamps of this kind. Postage-due-stamps, therefore, were issued on 1st Oct., 1882, of the following values, in addition to that of 30c,

and of a similar design: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 40c, 60c, 1fr., 2fr. and 5fr.; the whole printed in black, on plain, white wove paper, and perforated.

Such a multiplicity of stamps, all of the same color, led to confusion, and mistakes were constantly being made between the stamps of 1, 2 and 5 francs, and those of 1, 2, and 5 centimes, so that, in 1884, the color of the three higher values of 1, 2 and 5fr. was changed to brown. In practice it was found that some of the values were absolutely useless, and this led to the suppression of the 20c and 40c in 1887 and that of the 2fr. in 1888, the stocks in hand being destroyed, as well as the 1, 2 and 5fr. in black.

In 1894, some further alterations were made for facilitating the use of these stamps, by printing some of the values in distinguishing colors. The 5c is now in pale blue, the 10c in pale brown, the 15c in pale green; the 30c was printed in orange-red, and at present in brick red; the 50c is in claret, and the 60c is in violet on cream color.

I have given a somewhat prolix history of these stamps, because they were successfully used in France, and the system has since been adopted in many other countries. It offers a ready and effectual mode of keeping the accounts, and one which it is surprising that the British Post Office has not adopted. In this country the antiquated system of the hand-stamp is still in vogue, and the extra charges on postal matter collected by the country offices are remitted to the head office in postage stamps of high values, attached to their accounts.—*A Parisian Collector in the Bazaar, England.*

#### THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The statement has often been made that an exchange department is the real backbone of any society, and no truer statement has ever been made. There is, and always has been, more or less trouble in the exchange departments of all societies. The great cause, or at least for most of it, is dissatisfaction. What pleases one member very often displeases another. Then political ambitions are allowed to creep in and work havoc with what might otherwise be an agreeable and profitable exchange. As a usual thing the Exchange Superintendent is not allowed the freedom he should have; but fortunately here in our own N. P. S. all rates and regulations are left entirely to the man in charge.

Some of the Associations require the Superintendent to circulate all stamps sent in. This in itself is all right, but many members abuse the privilege of sending in stuff that is not fit for circulation. If all Superintendents would refuse this class of stamps and return them to their owners, they would soon find their sales of good stamps largely on the increase. Stamps that some consider desirable, are often called rubbish by others, and the Superintendent should have the right to refuse to circulate stamps, when in his opinion they will not sell. So many people have different ideas as to the value of stamps. Some of the European societies have rules as to pricing stamps, and it might not be a bad idea in this country. The

fault is always over-pricing, the cases of under-pricing being rare. There is, however, a class of people who expect to find \$5.00 state stamps priced at 25c each, and when they don't get them find fault with the exchange department. There is an old rule about "doing unto others, as you would have them do unto you," that might well be remembered by all patrons of exchange departments. If they would think of it occasionally, and govern themselves accordingly, almost all the causes for complaint would be found to exist only in imagination.

If members of Philatelic Associations would patronize the exchange department for the sole purpose of increasing their collections, and never let monetary value enter their heads, they would be surprised at how easily they could buy and sell stamps. The average collector wants the best end of the bargain always, and as the other fellow wants it too, the result is somebody finds fault. The true philatelist collects not for gain as an investment, but from real pleasure derived from his stamps. A collector of this class never has room to complain of anything.

Many members do not seem to care for the rights of others; but by delaying lots and neglecting their duty cause a great deal of trouble all around.

Any infringement of rules should be heavily fined, and the Superintendent should be backed up by the trustees. However, this is not done, and as a result a fine is seldom collected.

"A. D."

#### BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Received Auction Sale Catalogue of Kansas City, Mo., Society; G. L. Moreau, N. Y.; Chicago Society, at 838 Marquette Building; C. A. Stegman, St. Louis, Mo.; Price Lists of E. A. Holton, Boston, Mass.; C. H. Mekeel Co., St. Louis; J. T. Starr Co., Coldwater, Mich.; Universal Stamp Co., Box 44, N. Y.; Part 3 of C. L. Rothfuchs, Washington, D.C.; Entire Envelopes of Joe Beard, Muscatine, Iowa (which is got up neatest seen yet); H. H. Ashworth Co., 63 Brom St., Manchester, Eng.; California Philatelist and Price List of E. L. Gamba of San Francisco, Cal.; Philatelia, A Romance, by H. I. Watts, Winchester, Ind.; Want List Book of E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa.; Wolsieffer's Approval Card of P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago.

Parties wanting ads changed or stopped should notify me by the 15th of the month at the latest, as we start to press then.

It will pay anyone interested in papers to write for a copy of the Nebraska Editor, at Beaver City, Neb.

A large number of readers I know are cyclists, and it may interest a number to know that the first cycle stamp got out was during the strike in California in 1894, from Fresno to San Francisco, when several were issued; and yet Australia has a route of 200 miles which was started in 1893 with 120 miles, called Coolgardie Cycle Express, and now issues three values, 6d, 2s and 5s; and stamps of '96 series are very attractive, from reports.

We would be pleased to hear from brother publishers who have stamp accounts against advertisers we offered for sale and see if we can not get a way to collect the same.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It is with pleasure that I notice the interest manifest by some of our members in complying with our request to notify the president if they had paid their dues or not. I hope those who have not so far notified me or paid their dues for 1897 will do so at a very early date. I also wish to call the attention of the members to our collection department in the hands of H. A. Cheney, Creighton, Neb., and hope members having any bills of a philatelic nature to collect will send them to the Attorney of the N. P. S. Remember, this or any other department cannot be a success without the co-operation of all the members.

WM. B. HOPSON, President.

## APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

M. H. Carnen, Auburn, Neb.; reference, S. P. Hughes.  
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 W. E. Wells, 901 South 20th St., Omaha, Neb.; reference, W. B. Hopson.  
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## EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The department is still in good order except that more books are needed. Members who send in any books for circulation should remember that these are not the prosperous times of '93, and in order to sell, the stamps must be very cheap. There is still a demand for U. S. Revenues, and Match and Medicine stamps. As the department is still behind several dollars on running expenses, all members are requested to give the sales books a trial. There are still a number who have failed to return or pay for the books sent them, and they are kindly requested to do so. Number of books received, 83; number retired, 37; value of all books, \$633.92. L. T. Brodstone, F. T. Shepard, C. J. Platt, J. S. Thompson, Rev. Wendt, Rev. Whitmer, and nearly all who have books in circuit have written me that they are well pleased with the success of their books. Send in a book and you will be surprised at the number that sell. Next month we will have another

"Cash Sale" and the members are requested to send in their stamps as early as possible. Price them reasonable, and you can be assured of a ready sale.

SAMUEL P. HUGHES.

#### COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

This month I have received as follows: A batch of U. S. envelopes and about fifty varieties from 1851 to date were examined for paper and catalogue number—about one hundred specimens in all—from one member. Also a lot of postal dues for color.

From another member were received several specimens of local stamps from different cities in the German Empire. These were sent for pricing, but as there is not as far as I know any catalogue of these stamps the information could not be supplied; and in fact it is not considered part of the duty of this department to place values on stamps; however, the information would have cheerfully been given if possible.

Another member sent a specimen of 4 annas India for counterfeit surcharge. It is the opinion of the writer that surcharge is genuine, being the small type of lettering.

No specimens were furnished for counterfeit collection this month. Don't be afraid to part with any you have got, for if you attend our annual meeting it will be a pleasure to me to have a good number to turn over to my successor in office.

E. W. FITT,

Counterfeit Detector.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Members vs. Thurston:

We have received charges against Mr. Clarence Thurston of Omaha as follows:

EXHIBIT "A."

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 24, 1897.

Mr. Wm. B. Hopson,

Chairman Board Trustees N. P. S.,

Dear Sir: I hereby bring formal charges against Clarence L. Thurston, Secretary-

Treasurer of the Nebraska Philatelic Society; asserting that he is not a fit person for membership in said society; and therefore requesting that he be dishonorably discharged from same. My reasons for this are as follows: He refuses to pay me a debt of \$23.70; at least repeated requests for payment of same have met with no response. He refuses to pay Mr. L. T. Brodstone a long standing bill of over \$20.00. I stand ready to prove each and all of these charges. As chairman of the Board of Trustees of the N. P. S. it is my duty to see that this matter is properly looked into, and I shall expect you to take prompt action regarding same.

Respectfully, (Signed) R. L. SHEPARD,  
N. P. S. 127.

#### EXHIBIT "B."

April 12, 1897.

To Pres. N. P. S. and Trustees N. P. S.:

I have an account due me by Secretary for stamps and papers sold him now due close to 1 year, being a total of \$22.00. He has also not paid a cent for subscription of any N. P. S. members who have paid dues, or in fact not a cent been received of him since he took charge of Sec'y office and time I was paid, as now over six months. See to this at once and oblige.

(Signed) L. T. BRODSTONE,  
Business Manager Philatelic West,  
Official Organ N. P. S.

#### EXHIBIT "E" NO. 2.

Sterling, Neb., March 31, 1897.

Mr. Wm. B. Hopson, Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir: As I noticed in the April number of The Philatelic West that all who had paid in the dues to Thurston to report to president. I sent in my application with dues and membership fees in December; sent them to Thurston; he never answered whether he received them or not, so I wrote to him and asked him if he received my letter, and still no reply; and last I wrote him and enclosed stamp for reply, and have never received anything. If I am to be admitted to the society I would like to receive my membership card, etc. Will you please look into this matter. Awaiting your reply I remain, yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. S. THOMPSON,  
Assistant P. M., Sterling, Neb.

Exhibits C, D, E, F and G are letters of members who have paid dues, some of which received membership cards. Further testimony and a chance for Mr. Thurston to answer these charges will be by a meeting of Board of Trustees to be held in Omaha on May 8. Any members having any testimony for or against Mr. Thurston are requested to send same to chairman.

WM. B. HOPSON,

JAMES KOTERA,

E. L. PLATZ.

Omaha, April 17, 1897.

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The sensation of the month was the failure of the Mekeel corporation. Creditors are fully protected, we understand.

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That season of the year when stamp collectors who read our various publications will be treated to the praises of certain candidates for philatelic offices, or what is more interesting, perchance, a vigorous roasting of some candidate who has antagonized the editor in some manner. Each

succeeding year of philatelic politics seems to demonstrate more completely the viciousness and demoralizing tendencies of a modern philatelic campaign. Ambition is to be commended in some instances, but where it leads a man to resort to treachery and underhanded work to satisfy it, it cannot be so regarded. This far in advance we hear of the work of office-seekers. Let us pray for a cleaner campaign this year than we looked upon last summer.

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The Washington Philatelist has succumbed to that dread evil, lack of support (and shall we say lack of sympathy from the philatelic public?), and its publishers have discontinued its issuance. We really did enjoy perusing its pages, not because of anything of value likely to be found therein, but just because Major Eagan was so fond of being "independent"—we took pleasure in this particular instance in following this up and endeavoring to ascertain if the collector of today regards with favor these so-called "independent" publications. The true collector, he who is really interested in his stamps, does not care to peruse a paper merely because it is "independent," for an "independent" publication so frequently contains so little matter pertaining to the study of stamps proper.

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Omaha seems to have a "lead-pipe cinch" for the '98 "meets." Some few cities may have the temerity to try and "get in the push," but we are much afraid all but Omaha will



be extended the "marble heart" by collectors who carefully consider the advantages and good accruing from the holding of this convention in Omaha during the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. But our friends in the west should not be caught napping—keep up the work as vigorously as has been done in the past and no fear of the result need be indulged in.

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The P. S. of A. is having trouble with its exchange department manager. An unwarranted allowance of substitution without punishing the offender is the principal charge. This is the most common and the worst of all evils attached to a society exchange department. Man after man has taxed his brains endeavoring to discover a preventative, with but indifferent success. It is with no small amount of trouble, but certainly when he is located, he should receive all the penalties the constitution of the society allow.

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And now come the advent of spring and summer, so frequently and properly referred to as the "sleepy" period of stamp collecting, when our pursuit lapses for the nonce into a state of innocuous desuetude. One good feature we can see in our little political imbroglios, and about the only one, is that they serve to rouse collectors from their somnolence during this aforesaid period of lassitude. Say what you may, stamp collecting is not for summer—it is in winter and winter only that the majority of us care to devote our leisure time to

study. In summer the bicycle, the camera and so many out-door recreations claim our attention. Well, so be it. We cannot see the harm in letting the album rest for the few hot months of the year.

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We must make mention this month of a catalogue of U. S. entire envelopes we have received. It is published by Bartels & Co. and is a criterion to all catalogue publishers. Comprehensive, attractive, accurate and perspicuous—what more can we say?



#### THE ENGLISH STAMP.

The English stamp carries peculiar significance. During its existence there has been but one sovereign. Victoria, crowned in 1837, authorized the first British postage stamp in 1840. There may be collectors who go back to 1840, but none can date 1837. So while "faces full" and "faces profile" of bearded men and moustached men and clean shaved men and youth and children have in varied tints served postal purposes in other lands, Victoria regnant has been the one figure of British stamps from the beginning. Of course allegorical figures have been introduced, and stamps without personal reference; but whenever a real face was to be on a stamp, it was Victoria. So the procession of the stamps of Great Britain become of interest as marking the progress of Victoria—youthful, mature, matronly. The English stamps, moreover, trumpet English power. Take your stamp catalogue and turn to where the 1-penny and ½-penny recur. It means England's power everywhere on the "round world."

The English stamps may not be the rage, but England is there and issues the stamp. O. R.

## OUR ILLUSTRATION

is the author of this story.

A SHORT STORY OF MY STAMPS AND HOW I  
OBTAINED THEM.

I was asked the other day by a friend, "Does it pay to collect stamps?" and I answered with a yell that could be heard for a half block, "Of course it does." "But," he said, "it costs too much to get any kind of a collection at all." I then told him how I secured mine, just as you will find it here.

I think it was about the year of '92 when I first began to collect stamps. I always had a great desire to collect nearly everything, having several small collections, consisting of Indian relics, minerals, fossils, specimens of wood, etc. I never thought that there were very many kinds of stamps to collect, until a friend of mine (I was living in Illinois at this time) told me where I could get one hundred varieties for fifteen cents. I was delighted and at once sent for the packet, thinking that that was about all the kinds there were.

You can imagine how surprised I was when the stamps came and I saw the price lists of so many different kinds, and some of the prices so high, especially the United States stamps. I took a memorandum book and pasted my stamps down flat in it (not knowing the use of hinges then).

I soon made a visit to my grandmother's, and of course asked to look over her old letters to get the stamps from them; and to my surprise, the first ones that I came

across was, a 12c black of the 1851 issue, some 1c buffs of the 1869 issue, several 30 and 90 and other war department stamps, some treasury, and a good many envelopes of the centennial issue, and a few revenues.

I took them home and "pasted" one of each in my "memorandum book," and the rest I traded off for other stamps, stamp for stamp, without regard to their value.

Soon my book became full. I then sent for a sample copy of Mekeel's weekly to get the prices of albums, and ordered a Popular album and some hinges, and fixed my stamps up in nice order. Although I did not have but several hundred I felt very proud of them. I also bought a good many stamps from approval sheets with my spare money, not missing it at all.

Then in 1894 I lost the interest that I had taken, and did not collect any more for about two years. I did not dispose of my collection, however. Then when I came to Nebraska in '96 I brought my collection with me, thinking that I might be able to improve it as I was to be assistant postmaster. I was very much surprised to find so much interest manifested in stamps here. I soon got acquainted with a member of the N. P. S. (as most stamp collectors soon get acquainted with each other), and he commenced at once to tell me what a nice society there was here, and the benefits received from it, etc. I resolved at once to join. My friend received some of the exchange books soon, and I saw at once that there were some fine bargains in them, and purchased

several good ones at about half the catalogue price. I also obtained some good packets of stamps and exchanged the duplicates for others that I did not have, and now have a very fair collection of nearly one thousand, and have purchased them a few at a time, not noticing the cost. And what I have done anyone can do. And my advice to others would be, to save the money that you spend for cigars, candy, tobacco, etc., for a while and put it in stamps, and you will soon have a collection that you will be proud of. It has paid me and it will pay you. Try it and see.

J. S. THOMPSON, Ass't P. M.,  
Sterling, Neb.



### BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Toronto, Canada, is said to have more stamp dealers than any other city of its size in the world. And the interesting part of this is that they all claim to have good business.

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Collectors who are troubled with weak eyes should be careful not to devote too much time to examining their stamps under artificial light. We know of nothing that is harder on the eyesight.

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The Columbian envelopes are a good field for special study and reveal a number of minor varieties to the close observer. There are four distinct dies that are entitled to recognition as much as many that are catalogued. They are as follows:

Die 1. Period after "Cents," meridian back of Columbus' head.

Die 2. Period after "Cents," no meridian back of Columbus' head.

Die 3. No period after "Cents," meridian back of Columbus' head.

Die 4. No period after "Cents," no meridian back of Columbus' head.

The 1c is found in the first three dies, the 2c all four, the 5c dies 1 and 2, the 10c in die 3 only. Die 3 of the 5c might exist, but is certainly quite scarce. Die 4, found only in the 2c, is most common on size P "large commercial." The scarcer sizes come generally one die only.

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It is said the only reason that prompts the government to continue to manufacture the 2c manila and manila amber envelopes is because there is a demand for them by collectors. Certainly the public does not require them to any great extent.

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A Chicago Sunday school is said to have a stamp club, only the members of the school being admitted to membership.

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## NOTES.

Did any of the N. P. S. ever see a copy of the "Buckeye State Philatelist"? We sent a year's subscription to the publishers some months since, and have never heard from it.

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It has been announced that Canada will issue a new 3c Jubilee stamp the coming season. As it is to have a limited circulation, would it not be advisable to secure a few copies before some one corners the entire issue?

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We have it on good authority that the supply of government proofs and specimens has been exhausted, and from the same authority that no more will be issued.

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Rev. A. B. Whitmer of Wymore, our worthy N. P. S. Vice-President, recently came this way, and while here delivered a very interesting lecture to the people of Auburn.

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J. G. McBride, a former publisher of Pawnee City, has removed to Stella, where he has purchased a stock of drugs. Although Mr. McBride does not now actively collect, he is still interested in everything pertaining to stamps. He is also quite an amateur photographer, as a visit to his home will testify.

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The stamps of the U. S. on ribbed paper do not seem very popular at present. Perhaps the fact that many collectors can not readily distinguish them, may have some-

thing to do with it. Like the 3c pink, once seen they are never forgotten. J. M. Bartels is authority for the statement that the 3c P. O. and 1c Executive may now be found on ribbed paper, the latter, however, existing only as "Specimens" copies.

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The fact of so many minor varieties constantly turning up causes us to wonder if before long—or many years at least—it will not be necessary for some one to issue a standard catalogue for U. S. only.

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Quite a stir is being made over imperforate and part perforated U. S. stamps. In our mind they are simply oddities, and should be considered as such; but nevertheless they seem to bring fancy prices in eastern auctions. If some one will take the trouble to look them up he can find hundreds of such stamps right here in our own state, and he will also find their owners holding them as oddities and nothing else.

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1202	2c red, retouched white	10	08	1379	2c brown, die B, manila	50 00	
1203	2c red, retouched amber	15	15	1380	1c blue, manila	02	
1204	2c red, retouched fawn	50	50	1381	2c green, manila	03	
1205	2c red, retouched blue	50		<b>OFFICIAL ENVELOPES.</b>			
1206	2c brown, retouched white		03	<b>Post Office.</b>			
1207	2c brown, retouched amber	15	10	1501	3c black, lemon	05	
1208	2c brown, retouched fawn	75		1503	2c "	05	
1209	2c brown, retouched blue	75	75	1504	3c "	05	
1210	2c brown, die A, white	03	01	1505	6c "	15	
1211	2c brown, die B, white	10 00	10 00	1507	2c " white	25 00	
1212	2c brown, die A, amber	02	01	<b>Postal Service.</b>			
1214	2c brown, die A, fawn	05	01	1510	Black, white	00	
1216	2c brown, die A, blue	05	01	1512	Blue, amber	15	
1222	2c brown, die A, oriental buff	10		1513	Blue, blue	10	
1229	10c brown blue	25		<b>War.</b>			
1234	1c blue manila		01	1529	15c dark red, white	1 00	
1235	4c green, die A, manila	25	25	1521	24c dark red, white	5 00	
1241	2c brown, die A, manila amber	15		1524	2c light red, white	3 00	
1242	4c green, die A, manila amber	15	15	1527	10c light red, white	10 00	
1247	1c blue white	02	01	1529	15c light red, white	5 00	
1249	2c green, die B, white	05	01	1525	6c dark red, cream	15 00	
1250	4c carmine white	05	02	1530	3c light red, white	05	
1251	5c blue, die A, white	05		1541	6c light red, white		
1254	1c blue amber	02	01	1542	10c light red, white	4 00	
1256	2c green, die A, "	03	01	1543	12c light red, white	15	
1257	1c vermilion, amber	00		1549	6c light red, amber	1 25	
1259	30c chocolate amber	1 00		1560	3c light red, blue	08	
1262	2c green, die B, oriental buff	03	01	1564	1c light red, manila	03	



# The Philatelic West.



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# Attention Collectors!

Having sold many thousand stamps in the last three or four months, thereby reducing my stock considerably, I am now on the market for the purchase of U. S. Revenues of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd issues, in large or small lots, when in good order. Please send what you have on approval with your lowest cash price. Reference: this paper. Address

**T. L. GREEN,**  
County Clerk,                      Mt. Olivet, Ky.

# THE PHILATELIC WEST

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DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF PHILATELY AND THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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## A LETTER FROM BRAZIL.

In January appeared the 10 Reis stamps with a few alterations. The first emission was like this below:

DEZ (10) REIS.

And now it is like this:

REIS (10) REIS

Also the numerals are different and thinner.

When the greatest music composer, Carlos Gomez, died here, one of our members of house of representatives presented a bill to emit, on the anniversary of his death, special stamps bearing his likeness, and that with the proceeds of this sale a statue should be erected in memory of him. This proposal was accepted, and so Brazil will have also a commemorative stamp; but I for my part hope that these stamps, which have absolutely no reason to be emitted, as Brazil ought to be rich enough to erect statues to whomsoever she chooses with her own money and not take the funds out of the collectors' pockets, will be blacklisted by the S. S. S. S.

If these stamps would be of some artistic design, like the Saurez of Uruguay, they might serve at least as a nice sort of labels, to paper walls with; but with the beautiful printing house, a government concern, they will be like everything turned out of this establishment—

that is to say, ugly and without any merit. In my next letter perhaps I can tell you more about this.

It seems that our postoffice officials are getting smarter every day and have found out that the collectors are quite willing to pay for stamps. There are still existing some 400,000 dollars' worth of stamps of the empire and early time of republic which are going to be sold to collectors to raise funds for the necessary alterations in the post-office. Up to now I have not seen a detailed list but I expect to get one soon, as the commission which had to classify all the stamps have finished their task a few days ago.

Stamp collecting is getting the fashion here. At the beginning of 1896 we had not one stamp paper, while actually we have three. Two of them, the *Revista Philatelica*, Rio de Janeiro, and the *Jornal Philatelico*, San Paula, are edited by dealers and for that reason defend always more or less their respective houses, while the *O. Colleccionador de Sillos*, published in this town, is edited by collectors only and for the benefit of same.

Club life is also very active. There exist the "*Club Philatelico de San Paulo*," with about thirty members; a section of "*Societe d' exchanges*," about twenty-five members; and the "*Seccao Brazil*," of

the Philatelic Club of Berlin, Germany, actually eighty members, whose president the writer is, with branches in Santos, Petropolis, Rio Grande, Pilatas e Malto Grosso. As you see, in comparison with the total number of collectors, a very small number, as there are over 1,500 active collectors known.

For today you must be satisfied with this; my next will be more extensive.

Believe me, Mr. Editor,  
Yours truly,  
PAUL A. HUEHN, CE.

  
**CANCELLED TO ORDER.**

S. W. HACKER.

Don't you like to receive a stamp paper the middle of February, dated January, and advertising Christmas bargains. Should think publishers would either try to get their paper out on time or else date it in the same century it was issued. Moral: Subscribe to THE PHILATELIC WEST, it is always out on time.

Some books were seen lately in the P. S. of A. Exchange Department containing stamps marked unused and priced accordingly which not only showed on the back that they had been placed on envelopes but whose face plainly showed that the cancellation had been erased. Certainly the Exchange Superintendent would have thrown these books out if he had noticed them, and if they escape him the patrons of the department should boycott such people. Let such peo-  
lows be "sat upon" a few times and they will perhaps learn a wholesome lesson.

Can a man be religious and be a stamp collector? Well, that depends altogether on the kind of a hinge he uses.

Do you know that Omaha wants the conventions in 1898? If you do what you ought, perhaps she'll get them.

Some one said that philately was going to "smash and ruin." Well, let her go! Perhaps some of us who collect purely for the sake of the stamps and the pleasure of collecting, and are not speculators, can then get hold of some stamps that are entirely beyond our reach.

Why are some of our eastern papers everlastingly kicking Mekeel's Weekly? Is it because he gets up such a rattling good paper that they are jealous?

Some one asked me the other day why I fooled away so much time collecting old stamps. My answer was that my stamps were a good deal better company than some people I might name, and that I was certainly spending my leisure moments in better employment than he did at times.

Some sensible words in the last Pennsylvania Philatelist about collecting philatelic literature. If you are going to make a complete collection why not gather all petty catalogues, price lists and advertising sheets. For some stamp papers contain nothing of interest but the ads, and not real good ads at that.

It is amusing to note the values placed upon stamps by different individuals. Some dealers price their stamps 20 to 40 per cent. above what you can buy the same for in the exchange department, while some books in the department are priced so high that dealers will far undersell them.

# CYCLE AND CAMERA.

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We give a few notes of above, and will be pleased to hear from readers if they like such, as it is the main fad for the summer and may be used now and then.

If a cyclist it will pay you to join the L. A. W. and C. R. C. Particulars and blanks sent for postage.

If you expect to get a wheel, read ad. on another page. They can sell you wheels at all prices, and carry the largest line of bicycle sundries and come-cover the thread with rosin before screwing the nuttight. Before putting on the nut it should be slightly warmed.



ra supplies in the west, and are the best. The camera advertised is one of the best makes. I have tried both companies and they are O. K.

When a nut repeatedly forces its way off the screw, owing to the wearing of the thread, it is a good plan to

The farmers of Oxford county, Me., are nearly all taking to bicycles. The other day one of them rode three miles to the store on a wheel, carrying a pail of butter in one hand and a basket of eggs in the other. Another lashed a bag of meal to the handle bar of his wheel and rode home with the load, passing a neighbor who was returning in a wagon.

In camera supplies it pays to get your own solution put up by your druggist, as it is fresher and cheaper.

If you don't want to go to the expense of trays, lamps, etc., you can make your own lamps and use dishes around your house, and can work at night and save having a dark room, or you can darken up your bath room and use it.

We would be pleased to hear from all camera fiends who wish to exchange, and especially from those in Nebraska. Why not form a State Camera Club? If you have any friends interested in cameras and not in stamps please speak to them regards club and exchange.

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Of the 1869 issue, Scott catalogues two varieties of the 15c. The more common of the two is marked "picture framed." Many a young collector not having both the varieties, is at a loss to find the frame. The frame can always be detected by looking under the T in the word postage. At that place the frame runs up to a point and makes what seems to be a small figure, shaped like a diamond.

## NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



President—Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S. 28th St., Omaha.  
 Vice-President—Rev. A. B. Whitmer, Wymore.  
 Librarian—R. Shepard, 2004 Wirt St., Omaha.  
 Exchange Superintendent—S. P. Hughes, Howe.  
 Auction Manager—Dr. F. L. Riser, 1231 O St., Lincoln.  
 Attorney—H. A. Cheney, Creighton.  
 Purchasing Agent—H. L. Bennett, College View.  
 Counterfeit Detector—E. W. Fitt, Box 1126, Plattsmouth.  
 Trustees—Wm. B. Hopson, E. L. Platz and James Kotera.  
 Official Organ—The Philatelic West.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It is with regret we address the members of the Society this month. For the past two or three months, certain of our members have been making complaints against a few others and they in turn have charged their accusers with some petty charge until it looks as if some few were going to cause trouble and discontent to enter our peaceful and prosperous society. Let us work peaceably together and try and make our society the leader in both number of members and mutual benefits, and be a harmonious organization of devout philatelists with our aims set on higher things than quarrels.

Nominations are now in order for officers for the ensuing year. Send your nominations to the president.

WM. B. HOPSON, President.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce that I am not in a position to do justice to any office in the Society for the ensuing year and decline any and all nominations.

WM. B. HOPSON.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

30. J. J. Kindscher, Superior.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

128. A. Pilley, Thayer.

NEW MEMBERS.

150. M. H. Carmen, Auburn, Neb.

151. Albert Guenther, Howe, Neb.

152. W. E. Wells, 901 South 20th St., Omaha.

153. Irwin S. Betzer, David City, Neb.

154. B. C. Smith, Beaver City, Neb.

155. E. Mark Kerns, Auburn, Neb.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

156. C. F. Schroeder, Syracuse; reference, Frank T. Shepard.

157. E. A. Holbrook, Syracuse; reference, S. P. Hughes.

158. Irving P. Johnson, 1110 North 23d St., Omaha; reference, H. A. Cheney.

159. Frank Melville, Syracuse; reference, S. P. Hughes.

The above will be admitted to membership in case no charges are filed against them within two weeks.

## EXPLANATION.

An explanation is due the members of society for the manner in which the secretary has conducted his office for the past three months. Had the secretary known of his removal to Washington before the election last summer he would never have accepted the office. At the time of leaving for the east I thought I should be able to conduct the affairs of the society as well from there as from my home office. But I found it impossible to do so and I wish to beg the pardon of the society for any delay that has been caused by me. I assure the members that all the books and papers have been kept in perfect order, and the only fault of which I am guilty is a delay in transacting business. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory to the members, and ardently wish that the secretary elected for next year may have more time to attend to his duties.

Nominations are now in order for officers for the ensuing year. Send

nominations to the president. Everybody send in a list of candidates, as the more the merrier.

Hoping this explanation of affairs will be satisfactory, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CLARENCE L. THURSTON.

The Cairo, Washington, D. C.

#### NOMINATIONS.

President: A. B. Whitmer.

Vice-President: Miss Adda Whaley, Rev. H. Wendt.

Secretary-Treasurer: R. L. Shepard, Omaha.

Exchange Superintendent: Sam P. Hughes, Howe, Neb.; Rothery, Omaha.

Purchasing Agent: H. E. Bennett, College View.

Attorney: H. A. Cheney, Creighton.

Librarian: F. Shepard, Nebraska City.

Trustees: Wilkinson, Holmes, Platt, Lincoln; M. H. Carman, S. W. Hacker, E. M. Kerns, Auburn.

#### YOUR DUES ARE DUE.

The dues of following members are now payable. Forward same to president or you will not receive official organ. Nos. 6, 8, 9, 18, 24, 32, 33, 35, 54, 56, 75, 80, 91, 95, 99, 101, 110, 111, 112, 121, 122, 123, 126, 131, 133.

Several notices have been sent to several of these, and it is earnestly asked to pay up in order to keep the society running.



#### EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The condition of the department is practically the same as last month's report, as only three new books have been received. There are forty persons on circuits and the supply of books is not equal to the demand. Five additional members have either failed to pay for or return books—W. J. Hendricks, Omaha; F. F. Tomblin, Bartley, Neb.; O. W. Osterlund, Upland; W. L. Shaw, Madison; and H. A. Simmonds, Cortland. To the many

letters I have received asking about the department, I wish to say that it will be run the entire year, and not shut down the first of June as in the past.

Robert Rhone of Kearney refuses to pay me an account of \$1.25, and the trustees have advised that a book belonging to Mr. Rhone, valued at \$3.33, be held to secure the account.

The matter of Percival Jamison of Omaha sending in used stamps in payment for a purchase from lot No. 36, and also for failure to pay for additional purchase from same lot, has been referred to the trustees.

The running expenses of the department have so far been \$22.00 in excess of the receipts.

If you have some good duplicates you wish to sell at a reasonable price, send them in, and you'll be surprised at the result.

Blank books to hold 100 stamps furnished at 5c each.

SAMUEL P. HUGHES.



#### TRUSTEES' REPORT.

We, the undersigned Trustees of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, have examined the charges and evidence brought against C. L. Thurston, Secretary-Treasurer of the above society, and find him guilty of the non-payment of an account of \$21.88 in favor of R. L. Shepard of Omaha, Neb.; also of a debt of over \$20.00 in favor of L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb. Mr. Thurston failed to appear or even send in a word in self-defense after receiving due notice of such charges, therefore the trustees hereby dishonorably expel him from his office as Secretary-Treasurer and also membership in the Nebraska Philatelic Society.

WM. B. HOPSON,

E. L. PLATZ,

J. H. KOTERA,

Trustees N. P. S.

Omaha, Neb., May 25th, 1897.

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An X opposite this paragraph indicates that your subscription to this paper expires with this number. We should be pleased to have you renew.

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Remittances should be made by draft, postal or express money order or registered letter for amounts over 50c. Make payable to business manager, Superior, Nebraska.

Good manuscript always in demand. Postage must be sent in case manuscript is to be returned if not accepted.

All letters in regard to advertising and subscriptions should be addressed to the business manager. Address the editor on other subjects.

It pains us deeply to write it, but it must come—*adieu*, dear readers; we will in all probability sever our connection with THE PHILATELIC WEST soon, and will no longer have the pleasure of conversing with you through these columns. What we have awaited for some months past in fearsome anticipation has at last arrived, and we can no longer spare time enough from our regular business to make our work in connection with this publication all it should be. We use the plural from

sheer force of habit, "we" referring to the editor only. The business manager, Mr. Brodstone, will assume entire control of the paper until another willing devotee can be found. Again, *adieu*.

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Some discord exists among the stockholders of the Mekeel Company, to judge from recent developments.

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The designs of Canada's jubilee stamps have been presented to the public. Two vignettes of Her Majesty will appear thereon. One will portray her as she was at her accession to the throne in 1837, the other as she is at present.

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The American Philatelic Association is to be re-incorporated in Minnesota, in order that cumulative voting may be abolished.



**BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.**

Received a copy of Philadelphia Inquirer with two columns of philatelic matter by one of our subscribers, M. M. Strickler, which is the best I have seen of any newspaper. Too bad all our dailies could not devote a column at least in our Sunday papers.

If you are an advertiser you should not fail to send for a copy of Ad Sense, published at 79 5th avenue, Chicago. Mr. C. E. Severn has some fine matter in same.

Received an invitation to attend a meeting of Omaha Philatelic Society at 312 New York Life Building. Sorry I can not attend. If you live



in Omaha do not fail to write R. L. Shepard, secretary, for particulars.

Received price lists of H. Gremmel of New York; W. H. Hollis Stamp Co. of San Francisco; W. Sellschop & Co. of San Francisco; Joe F. Beard of Muscatine, Iowa; auction catalogues of W. S. Scott and J. N. Burton of New York; price list of T. L. Green, Mt. Olivet, Ky.

Readers, we would be pleased to receive the names of all your "active" friend collectors, as well as a history of your collection, and if you have a cut will use it with same.

Canadian Revenue catalogue of W. R. Adams of 7 Ann street, Toronto, Canada. Is the finest and neatest in size and style I have yet seen, and they offer it for 8c to all readers who mention this paper.

T. L. Green of Mt. Olive, Ky., is a candidate for Sales Superintendent of P. S. of A., and I believe we can not look further for a better man, as he will make the best one yet.

C. O. Jensen has moved from Milwaukee avenue, and is now manager in South Chicago of C. R. Cave Department Store. You will do well to call and see him if in the city, as he knows how to treat anyone right. We hope to give a cut of him soon, he being of the same nationality. Can say that he is a jolly good fellow.

Burton & Burton of Lake Geneva, Wis., have got out some neat circulars.

E. L. Platz has kindly sent a copy of the Omaha Excelsior, having cuts of what the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition is to be, which is well worth the price asked. The publisher, Mr. Chase, is a collector of stamps, being Scott's agent for Omaha.

If this is marked you may know that you are one of the advertisers who still owe this paper, and will receive a free ad if it is not paid by the 15th; also same to several who still owe us for stamps; will also

put the matter in the society's hands to help out.

Are you going to attend the stamp meets of the A. P. A. or P. S. of A.? If you are not, will be pleased to get your proxy and use as you wish, or you can send me the proxy you get with ballot, as I hope to attend if I have the price and time.

Can any of the readers help me out on early Nebraska papers? Who has a complete file of Nebraska Stamp News, reported to have published 9 numbers in '89; Midland Philatelist, reported to have published 2 numbers in '90; Collectors' Aid, reported to have published 6 numbers in '87; Collectors' Companion, reported to have published 3 numbers in '89. One of the first papers is all I have ever been able to see of any of the above.



#### A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

I notice in one of your numbers sent me an article relating to the Japanese Commemorative (not Jubilee) stamps of last year's issue, and of the usual amount of mistakes that characterize the average accidental writer of this empire. 1st—there was no warfare in the Japanese press over the selecting of two deceased princes of the blood to commemorate the great victory over China. A protest went up against the wholesale obliteration of the portraits by the postmasters and they were ordered to cancel the stamps as near in the corners as possible, to remove any feeling of "disrespect" towards the deceased. Such a protest could come only from the common classes, and was no doubt akin to the feeling that refused to print the image of its emperor of Brazil on his early

emissions. 2d—The writer is wholly off his base when he speaks of the discrimination between the two generals. At least six months before the stamps appeared it was announced that both warriors would be commemorated, and on equal terms. The issue was opened to the public patronage on August 1 last. There were fourteen million copies of the four designs originally printed, though in what proportions I do not know. They were very sparingly issued. The chief clerk in the central Tokyo postoffice told me a few days in advance that they would not have but *seven hundred sets* to sell on August 1, and a corresponding limit would be made the other postoffices throughout the empire on that day. Of course they were taken up like wild fire. The next distribution was made about November 15, and it did not long remain unsold. Since that date I have not kept any notice of the limit of their distribution, though I believe it is about every two months. In consequence the stamps are very scarce here, and I am informed that the *Kita Shirakana*, 5 sen blue, is almost impossible to obtain now.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Stanley Gibbons last month on his visit to Tokyo, as well as supply some "wants" from my duplicates for his great stock. He agrees with me that when the U. S. and English colonials have towered above the average purse, the old stamps of Japan are going to have their day.

With cordial best wishes for your excellent paper, believe me,

Very truly yours,

REV. JOHN DAVIS.

53 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan.

#### OUR ILLUSTRATION.

We are pleased to give in this number a cut of our friend Rev. A. B. Whitmer, now of Wymore, Neb., formerly of Superior. W. Whitmer is vice-president of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, and is also one of the leading ministers of the Methodist church in this state. We expect to give a history of his large collection soon, as he has a very fine one, having made a specialty of U. S. stamps. He has served the N. P. S. as counterfeit detector and chairman of the board of trustees with the best of satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Whitmer is a very enthusiastic collector and takes great interest in promoting the growth of the society and making it an honorable occupation; and we hope to see him made president of the society, for we are confident that under his careful and able management the collector's occupation would be greatly benefited and strengthened, and its up-building would be almost magical. Many followers of philately have been brought into the ranks by Mr. Whitmer's influence and help. As he is extensively known throughout the state, our illustration will be greatly appreciated by Nebraska readers of the "WEST."

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#### STAMPS BOUGHT, SOLD AND EXCHANGED!

Stamps in packets and on approval, 60 per cent discount. I am always in the market to pay spot cash for common U. S. and foreign if cheap. If you have any bargains send them in with lowest cash price, and if cheap enough will remit.

FRANK T. SHEPARD, Box 335, Lincoln, Neb.

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY ROOMS.

If visiting in any of these cities you can call at society rooms as follows. Where there is no room \* means secretary's address, and will be pleased to give ones not in our list.

- Boston Society, Elk Hall, Boston, Mass.  
 Baltimore Society, 719 Equitable Bldg., Baltimore, Md.  
 Detroit Society, \*4157 W. Canfield Ave., Detroit, Mich.  
 Cleveland Society, \*446 The Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Chicago Society, 651 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill.  
 Collectors' Club, 351 4th Ave., New York City.  
 Kansas City Society, \*1517 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Metropolitan Club, \*Room 33 Clifford Bldg., San Antonio, Tex.  
 Minneapolis Society, \*611 Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Omaha Society, \*312 New York Life Bldg., Omaha, Neb.  
 Philadelphia Collectors' Club, Rooms 20 and 21, First Floor, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Pacific Society, \*16 Geary St., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Pittsburg Society, \*421 Word St., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Queen City Society, 829 17th St., Denver, Colo.  
 St. Paul Society, \*656 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Washington, D. C., Club, \*L and T. Bldg., Washington, D. C.

## SECRETARIES OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES.

- A. P. A., Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa, Box 73.  
 Columbian Society, L. Fritter, 32 North Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio.  
 League of American Philatelists, C. B. Hesse, Ft. Madison, Iowa.  
 Philatelic Sons of America, C. Beamish, Box 1308, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Sons of Philatella, R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.  
 Southern Philatelic Association, R. M. Bradley, Abilene, Tex.  
 Postal Card Society, W. C. Stone, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

## CANADIAN SOCIETIES.

- Canadian Philatelic Association, E. F. Wurtle, Quebec, Canada.  
 Dominion Philatelic Association, A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont., Canada.

Those who go to Europe should see the Stamp Exhibition held at London.

Can also give a number of state and smaller local societies to any one who sends postage.

## EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Free to members N.P.S. and subscribers.

Stamps to trade for first class camera, films and plates, not larger than 4x5 or smaller than 2½x4. S. P. Hughes, Howe, Neb.

L. T. Montgomery, Alliance, Neb., exchanges stamps and circulars.

First class collection of U. S. stamps, cat. at \$130.00, for type or press. Press at least 7x11 chase; send description. E. L. Platz, 3330 Manderson St., Omaha.

Seventy-five per cent and over allowed in exchange for good duplicates. Send for list. O. T. Shreve, Easton, Md.

E. H. Solly, 3 South St., Deal, Kent, England, is naturalist and stamp collector and wishes to exchange.

I. S. Betzer, David City, Neb., has stamps to exchange.

B. C. Smith, Beaver City, Neb., wishes to exchange.

L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb., wishes to exchange photos; also stamps for photo sundries and supplies.

O. Root, Clinton, N. Y., wishes to exchange U. S. Stamps for same; also revenues.

Stamps and stamp papers to exchange for Argosy and Standard magazines. Send lists. F. T. Shepard, Lincoln, Neb., box 335.

California humming bird nest to exchange for 7 large U. S. cents or 3 copper ½c. Three varieties of California bird's eggs, 4 Chinese coins, 3 philatelic papers, 50 varieties of good stamps or a fire kindler for any of the following sent me: Silver ½ dime, 3c piece, 2c piece, ¼c piece, large cent piece, flying eagle cent piece, or perfect arrow point sent me. Burns Cherry, Santa Rosa, Cal.



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 EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST  
 THE DALLES, OREGON.**

## FOR SALE!

125 postal cards, red brown, 1886 issue, —impression. What will you give us for them. Write

**GREEN BROS.,  
 Beaver City, Neb.**

Send for a copy of the "Kid." Will please you.

We take leave to insert the following valuable clipping from Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal regarding the three varieties of the France 24c, 1870:

"Type I. differs from types II. and III. in a very marked manner, the pearls in the circle enclosing the head are irregularly formed, and the circle is upward of a millimeter distant from the upper tablet, while in types II. and III. the pearls are more regular in shape, and the circle is not more than a third of a millimeter from the tablet.

The shading, such as it is, on the face of Ceres in type I., is in dots, and there are six grapes in the second row of the cluster, while in types II. and III. the shading is in lines, and there are four grapes.

"Type III. is readily distinguishable from type II., as the lettering, especially that in the upper tablet, is much larger and more distinct than in the latter.

"Don't try to distinguish these types by means of the Greek border in the right lower portion of the frame, as has been suggested in various quarters."



## Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

PERU, 1893 ISSUE, 2C BLUE.

The second R in the word "CORREOS" is slanting, the lines are too thick, all the letters in the words "DOS CENTAVOS" are irregular in the forgeries. The llama is also badly drawn, it looks patchy, whereas it is nicely and clearly printed in the originals.—From the *Filatelista Sud-Americano* and P. J. of G. B.

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	10c black, unsevered pair	4 00
1851	1c blue, type I	8 00
	5c brown	5 50
	*12c black	8 00
1855	*1c blue, type II	90
	*3c outer line V perf, missing	4 00
	5c brown, type I	5 00
1861	Aug. 10c very dark green, v. fine	7 00
	Sept. *10c green	60
	90 blue	1 50
1867	3c rose, entire stamp grilled	7 00
	3c " 13x16	2 00
	3c " 12x14	90
	*3c " 11x13	25
	15c black 11x13, perfect centered, rare thus	4 00
	15c black, 11x13, poorly centered	1 00
1869	*1c buff	1 00
	*3c blue	25
	30c blue a d carmine	1 25
	Entire set war*	2 50
	" " Int.*	2 50
	" " Treas.*	5 00
	ENVELOPES, ENTIRE*.	
1863	2c black, buff, 1042	50
1864	2c pink, white, 1050	05
1864	6c pink, white, 1051	40
	9c yellow, buff, 1054	4 00
	9c orange, 1055	1 00
	12c brown, 1056	2 00
1876	90c carmine, 1145	3 75
	PERF. REV.	
1s	Manifest	40
1d	Passage Ticket	2 50
1d	Power Attorney	05
2d	Probate Will	40
20d	" "	30 00
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" " 3c Justice . . . . .	.40	" " 25c " . . . . .	.40
" " 10c War . . . . .	.15	" 1895, 1c to 50c, 11 va . . . . .	.30
" " 30c War . . . . .	.25	" " 1 Peso . . . . .	.30
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