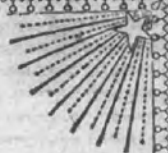


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HOWARD BURBA.

Above we present a cut of Howard Burba of Hodgenville, Ky. Mr. Burba was born in Hodgenville 19 years ago. He has always taken an active part in journalism, and has furnished both amateur and professional press with some good work. From his pen came the familiar sentence "Literature is butter on the philatelic biscuit." Beside writing for a number of journals, Mr. Burba runs a small paper, The Phœ Galley. He writes under the nom de plume of "Monk."

BITS AND CHIPS congratulates itself and its readers upon securing the above gentleman as stamp editor.

A club paper will be issued in San Francisco soon by Doane R. Shaw, to be known as the Clubite News.

OVERLAND SPARKS.

BY HARRISON D. BAUMGARDNER.

Branch 790 is still toiling upward.

The summer vacations are tampering seriously with clubdom. Better times coming.

Among our rustling clubs are 204, 377, 539 and 731. Of the former Miss Annie M. Lee and G. Edward Harrison are said to be the prime instigators.

All earnest club officers should address Jos. J. Sallman of Milwaukee concerning the N. A. B. O., and further—join.

It is now a fad for clubites to have a half-tone likeness printed on their letter heads.

Branch 745 of Harrisburg, has introduced a club button, which will be worn by its members everywhere.

Friend Donat J. Lefebvre is off in the Catskills to enjoy a vacation. When he returns home again we shall expect him to again dive into the depths of clubdom with his usual vigor.

The new lists of Branch 506 of Los Gatos, Cal., will be a beautiful study in "Purple and Gold," which are the colors of the society.

The N. A. B. O. is a splendid thing, and every club officer should join and put his shoulder to the wheel.

The report as circulated is false that any "prominent" Hourites in California intend organizing a California branch of the N. A. B. O. It is the gab of some sensationalist, I guess. We shall fight any such an attempt.

All members of the Entre Nous Corresponding Society, Branch 506, of Los Gatos, Cal., must drop a postal to the secretary immediately if they wish their name placed upon the next revised list. Remember, none who fail to live up to our regulations will be reprinted. Those who are not members we will be pleased to enroll. Fees are but 10c for gentlemen and 2c for ladies. Bert A. Baumgardner, secretary, P. O. Box 32, Los Gatos, Cal.

ABOUT STAMPS

BY HOWARD BURBA, HODGENVILLE, KY.

NOTICE.

In writing letters of inquiry, don't forget return postage. We would like to exchange with all philatelic papers. Please send TWO copies, one each to editor of this column and the publisher.

IN THE STAMP WORLD.

The Missouri Philatelist is dead.

One peseta equals 17c.; 1 krone, 25c.

The Springfield Philatelist has consolidated with the Rocky Mountain Stamp.

Call it "fi-lat-e-list," not "fil-a-tel-ist."

The Philatelic Tribune has had its rates taken from it.

The 1887 unpaid stamp of Martinique with red surcharge is fraudulent.

The A. P. A., P. S. of A. and L. of A. P. conventions meet this month.

Who says BITS AND CHIPS is not the brightest and best in the field?

Born — American Philatelist, Philatelic Free Lance and Michigan Philatelist.

The \$1 Columbian has dropped to \$5.

Too many collectors are careless in the mounting of stamps. Half the show in an album is the nice even manner in which the stamps are mounted.

The philatelic politician is now on tiptoe.

I would be pleased to have you write me on any stamp topic, and will always endeavor to satisfactorily answer your letters.

SOME LATE NEWS.

—Edward Aller, editor and publisher of Leaves from the Press, is sick at the Mercer Hospital, and will not publish his paper. We all hope for your speedy recovery, Edward

—The St. Louis Hourites have secured October 5 for an Hourite Day in the St. Louis exposition.

—The membership up to June 30 of the N. A. B. O. numbered 29, and new applications are coming in right along. Reports will be out very soon for the first half year.

PARAGRAPHS OF NEWS FOR THE BOYS.

BY CABLE.

Campbell, Henderson, Mattla, have retired. Let the Order of Masked Authors be organized, and all ye unknown writers with "nom's" get together.

The Boys' Journal, after one issue, has given up the ghost, and will undoubtedly consolidate with Club Hours of Chicago.

Why will clubites persist in retiring one month, and the next month they are up "in harness" again!

Who is "Weary Willie?" We would like to know the gentleman's name.

Hubbo Harry, Hustling Hen, Hot Hiram and Hunter Harvey are the "nom's" used by Henry Horace Hunter.

The Boys' World will get out a big August number. It's their anniversary.

Well, well! We have A. L. Anderson back in the field again, but this time he is not connected with Brilliant Sparks.

J. Tischner and W. Greenfield will publish the Amateur Press in September. 'Tis said Prof. B. Bleacher will fill one page.

"Blue-eyed Bill" is said to be W. H. Payne.

And still Hesse is in the field. Come back to us, Charlie darling—we want one more crack at you, and then your headpiece goes off.

All ye members of the U. A. P. A.,

If ye want to go to heaven,

Tell no lies, kill no flies, but

Vote for P. H. Knoelk in '97.

Take your hats off to Knoelk, the next president of the U. A. P. A. Give him your support—he deserves it.

The Weekly Philatelic Era still holds to its high standard. It is one of the best, as well as one of the oldest, philatelic publications.

The Home Queen of Philadelphia, Pa., is an excellent 16 page and cover monthly for the home. Its columns contain many very interesting and instructive articles by prominent writers.

MAIDEN RUTH'S RUNNING FIRE.

That "The Rambler" is a Frenchman is as plain as A, B, C. Perhaps he is—but when, he might give 'way on me.

Who Knows—No, Prof. Bunco Bill is not a K P A.

Ha! ha! ha! A "resident of Hot Tamale Alley" would like to be informed as to the color of our bloomers. They're red, old boy—R-E-D.

Some one remarked that Hesse was a bird. What kind of a bird?

"The heavenly twins"—"Pip" Berliner and "Bunco" Harrison—dropped out of clubdom about the same time.

A McKinley Corresponding Club may be the latest, but we'll bet it that it was not organized in the section of the country where we reside.

The Gem may be out again, but we are out a quarter. Harrisburg papers please copy.

"Here's the Globe-Democrat, last edition—all about the resignation of the N. A. B. O. officers!" Did we hear a newsboy "hol-ler" this, or was we dreaming?

Ed Harrison is said to have gone into the novelty business. Better let novels alone, Ed; remember, they made you "daffy" once before.

Who the hotel is Arlington Pearl Little?

Haughtily high she held her head
When "Prof. Foff" told her the rumors
That "Who Knows?" had merely said
She had to pad her bloomers.

THREE GOOD AMATEURS GONE.

We have received the July number of the Golden Dawn, which has been published since the beginning of 1891 by H. F. Henrichs at Dorchester, Ill., in which its suspension is announced. Mr. Henrichs, in his valedictory, among his reasons for retirement states that he is to enter professional newspaperdom. The Dawn was one of our brightest exchanges, and the retirement of it and its editor is a matter for sincere regret. Unexpired subscriptions to the Dawn are to be filled by some popular amateur paper.

Louis O. Brosie of Pittsburg, Pa., having taken a position with a manufactur-

ing company, has discontinued publication of the Little Magnet.

One of the Pacific coast's best amateurs, The Newsboy, has also suspended, after nearly four years of life on the troubled sea of amateur journalism. Its editor, Mr. Radious, has steeper duties demanding his attention than publishing an amateur paper, hence his exit.

CLUBBITES I'VE SEEN.

BY I. WILL WRIGHT.

I've seen quite a few of our best known clubbites. Nothing strange about that, eh? Traveled? Well, so I have—a little. Let's see: I've been in New York, Chicago, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Toledo, Cleveland and Detroit—all good old club centers. But on all these trips I fared the same—didn't get acquainted with a single fellow.

No, my home is not in Baltimore. I do not live in a club center at all—I reside in a small village of a trifle over 400 inhabitants. So you see you are wrong again.

Well, I'll tell you how I came to see so many club celebrities. They came to L— there, I nearly told you the name of the place where I live! Yes, without exception they came to L—; and on all occasions it was to see me! Even two of Golden Hours' authors came all the way from New York to see me!

If the clubbites, I remember well the first to come. It was Harold E. Denezar, publisher of the Club Register, and secretary of the Golden Hours—Norwood Corresponding Club. Next came Percy S. Ewing, publisher of the first, best and largest little magazine to sail under the title of Club News. Soon there appeared a good-looking student from Brantford, Ontario. This was Andrew H. Montgomery, G. H. C. secretary and amateur. From time to time they came until I had visiting me Paul H. Knoelk, editor-in-chief of The Recorder; T. H. Longenecker, editor-in-chief of The Gem; Emil Neuffer, late department editor on the staff of The Young American, and others, including several Ladies.

And now comes what may seem strange to you. Some of the clubbites came to see me nearly four years ago, and are still at my home! Evidently they are here to stay. And during all this time not one word have they spoken!

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THE EDITOR TALKS.

A FEW energetic and reliable young people wanted to act as agents for this magazine. Our terms are liberal.

BITS AND CHIPS will publish, free, club notices not exceeding 50 words. Write 'em short, crisp and catchy, and send 'em in early.

It is with regret the announcement is made that G. Edward Harrison has retired permanently from club circles. Mr. Harrison himself authorizes this statement.

AND then, there's that '96 convention. Is it—oh, is it to end in talk, or are Dayites actually going to hump themselves, bustle around and perfect arrangements for a gathering of the clans? This is

pretty hot weather, but for all that, don't let this matter drop. How does Baltimore strike you as the place of meeting? Let us hear from Dayites on this subject.

THE Boys' Golden Monthly of last February said: "Forest and Field is the best club paper out." BITS AND CHIPS, its successor, will be better still. Watch us, or you'll miss something.

OUR EXCHANGES.

New Ideas is no misnomer. This fine paper is devoted to the dissemination of information concerning new inventions and ideas, and is profusely illustrated.

The first number of The Rambler, edited by John B. Leach of Randolph, N. Y., is well filled with club matter, and is a neat and spicy paper.

John M. Smeltzer, jr., Myerstown, Pa., has every reason to be proud of his Monthly Observer. It is an excellent paper.

The Gem of Springfield, Mass., is a very neat and creditable paper.

The Budget of Philadelphia, Pa., edited by W. C. Farr, is good, and promises some great features for August. The Budget is one of the few amateurs we have come across who are fair enough to give credit to other papers for clippings.

Others received are the Nun Such Advertiser, Niagara Philatelist, Waterbury Ledger, Long Grove News, The Journalist, Greenfield's Happy Hours, Monthly Observer, Philatelic Facts (greatly improved since we last saw it), The Mail Bag, The Sunbeam, etc.

PERAMBULATIONS ABOUT THE 'DOM.

BY THE RAMBLER.

Branch 783 is now a thing of the past. By consolidating with Branch 10 it has dropped its number, and will be known as G. H. C. No. 10. The officers for '93 will be: Samuel V. Coonan, president; I. B. McLoughlin, vice president, and Eugene Swartout (L-a-m-o-n), secretary. P. S.—Any one wishing to know what the letters L-a-m-o-n stand for, will address yours

truly. Be sure to enclose a stamp—yes, while you are at it, enclose a dozen of them.

The witches in "Faust" say "Bubble, bubble, trouble, trouble," etc., but methinks the same could be said of the N. A. B. O. Secretary Paul H. Knoelk has resigned, and the executive committee has also filed their resignation with the president. This is regrettable. Discord always is a predecessor of disbandment; one generally follows the other. If you can not agree, you should separate.

Glad to hear that "Major Willie" agrees with us on the G. H. C. button. We do need one, small enough to put in the lapel of our coat, and the more members ask for it, the quicker we are liable to get it. Writers for amateur papers, what say you?

D. J. Lefebvre desires to heartily thank W. C. Dunn, editor Golden Hours; Eugene D. Swartout of Branch 10, and Walter S. Reavely of Branch 746, for courtesies extended him while on his late trip to the metropolis.

Owing to the late unpleasantness in the N. A. B. O., President Ed. F. Suhre has made the following appointments: Treasurer C. Friedrich has resigned, and is appointed secretary, vice P. H. Knoelk, resigned; E. I. Weigel is appointed treasurer, to replace Friedrich; C. Friedrich, L. Anthony and Mr. Rack are on the executive board, vice Knoelk, Haise and Sallman, resigned; Messrs. Gardner and Baumgardner are on the board of trustees. A detailed report of the affairs of the association for the first six months is now being compiled by the president, and will come from the hands of the printer for distribution, soon.

Private Tip.—Just 1 000 G. H. branch numbers will be issued by Editor Dunn, after which all clubs not reporting will be declared disbanded and their number given to a new club. Quite a clever idea.

Chances are 16 to 1 that a new and smaller club button, asked for by many members, will not be issued, as Editor Dunn is regarding the affair as only a fad of a few months' duration.

We hear that the Boys' Journal, edited by Will Price and George Alderman, has suspended after the first number, which by the way was creditable, was issued. Mr. Alderman is trying to form a stock company to continue its publication. Adolph Boem of Chicago is interested in it. We hope it will have success.

IS IT SECESSION?

BY THE RAMBLER.

While it is not in my province to be too presumptuous, still, taking everything in consideration, it looks very much as if the formation of the state branches of Golden Hours clubs into one association, as you will notice in the states of Maryland and New York (and I hear that California and another will soon get in line), is in the way of secession. Last December was organized the National Association of Branch Officers. Every one was enthusiastic over the organization, it taking the place of the National Officers' G. H. C., which Editor W. C. Dunn of Golden Hours refused to have. After a few months we see that Maryland had organized a state branch of officers. Why, we do not know. Many reasons we might get, but to our mind it was a clear case of secession. It was entirely useless, the officers being already in many branch clubs, beside members of the N. A. B. O., and it seemed superfluous to have the state branch. Still it was organized, but not without a protest, as in the archives of the N. A. B. O. is a letter objecting to such proceedings, and the executive committee will shortly pass upon same.

In No. 443, G. H., is the notice of the organization of the State Branch of New York, similar to the one mentioned above. Gentlemen, is not the organization of the N. A. B. O. sufficient and providing amply for all business pertaining to clubdom? That association has a good set of officers, whose zeal in the welfare of all clubs is well known. Then why this breaking away from it to form an entirely new body, whose duty and rules are identical with the N. A. B. O., consequently a competitor? This, in our mind, is a fair and direct way to secession, and should not be encouraged. That you should desire to become better acquainted with the officers of your own state is very praiseworthy, but that is possible without the means above referred to. I hope you will think over this, that you will give its true light, keep together under one standard, and we will win the admiration of everyone in clubdom.

The Philatelic West of Superior, Neb., is one of philately's standard publications and a credit to its publishers.

EMPIRE STATE CLUB NEWS.

BY R. G. BALLARD.

A good many clubites are talking about having a convention. If they wou' 'pu' their words into action it would be a good thing, but "talk is cheap."

The New York Branch Officers' Association has been formed, with the following officers: President, R. G. Ballard; vice president, W. C. Lang; secretary, George Fetting; treasurer, F. W. Fabnestock. Fee 10 cents, dues 25 cents, with official organ. All hustling officers should join.

Bro. Lang is pushing Branch 788 hard.

The badge of Branch 746 is very neat.

Branch 731 is booming. New list will soon be out.

A wideawake club generally has a wideawake secretary.

Branch 843 has eight departments. Isn't that enough, Bro. Fisher?

The secretary of Branch 586 is thinking of publishing a club paper, and would like to hear from all who wish to assist him. Success to you, Bro. Lawrence.

Branch 412 has over 100 members, and is one of our most wideawake clubs.

The Eastern Journal will be out this month, published by the writer.

HERE'S A PUZZLE.

One beautiful morning in July I rose just as the sun was peeping over the hills, and went out on the porch to enjoy the fresh, pure air. As I sat there, listening to the singing of the birds in the trees and taking in all the delights of an ideal summer morning, my eye caught something moving on the ground at the side of the porch. As I looked, what appeared to be the leaf of some plant slowly raised itself up almost perpendicularly, and then suddenly fell flat on the ground. I became interested, and watched it closely. Slowly it rose up on edge again, then dropped flat as quickly as before. Eight or ten times did this occur, and then, my curiosity being aroused, I stepped off the porch to see how about it. I picked up a small twig and carefully raked away everything around the leaf, and there it lay, all alone by its loneliness, attached to nothing! I expected to find some sort of a bug or insect under it, which perhaps might have caused its rise, but when I turned it over I found—nothing but earth! Now, what do you suppose caused the queer actions of that leaf?

KURIUS KAL.

My Pearl is a Eowery Girl.

PARODY BY PROF. BUNCO BILL

My Pearl is a Dayite boy,
He's not worth a cent' to me;
At fa'ing he's in it with any the boys in the
'dom,
And a co' king good looker (nit!), see?
At running clubs—why, he leads them all,
For he's got twelve to enjoy;
He is not crazy, but his "wheel" is a daisy,
For my Pearl's a Davite boy.

CLUB ADVERTISING.

BY HOWARD BURBA.

Advertising is the burghole to the knowledge-barrel. Through it everything escapes and soon spreads and runs everywhere. Take the club that keeps its name before you, and it's ten to one you'll want to join. Too many secretaries send a club notice to some paper, say they send two the first month, and because everybody does not join the club dies, unwept, unhonored and unsung. The writer, while a member of a goodly number of clubs, has never had charge of a club, and does not want to if he thought for a moment he would not or could not advertise it. Put your club notices everywhere, in the amateur papers, and it will be but a short time until you will be surprised at the growth the club will attain.

The way some secretaries advertise their clubs simply gets us desperate, and we will say that there are too all-fired many who try advertising like the Indian tried sleeping on the feather, and waking up in the morning, took the feather from under him and said: "Um! White man say feather heap soft; white face fool!"

 CLUB NOTICES. 

The old and reliable Branch 10 has gotten out some elegant new lists, and also issues a fine colored membership card. This branch has an initiation fee that is just right. Gents 12 cents in coin and ladies the small sum of 5c each. Why not join this large and interesting branch, and help make it more jolly. Just drop a line to Secretary Eugene D. Swartout, 17 Milk street, Boston, Mass., and see how quick you get a reply. The president, Samuel V. Coonan of 119 Summer st., and Secretary Swartout wish all old members of No. 10 to write them at once, giving address, as old names will soon be crossed off list.

⊗—THE MYSTIC SHIP.—⊗

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All words not found in Webster's International Dictionary, Lippincott's Gazetteer or Phillips' Biographical Dictionary must be tagged. Address all communications to WM. H. QUICK, JR., 361 First St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEW PUZZLES.

No. 1—2.—Curtailments.

While **WHOLE** for sawrack is a name,
Shingles, the name of **FIRST**, can claim.

The **TOTALS**, those obnoxious flies,
Oft sting the **PRIMAL** till it dies.

St. Joseph, Mo. MAUDE.

No. 3—Square.

1, zaffer; 2, one of the pedestals for vases
and statues forming a part of the roof balustrade;
3, a priest (obs.); 4, inimical; 5,
adorns; 6, to elect again; 7, restraints.

St. Louis, Mo. GI GANTIC.

No. 4—Mutation.

Day after day, so we are told,

It goes, no matter what
The weather, whether "steaming cold"
Or whether "freezing hot."

So it for years, by train or mule
Has o'er the country sped.

"Let none delay" it, by this rule,

THE MAIN STATUE, IS LED.
Erie, Pa. SANS SOUCI.

No. 5—Square.

1, a wild goat; 2, the hyena; 3, a canton
of Switzerland; 4, to gild anew; 5 (obs.), to
alienate (Encyc. Dict.); 6, extolled.

Morton Park, Ill. KENNETH.

PRIZES.

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to The Mystic Tree.

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CHAT.

Contributions for this department are solicited from all. We would be especially glad to hear from the Ardmore contingent.

No squares on **RENESTS** are wanted, C. Saw.

No more 6 squares will be published. Our standard for forms is 7 for the square and 11 for the diamond.

We will probably have a word hunt next month.

Maude's curtailment in this number will be found hard nuts to crack.

While Sans Souci keeps up his clever flat writing in 4, yet it will not be found difficult of solution.

C. Saw of **RENESTS** fame, is corresponding secretary of the Eastern Puzzlers' League. We trust to have him for a regular solver.

Although slightly twisted on the base ball question, R. O. Chester of Washington, D. C., is a good fellow, even if he did "carry on" at Ardmore. POLY.

Just Tell Them That You Saw Me.

BY PROF. BUNCO BILL.

While walking down the street one day, upon
mere pleasure bent,

'Twas after business worries of the day,
I saw a man who shrank from me, in whom I
recognized

Charles Henry Hesse, once a Dayite gay.
"Is that you, Charles?" I said to him. He slowly
turned away.

"Don't turn away, Charles, I'll be your friend;
Next week I'm going to mail a notice to Golden
Days,

And I thought perhaps some message you'd like
to send."

CHORUS.

"Just tell them that you saw me," he said, "and
they'll know the rest;

Just tell them I am faking yet, you know;
Just whisper, if you get a chance, to Chambers
dear (?) and say,
I love him as I did long, long ago."

"Your cheeks are pale, your face is thin, come, tell
me, are you ill?"

When in the club your eyes shone clear and
bright;

Come back with me when I go, Charles, us boys
will do you good;

The Dayites wonder why you're keeping out of
sight."

"I long to jolly them all again, but not just yet,"
he said,

"'Tis faking alone that's keeping me away;
Just tell them not to worry, I'll work them yet,
you know,

Tell Chambers I'm coming back again some
day."

Kurt Nitzke's Boys' World is an interesting and highly creditable little paper.

What I Saw at Baltimore.

(Respectfully dedicated to my friends, Brothers
G. Edw. Harrison and Howard E. Bokman.)

BY I. WILL WRIGHT.

At Baltimore I stopped,
And from the cars I hopped;
Then down town I went,
And, being hungry,
Into a restaurant I dove,
Seated myself right by the stove,
And a nickel spent
For a piece of pie.

Two "Charlie boys" came in,
All dressed up like sin.
"Pie! pie!" they cried—
"Cranberry'll do us."
"Here's to cranberry pie," yelled one;
The other cried "Could eat a ton
Of lemon, apple (dried),
Peach, custard or plum."

Each then ordered another pie,
And cried "How's Boston mince for high?"
Next grape was called for,
Then huckleberry.
"Real warm stuff, this—eh, Ed?" said one.
"Howardy, old boy, I'm not half done;
Now you're talkin'—Lor',
I've only commenced."

Three hours I waited there
And watched that hungry pair
Eat pie enough to die;
Then they both departed.
Soon a jolly drummer came in
And called for pie upon his tin.
"Out—and that's no lie,"
The waiter answered.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

The nearer to the 5th of each month
your copy reaches this office, the better
position it will secure, and also assist
us greatly in arranging our work.
Be prompt. Please bear this in
mind, and oblige
THE EDITOR.

THEY DO SAY—

BY MULTI NABO.

—That somebody under the non-
plume of The Rambler in BITS AND CHIPS
announces the fact that there is a row go-

ing on in the N. A. B. O. Who are you?
Where from comes such information?

—That there are many in the 'dom who
never fully answer a letter. This comes
from having a young lady to call on, and
not taking enough time to carefully at-
tend to correspondence.

—That the article in last month's BITS
AND CHIPS by The Doctor is about correct,
and in many cases true. Yes, and it may
be added that when some clubites haven't
got the price to join a club or ass-ociation,
they start one of their own.

—That many clubites are independent,
or try to be, and try to work for their own
gain when they should be laboring for
clubdom. Is this selfishness, or are they
looking for "dough"?

WHERE WE STAND.

Los Gatos, Cal., Aug. 11, 1896.

To Club Officers of California:

It has been reported that prominent Coast club
officers have been endeavoring to organize a state
branch of the N. A. B. O., to be run independently
of the national organization, and unfortunately we
have been reported instigators of the movement.
Such is false. We have declared our allegiance to
the national organization, and will co-operate
with it in all movements of general benefit to all
clubdom. Now, if such a movement as mentioned
above is under way, we earnestly hope it will be
dropped, as such a side-show issue can not fail to
have an evil effect upon our national organization,
and will gain for California no credit.

We remain fraternally,

HARRISON D. BAUMGARDNER,
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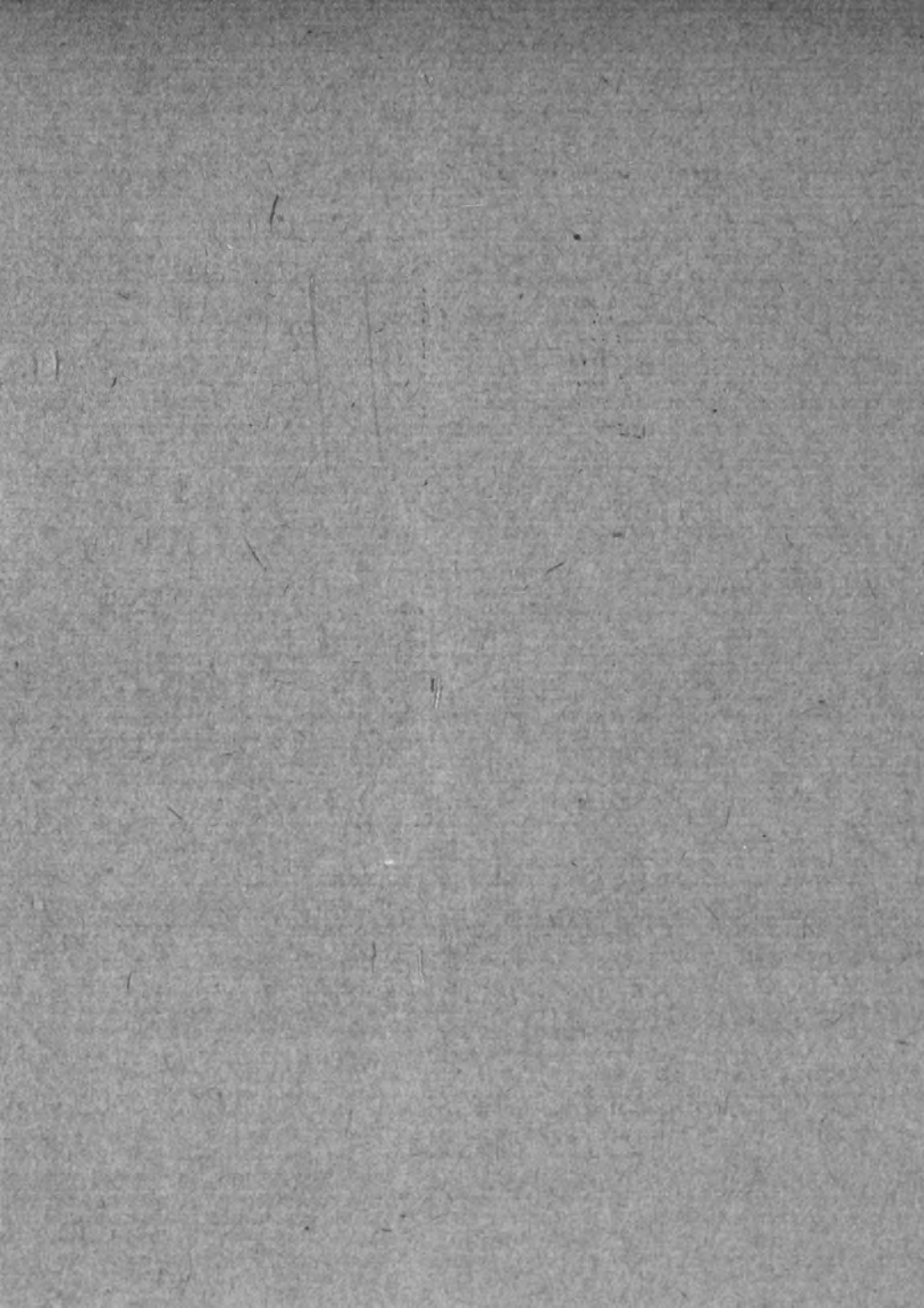
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THE U. A. P. A. ELECTION

ED. H. WEIGEL ELECTED PRESIDENT

WHO THE OTHER WINNERS ARE

A Large Vote Polled--A Set of Officers for 1897 Who Will Do the Organization Credit--All the Returns in Detail.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Friday, Dec. 18, 11 P. M.—The election of officers for the U. A. P. A. for the year 1897 is a thing of the past. After an interesting campaign, the climax came when the Election Committee assembled here at the office of Publico at 9 o'clock this evening, with 69 ballots on hand. An hour and a half were spent in opening them, noting their contents and summing them up. This is the result:

PRESIDENT.	
Ed. H. Weigel.....65	W. T. Smith..... 3
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.	
Ira Reely.....48	F. W. Fahnestock...11
	Ed. F. Subre..... 9
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.	
J. Fred Crosson...48	Kurt Neitzke.....14
	Charles F. Kelly... 5
SECRETARY.	
Harri's Reed, jr...32	G. A. Alderman...26
	W. H. Greenfield...10
TREASURER.	
D. J. Lefebvre...43	W. R. Clyde.....25
TRUSTEE.	
G. W. Darragh...43	Chas. W. Heins...25
OFFICIAL EDITOR.	
Lougenecker...36	Merritt.....32
CHAIRMAN CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	
Miss Name Weigel.....68	
CHIEF OF REVIEWS.	
Samuel De Hayn...35	J. J. Kelly.....32
OFFICIAL ORGAN.	
The Courier.....40	BITS AND CHIPS...26
	The Budget..... 2
CONVENTION SEAT, 1897.	
Philadelphia.....65	

One ballot was rejected because improperly prepared. There were a few votes written on some of the ballots for persons who were not candidates; as this was illegal, these were canceled.

JOHN H. CAMPBELL, JR.,
Chairman Election Committee.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF N. A. B. O.

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS TO DEC. 18

Some Figures Which Indicate the Way Things Are Going, But May Be Changed by Some Few Belated Ballots.

THROUGH the kindness of President Subre and Recorder of Votes John D. Morgan of the National Association of Branch Officers, we are enabled to give the following information concerning the N. A. B. O. election. These figures are unofficial, and include only what were received by Mr. De Morgan up to the 18th. The official returns will be given out to the president about the last of the month.

The Vote.

FOR PRESIDENT—Lefebvre.....	3
Bokman.....	2
VICE PRESIDENT—	
First—Baumgardner.....	2
Crosson.....	1
Second—Saltman.....	1
Weigel.....	1
Third—Swartout.....	2
Whitlock.....	1
SECRETARY—Friedrich.....	3
TREASURER—Subre.....	3
Saltman.....	1
EDITOR—W. S. Chambers.....	1
LIBRARIAN—Frees.....	1
TRUSTEE—Elveison.....	1
Dunn.....	1

Two did not vote for trustee, and one did not record a vote for vice president.

JOHN DE MORGAN.

President Subre's Report.

President Subre of the N. A. B. O. has been so busily engaged on his annual report and the current election that he was unable to write anything for BITS AND CHIPS this month, but will be heard from later. His annual report will be made public December 31. Mr. Subre extends the compliments of the season to you.

Had You Heard It?

BY G. ELSIE.

THE article by Miss Douglas in the last issue of BITS AND CHIPS should be the means of making some of our lady clubites "git up and git."

There are several A. Pearl Littles in the dom.

The Rambler (not Donat) will soon make its reappearance from Jamestown, N. Y.

Messrs. Hollinger and Stratton are with us no longer.

W. R. Clyde promises the American Amateur about Christmas time.

Bros. Campbell and Farr of the Quaker City have purchased The Budget. Here's success to them.

Scraps, another club journal, is announced to appear in January. Thomas McKee, Butler, Pa., will be publisher.

The wind whispers that two of our well known clubites are engaged to be married. But of course I won't give them away.

G. L. Coltester, while playing full back for the Springfield Athletic Club foot ball team on Thanksgiving Day, was quite badly injured, and will be confined to the house for several weeks.

In a recent issue of the L. A. W. Bulletin, I noticed the following: "Abraham Lincoln once received a letter asking for a 'sentiment' and his autograph. He replied: 'Dear Madam: When you ask from a stranger that which is of interest only to yourself, always enclose a stamp. Here's your sentiment, and here is your autograph.' A. LINCOLN."

Lincoln was a great man, but his stamps didn't cost him any less than other people had to pay. Moral: The seeker after information should at least furnish the stamps."

Negligent clubites will please paste the above in their hats.

Club News from Ohio.

BY A. JOHN VAN DUZEN.

HECK'S Monthly Herald, which hails from Toledo, O., is a new club paper, and although small, is very good.... Branch 884 is another one in the Queen

City.... The Boys' World comes before us with a neat cover. Very good.... Branch 772 is making things hum. Watch us! Join us! Help us hum.... Branch 625 is a guntler. It is now a photographing club.... Is not BITS AND CHIPS the pride of clubdom?.... Mr. Keavey made a mistake when he said that Branch 772 issued a list of 76 members. It was 112 members.... Branch 762, with Brother Donat, is O. K. and deserves success.... I wish each and every clubite a Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.... Geo. A. Alderman is a good looking young clubite.... Say Rambler, who are you?

An International Stamp.

BY THOMAS F. E. MAHER.

THE question of international postage stamps has been agitated time and again, but with nothing feasible as a result until the present day. At present there is much talk going on, especially in Paris, upon the advisability of adopting an international stamp. It is proposed to invite the various nations now comprising the postal union to adopt a special kind of a stamp solely for international communication. Among the favorable arguments put forth, there are two which most plainly indicate the advantages, not to speak of convenience which this stamp would bring with its issuance. It would enable the sender of a letter from one country to another to enclose a stamp for reply, which is impossible at the present day; and travelers to foreign towns and cities would be able to correspond with friends in various other places without being compelled to replenish their stock of stamps in every new place visited.

Of course, should this stamp be issued, every country in the postal union would not, as many might suppose, be allowed to issue these stamps in any quantity desired, as this would cause intricacies and difficulties unsurmountable. Hence, to overcome any such state of affairs the promoters of the idea have proposed the establishment of a bureau at Berne, Switzerland, empowered to manufacture a certain number of 5c stamps every year, these to be proportioned according to the international postal business done in past years. The stamps now in use in each country would still be eligible for foreign as well as local postage, should writers of communications desire to so use them.

To Be or Not To Be--A Successful Secretary.

FOR CLUBBITES, BY ED. H. WEIGEL.

ALL club secretaries are no doubt interested in their respective clubs, and it is not only to their interest, but to the interest of the club as well for them to be successful secretaries. What I mean by successful secretaries are those who make their branches bona fide by containing a large membership and keeping the members when once secured.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE a successful secretary is the question that I am to dwell on, therefore I will first give my views of the former.

TO BE a successful secretary it is necessary to be polite, obliging and sociable; also energetic, bustling and courageous. Those who are the possessors of these qualifications can secure members where others can not, and they can make their club a complete success while hundreds who have tried are out of clubdom at the present time, for the simple reason that they do not possess the ability to make successful secretaries.

If the reader is not successful with the branch of which he is secretary, and he desires TO BE, he should first become determined to make it a leader, and that determination should be a firm resolve to do or die. He must get his friends interested, because he needs help, and helpful hearts and willing hands are just the kind of encouragement a bustling secretary needs. After he has secured the aid of his friends the club should be advertised and continually kept before the eyes of the young people. If his club be one of correspondence, he should make rules for same, and endeavor to get the members to write to one another. Should the club be one of pleasure, he should always try and give them the enjoyment that such an organization offers. Of whatever nature the club is to represent, that object is what the secretary should uphold, and in the course of time he will find that he is TO BE a successful secretary, and that his club will not only rank among the foremost, but that they will re-elect him to that office for his faithful services while acting in that capacity the foregoing term.

Take the other side of the question. The one who endeavors to organize a club thinking that it would be a grand success

without any push or pluck on his part will be disappointed; he wonders why he can not secure members; and his branch finally disbands and is heard of no more. The blame all rests upon the secretary. He did not do his duty because he became disheartened at the dull prospects for success. Had he kept faithfully at it, and used his most strenuous efforts to increase the membership he would have had no occasion to become disheartened, and instead of learning that he was NOT TO BE a successful secretary, he would soon have known that he was TO BE successful.

Look at the successful branches there are at this writing. The secretaries are the ones to receive the honor as it were with their untiring efforts that their club became what they are. If others would do the same, clubdom would be twice as strong as it is; and more persons who are now uninterested would be equally as determined to increase the membership as the secretary who resolves TO BE successful.

Think over this, dear reader, if you are one who tried and failed, then try again and I am confident that you will succeed TO BE a successful secretary.

A Few Club Notes

BY ONLY ME.

The 'dom has had three weekly papers. Percy Ewing of Club News fame, now carries on a mail order business at Decatur, Ill.

G. H. C. 751 may be "365 days ahead of them all," but "they're not the only card in the deck."

Knoelk, Haise and Sallman are said to be "horse style" with Subre.

The G. H. C. and Y. A. C. have "kissed and made up."

What has become of Prof. Foggy?

Very few clubites are aware of the fact that Frank A. Munsey, publisher of The Argosy and Munsey's Magazine, was at one time interested in clubs.

Say, on the level, ain't G. H. C. 83 a card a bird?

We had hopes that George O. Billheimer would come back to us again as an active club worker, but Hymen had too strong a hold on him.

"Monopoly Ed." Harrison is now running an advertising association.

Amateur Journalism.

BY T. H. LONGENECKER.

THERE any one in this noble country of ours who has attempted to become a journalist and had not been an amateur when he composed his first narrative? The answer surely be, no one.

One can imagine, from his own experience, the elated countenance of him who has completed his first story; how he hastens to his friends and shows them his efforts in bringing out each plot and each scene; but when it is criticised by those same friends, he feels that they are either jealous of his accomplishments, or that he was not brought to this world to shine as a journalist.

He is discouraged at the beginning of his career, but this should not deter him from continuing, as he may improve considerably on his next effort, and the criticisms on his first attempt may be valuable assistance to him in his future aspirations. It is said, and truly, that "no one can be perfect without experience," and it is for your benefit to bear this in mind when you feel discouraged and cast down over failure.

Another disadvantage which a beginner may have is that he can not get a magazine to publish his article for remuneration, even if it is a good one, because they have their regular staff of writers or do not wish to deal with an author who is unknown to the literary world. A few professional magazines do this, but they are very few, and only when an article is exceptionally good do they publish it. This is obviated in a great degree in this nineteenth century, as there are hundreds of amateur journals in the field of which every day who would be glad to receive and publish your manuscript, if it is at all meritorious, and you do not know how soon the publisher of some leading magazine or paper may see your articles in these amateur publications and make you an offer to write exclusively for his paper.

In a few years, even if what I have just mentioned does not happen, the experience gained will enable him to produce literature which can not fail to command recognition from some of the leading publishers.

Many of our great writers of the present have had the same difficulties to contend with, and you should not give up in despair, as you may be one of those to become famous in the literary walks of life. It may take years, but the greater the effort, the more elated you will feel when this end is gained.

Therefore, it behooves every amateur to put forth his most strenuous efforts, and who can tell how soon he may reach the top of the ladder of success?

About a Well Known Amateur.

Ned Huguenin, who has all but retired from clubdom and amateur journalism, is now manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office at 115 Clybourn avenue, Chicago. Ned was secretary of Branch 4, G. D. C. A., and will be pleasantly remembered as one of clubdom's most earnest workers. When his time will permit, Ned will contribute to BITS AND CHIPS. Clubmates when in Chicago will receive the "glad hand" if they call on him.

Boys, Here's a Pointer.

In 1865 there were four boys who occupied the same room at West Point. Since then they have become known to the world. They are Capt. Charles King, Arthur Sherburne Hardy, John Brisben Walker and Richard Henry Savage. That room should be in great demand by youngsters with literary leanings.—Home Queen.

Biography of Eugene D. Swartout.

May 21, 1877, this young man was born, in Ithaca, N. Y. His school days were passed in Rochester, N. Y., and after a short residence in several cities, his parents located in Boston, going there from Providence, R. I. At present Gene is employed in a railroad office on Milk street, Boston. In 1895 he entered clubdom and organized G. H. Branch 783, which has proven highly successful. Later Branch 10 was consolidated with 783. He is a well known amateur, a member of U. A. P. A., N. A. B. O. and numerous other clubs, and much of his spare time is occupied in writing for various amateur publications.



ABOUT STAMPS



BY HOWARD BURBA, HODGENVILLE, KY.

NOTICE.

In writing letters of inquiry, don't forget return postage. We would like to exchange with all philatelic papers. Please send TWO copies, one each to editor of this column and the publisher.

IN THE STAMP WORLD.

PHILATELIA'S only daily paper, The Item, has gone where "the whang-doodle mourneth for its first born." Not quite a year old. Peace to its ashes!

Scott's 57th, now in press, quotes revenues "way up in G." Nearly all U. S. revenues have advanced, a great many doubling in price.

Auction season has opened.

Beardsley's big directory is out. A nice work.

A new issue from Canada is rumored.

Christmas editions now in order.

The Collectors' Club of New York is now in full blast. Auction sales, lectures, stereopticon views of rarities, etc., are constantly held. Billiards and pool, a la original gum; a quiet little game with \$1 blacks or St. Louis "beans," up stairs. Oh, it's great!

Things are beginning to wake up, philatelically speaking, and ere this is in press the season's sales will be at their height.

Philatelic Jottings.

BY L. T. BRODSTONE.

UNUSED U. S. have all gone up except Columbians of good values. Columbian stamps have all come down, the \$2 nearly half, by advance sheets of the 57th catalogue. U. S. revenues went up in nearly every case. Entire envelopes not catalogued, as was expected.

New stamp papers without number—three from Omaha alone, the Trans-Mississippi Stamp, Omaha Philatelist, and Philatelic Ne-

braskan. All are booming Omaha for stamp conventions of 1898, the year of the great trans-Mississippi exposition. The L. A. W. and other meets are expected to be held there also.

The elections have all passed, and some trouble on a few offices yet.

We have four weekly stamp papers now—the Era, Mekeel's, Shaw's and Canadian, also several bi-monthlies.

The find of 200,000 Nova Scotia stamps brings the price down several notches.

Address books of several states are coming, and Nebraska, Michigan, Texas, California, Kentucky and Virginia are already out.

BITS AND CHIPS in its style is one of the nearest publications yet seen of the amateur class.

The Most Fascinating Pastime.

BY ECOL HECTOR.

The winter evenings are to some young people dreadfully long and all sorts of devices are continually gotten up to pass away time, but nothing has ever been found which makes these long evenings pass so speedily and pleasantly to boys and girls as stamp collecting. We would advise every boy and girl to take up this interesting hobby. The benefits are too numerous to mention. Now just to show you a trifle of what you can learn. Take the 1 cent stamp, it bears the picture of Franklin. He spent his evenings at home in study, and got to be a great man, and there is no life more worthy of study by the young people of our country than his. Now girls and boys, don't waste your leisure hours, improve them, purchase a philatelic album and some stamps and start your collection; winter evenings will pass quickly then, and when you have your stamps mounted then study them, read about Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Garfield, Grant, Webster and others, store your mind with wisdom, and you will be sure to succeed in life, and you know that the world only honors those who are successful. Strive therefore to make the world place your name on its roll of honor.

Advantages of Amateur Journalism.

BY WM. H. GREENFIELD.

WHAT a glorious pursuit for the youth to engage in! The training school for the professional field. How many of our great men have graduated from amateur journalism? Let me see: There are Poe, Hawthorne, Earll, Edison, Payne, Ellis, Jewells and McFlary, and many others no doubt unknown to me.

But it takes patience, push and perseverance, with a large amount of pluck thrown in, for a young author to attain success. Encouraged by occasional success, he keeps round at the wheel. And his reward? Well, he will admit it is not always fame and fortune; sometimes 'tis a suicide's grave, but in a few cases of suicide are heard of now. One time out of ten a lad with excellent talents meets fame and fortune half way, and comes off victorious. God knows the trials and privations he went through before his final triumph.

But I am wandering away from my post. I was asked to give a concise and comprehensive account of the advantages of amateur journalism. It is my opinion that nothing can educate the mind more than editing a paper or writing for the press. It forces the student to study, the slow into activity, the bashful to display their talents; it widens the circle of acquaintance and friendship, and tells me where you can derive more benefits than from continuous and successful editorial work? Vanderbilt encouraged his son in publishing an amateur paper. "There is nothing like it, my son," he said.

Amateur journalism is grand and beautiful, but it must be witnessed to be appreciated. As a mind educator and developer, it stands unequalled.

News from Clubdom.

BY R. G. BALLARD.

The United Branch Officers' Association, formerly known as the New York Branch Officers' Association has elected the following officers for '97: President, H. G. Ballard; vice president, T. C. Clune;

secretary, William C. Lang; treasurer, W. S. Reavely. Branch officers in the Empire State should write the secretary, general delivery, New York city, for particulars.

Ralph R. Rich's letter in the October number of 'The Boys' World,' shows his views in regard to the California N. A. B. O.

A clubite in September BITS AND CHIPS stated that the Empire State clubs seemed to be enjoying a "Bryan boom." Well, well! We thought it was a "McKinley boom." What next?

The Journalist has been chosen official organ of the U. B. O. A.

I. Will Wright is quite a poet. Well, keep it up, and may you succeed.

Messrs. Weldon & Kouwiser of Newark, N. J., will soon publish a club paper, 'The Elite.'

Smooth Sailing.

BY MIKE.

CLUBITES will bear with us while we speak briefly of one fault with club writers of to day. To an outsider this one fault which I will speak of is perfectly obnoxious.

Now, the fault may seem small, but think over it a moment. The fault: There is a tendency among a majority to "throw mud" at their brother clubites. By "throwing me;" we mean running them down; casting slurs at those who may have made a mistake. Note how, when a clubite does something really good, not much is said of it; but let him err, or even think of an error, and here goes insults and abuse in abundance.

Now, brother pushers of the pen, you surely can not imagine that such work is attractive or pleasing in any sense of the word. Editors, did you ever have a shadow of a thought that those who pay their money for your paper, do not do so wanting to read the articles filled with such "rot" (pardon the expression)? So in conclusion, brothers, don't run down every new venture or slam slurs in the face of a brother clubite. "Give to the devil his due, and render unto Cæsar that which is his" is too often misconstrued. Speak well publicly, speak bad privately, and you will be loved in the 'dom in the years to come for the good which you have done.

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BY THE EDITOR.

FOR the information of several club secretaries who have written to this office asking if we do club printing, and for us to send samples of work, let us state that we do no printing except what is required for the business of BITS AND CHIPS.

SOME of the club papers have lately contained items hinting that the editor of BITS AND CHIPS was the author of various articles under fictitious names. We would like it distinctly understood that we never use a nom de plume, and never hesitate to father anything we write.

TRULY has it been said that as a rule amateur papers are short-lived. On the fingers

of one hand can be counted the survivors those received by the editor two years ago. A year hence, how many of the ventures of '96 will still be with us?

MILWAUKEE is after the N. A. P. Association of '98. The members in the city are energetic and enthusiastic, would do everything possible to facilitate the association's business and royally entertain the delegates.

AN Amateur Newspaper Directory is being compiled by Howard Burba of Harroville, Ky., and will appear in January. Mr. Burba promises a model work.

THE stamp collectors are waking up earnest, judging from the increasing demand reported by dealers and the amount of philatelic literature in circulation.

AFTER you have read this copy of BITS AND CHIPS, show it to your friends. They might wish to subscribe. A quarter section will secure it for a year.

WE acknowledge receipt of a neat list from Paragon Stamp Emporium of St. Louis, Mo., whose ad. appears in another column of this issue.

YOU can earn a year's subscription to BITS AND CHIPS by getting three friends to subscribe, and sending us 75 cents and four names.

THE Y. A. C., after quite a struggle becoming better understood and appreciated, and will prove its value to all who join.

NOVEMBER Tid Bits was fine. Ed. Fahnestock announces a great edition for the holidays.

MEMBERS of the U. A. P. A., are you bringing anything to bring in recruits?

WHAT do you think of our holiday issues?

A PHILADELPHIA AMATEUR TALKS

ON VARIOUS TOPICS OF INTEREST

To Clubs: Generally--Some Remarks on the
Young American Club--Future Prospects
of the U. A. P. A.--Club Paper
Chat--A Great G. H. Club.

MR. MERRITT'S editorial in the October number of BITS AND CHIPS, referring to the Y. A. C. is a very sensible one. It would certainly have been much better in the first place if some of our prominent club writers would have kept in the back ground for a while longer. By now they would have had time enough in which to ascertain the exact facts as to what the Y. A. C. was, and could have saved themselves considerable bother and writing about what they did not understand, and which at the time was meant to be detrimental to the organization. But on the contrary to what had been expected, it has added to its popularity since the Y. A. C. is known fully. (Things are not always what they seem.) Truly advertising pays. Now that the officers have made it understood exactly what the Y. A. C. is, its objects, etc., peace has once more been restored, and the Y. A. C. is going successfully on its way, with an earnest lot of officers at its head who will stick by the club through thick and thin, being discouraged by nothing whatsoever.

The prospects for the future of the U. A. P. A. are certainly very encouraging. It makes no difference who among the worthy persons who have been nominated for office for 1897 should be elected, it is a well known fact, that all are good, substantial persons, who are fully capable of conducting their respective offices in such a manner that the association can not help but progress. It shows also that the members are wholly desirous of the association's welfare by the care they took in their nominating such sturdy persons for office. The steady increase in membership also speaks well for the efforts of the members in securing new recruits. Much more could be said in praise of this young but progressive organization for amateur journalists. Amateurs, show your interest in such an association that is for your

benefit by joining. The cost is not to be considered in the U. A. P. A. as in some associations who manage to make big dues a main factor, and in this way so many amateur writers, editors, etc., are discouraged from joining. I will pay you to investigate further if you are a devotee of amateur journalism.

Publico, the much-talked-of paper from the Quaker City, will now be issued weekly, to consist of four pages—and three columns to the page. Its success as a monthly (although it was issued irregularly at times) will assure all that it will be entirely up-to-date in every respect.

The Budget has recently changed hands, and will now be issued by John H. Campbell, Jr., who will be assisted by Wm. Clarence Farr. They promise as good if not a better paper than that issued by the former publishers.

Mary Golden Hours Clubs may claim to be the largest, but there are few who can equal Branch 745 of Harrisburg, Pa., as a progressive club. The writer, in company with Samuel De Hays, had the pleasure of visiting Harrisburg for several days in the latter part of September, and was thereby enabled to attend one of the regular weekly meetings of this branch. The royal reception tendered us will always be remembered. I can vouch that I never got into the midst of such hustlers before, and our next president of the U. A. P. A., Ed. H. Weigel, stands in the midst of it all, looked upon as the leader. It certainly is true that wherever Ed. is there is hustling. It is also through his efforts that the U. A. P. A. is in its present good standing. If we only had more branches like this the Golden Hours Club might be proud of them.

HARRIS REED, JR.

Editor Fahnestock's Resignation.

F. W. Fahnestock, editor of Tid Bits, has resigned the treasurership of the United Branch Officers' Association, not because of any personal feeling toward any of its members, but because he believes it is likely to conflict with the N. A. B. O., and that one good association is better than a dozen poor ones. Therefore he has decided to give his support to the N. A. B. O., which was first in the field. Members of both organizations will please take notice of this.

Short Talks

BY HARRISON D. BAUMGARDNER.

AMONG the rock ribbed branches that remain constantly upon the roll of honor are Branches 70, 80, 88, 762, 505, 439, 772, 420 and 831, G. H. C. There are just 71 reported active.

The following are a few Nabolian candidates for office for '97: Donat J. Lefebvre, New Hampshire, president; Jos. J. Sallman, Wisconsin, second vice president; Eugene D. Swartout, Massachusetts, third vice president; and H. D. Baumgardner, California, for first vice president. The election takes place this month.

It is apparent that already the Y. A. C. is finding snags instead of smooth sailing; a recent meeting ended in a hubbub and one or more of its pilgrims resign from the crusade, so 'tis said.

The "prize box craze" is going pretty far when cameras are offered. A corresponding club should be what the name implies. Those who join to secure the prizes make poor correspondents we think.

Editor Dunn of Golden Hours has made a most appreciable manifesto. All branches not reported by January 1 will be politely relieved of their branched numbers; in other words, will be considered succumbed to the effect of neglect. All blank numbers will be bestowed upon the newly organized branches (to be).

Many of my correspondents may think that I have nothing to do but sling ink and bullets all over the landscape. One asks me to ship him a grizzly bear which he wishes to stuff, while others want descriptions of California in detail. The latter I can give cheerfully, but darned if I'll hunt the grizzly bear. I recall, too well, these lines:

Hunter, bear,
Struggling pair;
Man interior;
Gone interior.

The N. A. B. O. has been conducted so justly and so manfully that it is on the eve of a very successful year. The officers have, notwithstanding rumors, done their work both grand and nobly, and the forthcoming officers will have comparatively smooth sailing.

Editor Dunn's late order ought to calm some of the fault finders. Let them see

to it, that they themselves live up to the new order of things; it is just what a few have been clamoring for.

G. Edward Harrison deserves praise rather than censure for the devotion he has shown to the cause of cluodism. There is a great deal of spite work which should not appear in print.

Secretary Swartout is a specimen of human activity these days, revising his great roll of members numbering over 1,600 and in other ways making it a pleasure to join Branch 10.

Secretary Lefebvre of 762 issues a friendly challenge to 536 of California. Accepted Donat, and as you say, "May the best win." Let other branches follow the course of these two, one on the Atlantic and the other on the Pacific coast. The officers endeavor to make them worthy specimens of branch clubs.

It now remains the duty of all those upon the lively list of G. H. clubs to become still livelier by the officers joining N. A. B. O. The N. A. B. O. is really the gateway to actual amateurism. Enter and become a prominent clubiste.

An Echo of the Past.

Below are printed two letters, which will explain themselves:

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 5, 1896.

My Dear Merritt:

I have been reading lately so much of the Forest and Field affair that I now enclose you a letter I received from Clyde which I hope will vindicate you and settle the whole matter. Very truly,

HOWARD E. BOKMAN.

Here is Clyde's letter to Mr. Bokman:

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 15, 1896.

Howard E. Bokman:

Dear Sir—I suppose you have heard that I have bought Forest and Field. Will you please remain on the staff of F. and edit the club chat department? I think we can keep Branch 79 going; don't you? Please let me hear from you soon.

Yours Respectfully,

WALTER R. CLYDE.

2004 Taylor st., Philadelphia, Pa.

Branch 79, which Clyde refers to, was Forest and Field Staff Association, Branch 79, G. D. C. A.

Editor Dunn is doing a good thing in overhauling the branches of the Golden Hours Club.

AMATEUR PRESS TOPICS.

W and ice are on every side,
 Hammer's gone and with it base ball;
 Comfort the thought! With us still
 abide
 Lyce and his admirable gail.

E. Harrison is not behind nor does he
 pick up the Y. A. C. The Rambler's at-
 tention is called to this.—The Journalist

To be successful, it is necessary to be pro-
 sive and up-to-date. A slow person
 a slow way of doing things does not
 fit nowadays, in this busy world.—
 Publico.

Oh, where! Oh, where is A. Pearl Lit-
 and his 12 G. D. clubs?—The Visitor.

There's a clubite down in Pennsylvania,
 who for doing queer things has a maud;
 But to a man up a tree
 It looks as if he
 a little bit cracked in his "crania."

An amusing advertisement recently ap-
 pearing in an English paper was that of a
 lecturer for "old Chromos of the Liebig's
 and Extract Co."—Philatelic West.

The person who looks for the easy things
 in life always makes some poor excuse for
 a little favor you may ask him.—The
 quiet.

Does "Monopoly Ed" Harrison think be-
 cause he owns "The Earth" that he is
 King of Clubdom?—The Visitor.

As for Publico's leadership, it is away
 down in the scale. It don't compare with
 the newsy papers as BITS AND CHIPS,
 The World, Recorder and numerous
 others.—Tid Bits.

According to the amateur's story it is
 ways "better late than ever."—The
 quiet.

To the second-handed readers and writ-
 ers on the great staff of Publico, I make
 my initial bow; to the readers I am too
 well known to bow at all—a nod will suf-
 fice.—P. I. P. in Tid Bits.

Busy there, Manfred. We don't know
 anything about their readers, but surely

there's nothing "second handed" about
 their writers. There are none in clubdom
 better than some of them.

"Whether I please or whether I tease,
 I'll give you my honest mind;
 If the cap should fit, pray wear it a bit;
 If not you can leave it behind."
 —The Planet.

Friend Conrade, where are all your
 periods? The last number of the Fireside
 Philatelist shows many to have "come up
 missing."

"In God we trust; all others, cash."—
 Dillon Republican.

The hardest thing an editor finds to do
 is to "decline with thanks" some friend's
 manuscript.—The Visitor.

Verily there is much truth in this
 item, friend John.

Review of Our Exchanges.

Among the exchanges lately received
 are L'etoile du Nord, which shows sterling
 worth as an amateur, containing many
 excellent articles. The Courier is well
 filled with club matter but no ads. The
 Visitor looks neat, but some of its club
 matter is "slush," and the blue pencil
 freely used would improve its tone. Club
 Echo presents a good appearance, and will
 improve as its editor gains in experience.
 Miller's American Collector is very neat,
 and like all his publications, is high up in
 quality. The Philatelic West is fast
 taking rank among the best philatelic pa-
 pers. The Journalist gets better every
 time it appears. The Monthly Observer
 doesn't cut much of a figure since it
 dropped clubdom. Philatelic Era is among
 the best of its class. The National Ama-
 teur is strictly high class. Ink Drops is
 another. Greenfield's Amateur Press will
 undoubtedly prove popular. The Western
 Stamp shows up good in ads, and looks
 well. The Planet is neat, but little else
 but stories. Publico as a weekly will un-
 doubtedly increase its popularity as it
 certainly will its value to clubdom.
 Others received are Fireside Philatelist,
 Success, Monthly Post (England), York
 Springs News, Krumb's, Youths' Blade,
 Revista (Buenos Ayres), Cuyler Sou, Par-
 ker's Monthly, Dillon Republican, Tid
 Bits, etc.

AS TO THE NEW CLUB.

The Founder of the Y. A. C. Has a Few Words to Say.

THERE are a few persons who still take delight in doing what is commonly called mud-slinging at the Y. A. C., even after it has been shown that the principles and objects of this new association are just as honorable as those of any club ever organized. I am surprised to see the manner in which Harrison D. Baumgardner speaks of the Y. A. C. in the last issue. He accuses its promoters as being of a restless nature, and accounting for the organization of the new club in this manner. If we are of a restless nature, friend Baumgardner, we are not slow I can assure you. When the Pennsylvania brethren undertake a thing, no difference how much is against them, they usually make something come of their efforts.

The Y. A. C. differs from any organization for young people in existence in many respects. One I might mention is that it is composed of only local branches, and not entirely of corresponding clubs as other organizations: it was our aim and is still, to follow entirely different lines from that of any other club. This is the reason we claim that clubdom can still stand another organization.

Instead of the Y. A. C. being detrimental to clubdom, it has been a good move, as it has awakened matters up to a hustling point. It has even given one of our older organizations something to think about. It also goes to show that young men are capable of doing more in this particular way than they were credited with.

Since the Y. A. C. has made itself understood fully as to its main objects and principles, it has been the pleasure of the officers, to receive many letters of commendation from clubites in all parts of the country. One prominent clubite speaks thus: "We can use another national club that is heart and hand with its followers. Success to you and the Y. A. C."

Are you not convinced by this time that the objects of the Y. A. C. are worthy your support? Think it over, friends

HARRIS REED, JR.

A merry Xmas and happy New Year to all.

A PHILATELIST'S DREAM.

BY G. L. W.

BEFORE beginning to tell about the dream of mine, I will say that I am a philatelist. One day I was sitting at my desk looking over my collection, and also noticing the great number of unfilled spaces. It takes about 25,000 stamps to fill an album like mine, and as I only have 2,000 or 3,000, you can imagine the amount of space left empty.

As I was saying, I was sitting by my desk, when all of a sudden a beautiful vision was spread out before my eyes. A wide road, lined on each side with trees the foliage of which was composed of variously colored and sized objects which I could not see distinctly, was just ahead of me. In the middle of this road was a female figure, dressed in a fantastically colored garment, which beckoned to me to advance.

"Help yourself," said she pointing to the trees, and with these words the figure vanished into thin air.

I went forward and looked closely at the nearest tree. Oh, my! what did I see? Here were the rarest stamps—the scarcest Cape of Good Hope, old United States that not one collector in a hundred possessed, ancient South Americans, and such a host of others that I was nearly petrified with delight.

I stretched out both hands to pick some of them, and just as suddenly the vision changed. I found myself sitting in a cold room again, looking at my album's unfilled spaces. Deeply as I regretted that my dream was not true, I could not help investigating the cause, and finally laid it to the pickled lobster I had eaten for luncheon.

Club Flashes.

BY EUGENE D. SWARTOUT.

Still "Old 10" leads.

No. 762 is coming out in fine style.

The Budget changed with a good result.

Bertram I. Bishop of Wyandotte, Mich.;

Ralph W. Murpay of Buffalo, N. Y. and

Arthur Bushel of South Norwalk, Conn.,

have been appointed supreme representatives of Branch 10 of Boston. We want

more, dear friends.

R. BRIMBLESHINES GOES FISHING

D MORE BICYCLING FOR HIM

Cedric Accompanies His Pa, and is Given Some "Valuable Hints" in the Piscatorial Art--How the Old Man Enjoyed a Day Off from Business.

BY NED HUGUENIN.

MRS. BRIMBLESHINES," said that lady's husband one morning while seated at the breakfast table, "were you aware of the fact that to-morrow is the anniversary of the day this country threw off the yoke of the foreign barbarians?"

"Yes," said Mrs. B. "It's the Fourth of July."

"Exactly," continued Mr. Brimbleshines, "and are you also aware that I am free from my business worries and troubles that day, and intend to thoroughly enjoy myself as I never did before?"

"I don't know," said his spouse rather doubtfully. "I hope you are not going to be a bicyclist."

"Bicycle, woman!" fairly roared Mr. Brimbleshines, swallowing a fish bone and growing very red in the face. "Never mention that word to me again, or I'll get a divorce from you. No, I intend to charter a sailing craft and go out upon the briny deep and catch the finny tribe as I used to do when I was a youth."

"Oh, how delightful!" exclaimed Mrs. Brimbleshines and Cedric in a breath, while Mr. B. smiled patronizingly upon them.

He was as good as his word, however, and the next morning Cedric and his dad wended their way in the direction of the pier where was now moored the small rowboat that Mr. Brimbleshines had hired for the occasion.

It was with many misgivings that Mrs. B. had seen her husband depart on his trip as she fully expected to see him brought home drowned, and only consoled herself by going to the drug store and buying all the medicine she could think of.

In the meanwhile Mr. B. and Cedric were rowing out to the fishing banks, which were some two miles from the pier.

Mr. Brimbleshines refused to take anyone along, saying that if he was not capable of handling a small rowboat without outside help, then he deserved to be drowned.

By the time the banks were reached, Brimbleshines, senior, was nearly dead from the exertion caused by rowing two miles in the boiling sun, while Cedric was as fresh as a daisy, and even suggested rowing two miles farther to the larger fishing banks, which suggestion was immediately vetoed by his father, who said he had often fished beyond when a small boy, but that no fish could be caught there now.

After taking off his coat and vest Mr. Brimbleshines felt more comfortable and began giving Cedric pointers on how he should fish.

Baiting his hook Mr. B. swung it around his head, preparatory to the drop overboard, and of course the hook caught in his coat, which he had placed on the stern seat of the boat. In a twinkling, coat and vest, containing Mr. Brimbleshines' elegant hunting case 18k. watch, disappeared beneath the waves. Cedric was kept busily engaged for the next 15 minutes in repeating his Sunday school lesson over to himself, in order that he might not hear the profanity which his father indulged in after fishing around and being unable to locate any of the missing articles.

Nor did the elder Brimbleshines' troubles end here, for after fishing for an hour Cedric had caught a large string of fish, while not a single inhabitant of the sea had condescended to attach itself to his father's line. Of course this did not tend to put Mr. Brimbleshines in the best of humor, and throwing down his fishing tackle in disgust he told Cedric that he had almost forgotten an important engagement he had that afternoon with Mr. Peckshafter, and that they would have to go home at once.

Cedric had to row most of the way home, as his parent complained of a splitting headache, and swore that he was catching pneumonia. When they reached home Mr. Brimbleshines tried his best to look as though he had enjoyed himself, but it was a dismal failure. He seemed to forget his pressing engagement with Mr. Peckshafter, for he went to bed as soon as he could do so without arousing suspicion as to his real condition, and made a solemn resolution that he would pass his holidays in some other way in the future.

THE FIRST MEETING

Of the Old American Club--What They Did and How It Was Done.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.

IT was a dark and stormy evening, the rain fell in torrents when the Old American Club held its first meeting in Philadelphia, at the residence of Harris Teed, jr. The meeting was called to order about 8:15. Everything went along smoothly until about 9 o'clock, when Harris Teed, jr., noticed Samuel De Wayn sneaking around the kitchen.

"Come out of there!" thundered Harris Teed, jr.

De Wayn jumped about two feet in the air and came flying into the parlor with a lighted candle between two slices of bread.

"What have you there?" shouted Harris Teed, jr.

"I'm making a light lunch!" replied De Wayn.

This was too much for those Old Americans, and they made a dive for De Wayn, upsetting five chairs, a table, and breaking a large mirror. They threw him down, punched him and jumped on him, but finally allowed him to rise.

"Gentlemen, I won't stand this," said De Wayn.

"Sit down to it, then," said J. Fred Trosson. But he didn't sit down, for at that moment the door opened and in rushed Harris Teed, sr., reinforced by his wife and a large dog. Without saying a word the trio pitched into those bright Old Americans, and in less time than it takes to tell, they were all laying in the street except Harris, jr., who managed to slip up stairs, but before they reached the street that large dog had relieved De Wayn of the seat of his pants. The door was slammed shut, and those poor Old Americans were left out in the rain.

"I shall write this up in The Courier," said J. Fred Trosson.

"If you do I'll break your face!" yelled Harris Teed, jr., from the second story window.

Then all was silent, the wind howled and the rain poured steadily down.

"Boys," said Samuel De Wayn, as he wiped the blood from his nose, felt his swollen eye and looked for the seat of his \$2 trousers. "The first meeting of the Old American Club is adjourned."

Some Queer Visits.

A QUEER STORY QUEERLY TOLD

BY MARY WRIGHTER.

I'd been to Merle to see my aunt,
And now had just got back.
Straightway up to my room I went
And pounced upon a sack.

The contents of this sack I shook
Upon the dirty floor;
And of postal cards and letters
I know I had a score.

I picked up one, got in a chair,
But hadn't read 'long far
Before I heard an awful noise
And felt an awful jar.

Down stairs I ran—three steps in one,
And out into the yard;
And lookin' up on top the house,
I saw what 'twas that jarred.

And as I looked I seemed to hear
A voice quite low and faint,
Bidding me climb upon the roof
If ail clubdom I'd paint.

The voice belonged to a man petite,
No bigger than your thumb,
Who grinned and shook his hand at me
Till I was fairly dumb.

At last, my courage coming back,
I asked him what he'd like
"Come up," said he; "come up and see
The festive gnome, Old Mike."

When on the roof with him I stood,
He pointed with one hand
To a little airship n ar him,
On which I read "Clubland."

"Walk in, my friend," to me he said;
"You are a clubite true.
I'll show you all that's in clubdom—
And amateurdom, too."

So, half asleep, I went inside,
And on a divan sat.
He asked me who I'd like to see—
"Babe Ruth," "Prof. 'hil" or "Pat."

"Oh, let it be 'Pat Pants!'" cried I—
"Pat Pants" of Club News fame."
"All right, dear clubite boy," said he;
"To me it's all the same."

He touched a spring—I gave a yell,
Then open flew the door.
"We're now in dear old Canada—
Make haste, for soon we soar,"

I soon found "Pat" with Andrew H.,
In canoes on a lake.
I quickly joined them in their sport,
And of old clubdom spake.

"I'm coming back some day," said Pat;
"Ditto," spoke up Andrew.

Then, shaking hands, I answered them:
"That's right, old fellow, do."

"Now let's go see Ed Suhre," I said,
When in the ship I sat.
"I've seen my old friend Andrew H.
And funny little Pat."

So off we sailed through the blue sky,
And once more we came down—
This time in Ed's papa's back yard,
In old St. Louis town.

I glanced around; and soon I saw,
With knife in hand, a boy
Looking at me wonderingly
While whittling out a toy.

"Is this my friend Ed Suhre?" I asked.
"It is, I'm sure," said he,
"Then shake, old fel', I'm Charley Blank,
Of the old G. H. C."

"Then come along with me, Charley—
I'll show you something right.
It's the great Clubic Museum;
It shows morning and night."

So I went down the street with Ed,
Into a big whirring tent;
And there saw sights that made me laugh
Till like a knife I bent.

First there was Percy Rainey's "Cat,"
A book of autographs,
A fossil marked "Chas. Henry H.,"
Some queer club paper staffs.

Then there I also saw a "Gem,"
That from Harrisburg came;
A well worn old "Club Register,"
And Harrison, quite tame.

Besides all this I also saw
A patent leather crown
That Czar Pearl Little used to wear,
While sitting on the ground.

After I'd seen the whole darn thing,
Old Mike and I went up.
He said he'd land me at my home
In time for me to sup.

While going at a federal rate
We ran into a star,
And, coming to, I found that I
Had fallen very far.

"Get up for breakfast—are you sick?"
I heard my mother yell;
And, getting up from off the floor,
I cried: "Ain't feelin' well!"

Pencilings of a Pennsylvanian.

BY WM. H. GREENFIELD.

DECLINED with thanks—"What I
Have Done for Clubdom," by G. E.
Harrison. However, when an article is
rejected, it does not necessarily imply lack
of literary merit.



F. W. FAINESTOCK.

EDITOR OF TID BITS, AND A PROMINENT
MEMBER OF THE U. A. P. A.

C. J. Geibel is a rising young artist of
Philadelphia, Pa.

Maurice B. Lippincott, secretary of
Branch 887, is a hustler.

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 Circulating (lies).
 He talked so much he lost his voice,
 Physicians were in vain;
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 Till it came back again.
 All the doctors in the land
 Could never make it sound;
 It's like the money he would have
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A Club Tragedy.

BY WHANGDOODLE, JR

THE rain was pouring down the back of the man who was coming home from the club at 2 A. M., and the wind howled like a newsboy trying to sell his last paper, and blew down the street (or more properly, the houses on the street) like a politician blowing himself before election. With the exception of the wind, rain and the other things that were making a noise, all was silent. But, hark! What was that crash, as of a hired girl dropping the cut-glass dinner set? Can it be that murder has been committed right in the midst of this peaceful locality, or has some one tied the cat loose? My brethren, it is far worse than either of those. It is a G. H. C. secretary, who while thinking up an article for the next issue of his official organ, has fallen asleep. Funeral services to-morrow.

And the rain whistled, and the wind poured

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The Post-office Department has somewhat dampened the enthusiasm of those organizing a stock company for the publication of a high class magazine by informing them that before the magazine could be entered as second-class matter the company must be incorporated. As some of the members are minors, this can not be done.

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The Rambler Takes Another Stroll

GENE of Branch 10 is getting dragged on his large list of 1,400 members. Hustle up there, and write to secretary, you members of old 10 again. We congratulate Mr. Fahnestock stand he took concerning the state and N. A. B. O. You've chosen a W. Weigel for president of U. A. P., Lefebvre for president of N. A. B. 1897 is rather a strong ticket hustling will be done!

And isn't it enough for you my York friends, to have the N. A. B. have formed the U. B. O. A.? Fahnestock's words in BITS AND CHIPS appeals for you to read and ponder over is still time for the stray lambs to to the fold.

To Elsie, Van Duzen, Campbell, field, Reavely et al.: I would gladly ply with your request and give my name, only I am afraid on hearing would all exclaim "Why, it's only--"

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Chips and Bits.

BY L. M. L.

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The secretary of Branch 10 is talking of disbanding old 10 and reorganizing. Don't do it, Friend Gene.

How many of our club papers are to issue Easter numbers?

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Why do some writers persist in running down the Young American Club?

The Rambler was quite harsh on A. B. O. for a short time, but since came a nominee and was elected its leader, he has collapsed.

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OD OUTLOOK FOR NEW YEAR

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The year 1897 does not prove a most prosperous and successful one for the Ed Amateur Press Association, it will be the fault of its new president, Ed Weigel. With the co-operation which we are sure to receive from his brother officer and the earnest work of each member there is no reason why the organization should not double its membership in the next twelve months. The election last month developed several surprises. There was not the shadow of a doubt of President Weigel's success, the fight for first and second vice president and secretary aroused considerable interest, and the result was a much better vote being polled than was generally looked for. Donat Lefebvre is just the right one for treasurer, and there is no slightest doubt that Harris Reed, who has done yeoman's work as secretary, was elected in any other city than Philadelphia, which claims the honor of containing many more members in its organization than any other city. The contest for secretary undoubtedly would have been much closer, and might have resulted differently, if more confidence is placed in Miss Mame Weigel, who succeeds George A. Alder as chairman of credential committee, as the plain duty of every member of the A. P. A. to strive earnestly and faithfully to increase the membership and the success of our organization. And if we have others generally desire to become convinced with a body which will be of benefit to them, all necessary information will be cheerfully supplied by endorsement and applying to any of the officers or to the editor of BITS AND CHIPS. The complete roster of officers for 1897 is as follows: President—Ed. H. Weigel, 1324 William Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

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—A substantial way to show your interest in amateur journalism is to subscribe to BITS AND CHIPS.

—The race for official editor between Messrs Longenecker and Merritt was very close, the former winning by four votes.

—The Courier and BITS AND CHIPS were the only amateur monthlies to give their readers a report of the U. A. P. A. election in the December issue.

—Last month's Courier contained fine half-tone cuts of President Weigel, First Vice President Reely, Chief of Reviews De Hayn and Official Editor Longenecker.

—J. Fred Crosson and John H. Campbell, jr., enjoyed Christmas turkey with President Weigel in Harrisburg. Before returning they met Editor T. H. Longenecker, Miss Mame Weigel, the Messrs. Kelly and other amateurs, and were royally entertained.

The N. A. B. O. Election.

The return of the N. A. B. O. election, reported as unofficial in last month's BITS AND CHIPS, received no further additions up to the time for closing the polls, and are therefore declared official by the president. In the tie vote between Messrs. Weigel and Sallman, the Board of Directors will decide. Thus far we have neither seen nor heard of any amateur but BITS AND CHIPS which reported this election in the December number.

THE FOUNDER OF THE U. A. P. A.

William H. Greenfield's Comments on the New Administration.

OUR association is to be congratulated on the present strong official board. The Courier, the official organ, is promised to us monthly, and no doubt will awaken the members who are inclined to be inactive. With Ed. H. Weigel in the presidential chair we possess an officer who holds the interests of the cause at heart, and with the united assistance of his able officers and the members, will leave no stone unturned, no effort spared, to place the U. A. P. A. at the top. It is my opinion that Mr. Weigel will prove an earnest and hard-working president, and I am confident that he and the other newly-elected officers will use their most ardent efforts to make the current session an unqualified success, financially, numerically and otherwise.

No doubt the new administration will bring about many changes that will materially assist in swelling our ranks. I am confident that the new official board will make affairs run smoothly, and work zealously and amicably. Very few dissensions have occurred in the past, and I sincerely hope that these few differences will be set right in a short time. And methinks I hear the present board say, "Away with quarrelling, disagreements and bad feeling; away with petty jealousies and harborings of revenge!"

Aye let the above be your motto, and abide by it: and this session will become, by our united efforts, the most prosperous in the annals of amateur journalism.

WM. H. GREENFIELD.

Founder and ex-Pres of U. A. P. A.

Gyrations Through the 'Dom.

BY HARRISON D. BAUMGARDNER.

FRIEND Conrad Lecoq, secretary of Branch 800 and editor of the Club Mirror of New Orleans, is also editor of the Harvard Monthly. Conrad intends joining the N. A. B. O.

The new certificates of the N. A. B. O. are handsome.

A happy new year to all of clubdom.

Mr. Somebody, we have nearly 500 bers in Branch 506 at this writing.

Recorder is not dead. Be alert.

Secretary Friedrich seems to be ringing endless applications for members in the N. A. B. O. May its number crease ten fold.

Suyeora Fujiki of Kioto, Japan, a well known foreign clubite, is the inventor of a pocket typewriter, which has had patented in his own country the United States.

Have Canada's leading lights expired? No more do we hear of activity in the nation, once so fired with club enthusiasm.

The Entre Nous Society of Correspondence of Los Gatos, Cal., will soon bring out one of the finest lists ever issued. It will be in purple and gold, artistically done.

Branch 10 is making great progress under the supervision of Secretary Swain, who is one of the most energetic workers Boston ever had.

California ranks sixth in activity. New York comes first, with a total of 25 G. H. branches.

Amanda E. Freas and Branch 10 are two successes of this world. I hear she enrolled 27 members in one day. Is it true, then, that the ladies make club managers?

Club Review is a new amateur publication by Doane R. Shaw of San Francisco, soon.

The Sunset Corresponding Club of Francisco "set" rather earlier than expected. Bro. Gleason found it neither a playing nor paying proposition. Those who can not bear the burden of organizing a branch, please don't think of organizing one, for it isn't any fun. It is a good branch.

The Y. A. C. is now a realized fact, and seems to be here to stay. The novelty of the thing is wearing off, and many of those who hurled the biggest mountains of language at them are becoming converts. For Ed. H. Weigel has made statements that dispel the leading objections, and bring forth admiration instead of what Ed. says is law in the Y. A. C. I shall not worry myself more about it, for he is as fair in his statements as a clubman, and declares his loyalty still to the Y. A. C.

For the Girls.

BY MISS MAME WEIGEL.

HAVE been writing for club papers several months now, and I am pleased and that not only myself, but several others, are taking an interest in club affairs and are contributing to club papers. When I wrote my first article for Publico, I never imagined what great pleasure I should derive from my writings. I have been encouraged to greater efforts; I have been congratulated by both sexes, and believe I have caused other girls to "have their say" in our amateur publications. We girls can write articles equally as interesting as the boys, and I would like to know why more of them do not join us in encouraging our sex. The boys do not interest themselves sufficiently in clubdom. If they would resolve to do the boys along with their clubs, it would be a benefit we would be to clubdom. Girls do work earnestly in club affairs, while many others do not. I am always striving to help Branch 745, G. H. C. and my efforts have not been in vain. Other lady members also work for their clubs but I would like to know how many clubs contain as many interested members as 745. We have an excellent club, and I am proud to say that we girls can do considerable credit for its success. I should also like to see all girls with their tastes become connected with the National Amateur Press Association. We have three lady members—Miss Viola, Miss Amanda E. Freas and myself—and I tell you we feel lonesome, as we are but a few compared with the gentlemen members. Girls, join our association. Interest yourselves in the good work, and you will never regret it.

Personal Scratchings.

BY MUFTI NABO.

JOHN H. CAMPBELL, JR., although only 16 years of age, is a lad six feet in height, and comparatively has brains to spare. The old time rush and whirl were due to the stirring efforts of those two hustlers, J. H. Gunnell and C. Hines, who through their club career have set an

example worthy of emulation by all.—Golden Hours.

Branch 587, G. H. C., wants five hundred members. Next!

Paul H. Konelk has succeeded in forming a press club in Milwaukee. It is intended to issue a paper.

It may be that G. Edward Harrison will re-enter our ranks as a gentleman. As such we hope to welcome him.

Again we hear from Manfred Berliner, who joins the N. A. B. O. He is very very bright in the journalistic field, considering his years.

The National Association of Branch Officers is the only and original. "When bad men combine, the good must associate, else they will fall, one by one, an unopposed sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."—Burns.

In Continuation.

BY JOHN H. CAMPBELL, JR.

WE HAVE been repeatedly asked as to what we think of the concluding issue of The Budget—it is now a portion of The American Amateur, you know—in which the slinging of mud at the Y. A. C. by Herbert Stratton was the chief feature. We will merely say that it is beneath criticism, and we shall waste no time on it.

It is evident that The Rambler does not think twice before he speaks once. Our remarks in BITS AND CHIPS, No. 5, did not call for an apology for his roast of the Y. A. C. in a previous number, but for an explanation, similar to that of Mr. Chambers. This he (The Rambler) makes in the last issue, though in a half hearted manner. Why not be a man, sir, and throw aside your disguise, and if you must criticize, do so under your real name?

Bro. Reed did not exaggerate when speaking of Harrisburg, Branch 745 and Ed. H. Weigel in the last number of this magazine. Oh, no, for we experienced similar pleasantries when we, too, visited the Pennsylvania capital during Christmas week. Accompanied by J. Fred Crosson, we met its merry throng of 'ites, and had a jolly good time.

Mr. Chambers' jingles and Mr. Huguenin's humorous compositions certainly do make BITS AND CHIPS livelier than ever.

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THE U. A. P. A. ELECTION.

WITH the close of its initial campaign, and as the echoes of its first election battle die away in the distance, the United Amateur Press Association may now settle down and vigorously push forward the work for '97. The year just closed has been a successful one for the young organization, and much credit is due to Mr. Greenfield, the retiring president, and his able aides on the official board, for the excellent showing made. The retiring officers have done their duty well, and the organization has grown from a modest beginning until the roll at the secretary's last report showed 81 members, among them many of the best known and ablest amateurs in the United States.

The prospects of the association for '97 are nothing if not encouraging. That the

new president, Ed. H. Weigel, possesses the qualifications of a successful leader there is no doubt, and he will have able assistants in Vice Presidents Reely and Crosson. Harry Reed, jr., who succeeds Ira Reely as secretary, is an enthusiastic young amateur who will undoubtedly carry on to the satisfaction of all the work so well begun by Mr. Reed. Taken as a whole, the ticket elected is well balanced and thoroughly good, and the future prosperity of the U. A. P. A. is assured.

Of those on the ticket supported by BITS AND CHIPS, four were elected—Mr. Weigel, Lefebvre and De Hayn and Mame Weigel. We were defeated for official editor by T. H. Longenecker, but with the satisfaction of knowing the victor is a worthy and able gentleman, and extend to him our hearty congratulations. The Club defeated BITS AND CHIPS for official editor by a majority of 14, and Philadelphia, hotbed of the U. A. P. A., was unanimously chosen as the place for the '97 convention. Now let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and work for the good of the common cause—broadening the field of amateur journalism, raising still higher its standard, and building up of our organization.

The U. A. P. A. forever!

A BROAD HINT.

SOME time ago it was stated that BITS AND CHIPS would publish, free of charge, notices of 50 words or less; but so little attention was paid to that limit that we decided to discontinue publishing them together. One serious drawback to many of the club and amateur writers of to-day is the unnecessary length of their articles, and this reason may which we receive can appear in BITS AND CHIPS, as we have neither the space to spare nor the time required to set the type.

Grateful Candidates.

[T is my desire to thank my friends and others, through the columns of this paper, for the support given me during the late campaign in the United Amateur Press Association. My election was a great surprise, as I had abandoned all hope whatsoever of being elected, and but for the intervention of a few friends, would have withdrawn in favor of my opponent some time ago; but not wishing to cause confusion I remained on the ticket, doing little or no campaigning. Hence it may be understood that my election was a very great surprise, and the above also accounts for my small majority. Now that I have been successful, and have been entrusted with so responsible a position, I assure you I will bend all my energies toward making a complete success while holding the office of chief of reviews, and do all in my power to further the interests and objects of this association.

SAMUEL DE HAYN.

1732 S 17th street, Philadelphia, Pa.

To the Members of the N. A. B. O.:

I take this opportunity of thanking you for the support given me in the recent election. Although it is as yet unknown whether I am elected or not, still I thank all who were so kind as to give me their vote. The Board of Directors will decide the tie vote between Mr. Weigel and myself. Fraternaly yours,

JOS. JASON SALLMAN.

Members of the N. A. B. O.:

Dear Friends—You can't begin to realize how much I appreciate your grand support of me for third vice president. I will fill said position to the best of my ability. My election was by a magnificent majority, and I am truly grateful. I heartily thank you all, and trust you will never regret the action. Yours fraternaly,

EUGENE D. SWARTOUT.

Friends and Members of U. A. P. A.:

Permit me to thank you one and all for your kind support of me for treasurer in the late U. A. P. A. election. I desire to thank my friends who have helped me, and to those who believed in another ticket I desire to extend the glad hand. Let us now work in unison and boom am-

ateur journalism. I will try and answer all letters received as quickly as possible.

Yours in amateur journalism,
DONAT J. LEFEBVE

Something to Think About.

BY ONLY ME.

If Mr. Wagoner writes under the name of Scriptus, Will Lisenbee and Queen can John De Morgan and Editor Dum the only other pen pushers on the stage Golden Hours?

If a certain well known clubite had paid Philadelphia a visit, would Quaker friends still be sleeping?

If Harris Reed, jr., wore a derby instead of an Alpine hat, would De Hayn make fun of him?

If Percy Ewing had spent what money he lost in the advertising business in buying alive Club News, would Montgomery Johnson, Winslow and Gunnell still be with us?

If you kind reader, were as mild as ever cut a throat or scuttled a head torturing you with these questions?

If I now say "au revoir," would you like to hear again from "Only Me?"

Ed Harrison Makes Some Remarks.

Thanks to the kind efforts of Mr. Greenfield, nearly a column of the Christmas Boys' World was devoted to "Your Merry Edward." I tender Greeny the compliments of the season, and trust he got merry Xmas thinking about those dear A. P. A. votes of his.

Rush D. Growler says "Harrison will soon return to clubdom. You could drive him away with a shotgun." No picture from Puck.

Ira Reely is not a printer, but a publisher. Very few clubites are aware of that, besides being a philatelist, he is a puzzler.

The Hourites of Baltimore are getting move on themselves. It's a case of can't lose me. Philadelphia."

"Mike," have you any objections repaying my "friends" in their own way?

Wonder if Stratton is "One Who There?" [No, Ed., he is not.—EDITOR]

About Y. A. C. Branches.

BY G. W. DAERAGH.

OW to organize a branch and how to become a member of the Y. A. C. will be our topic for this talk. To organize a branch: First send to the supreme secretary an application blank. Then get together five or more persons (who are not club members and who reside near enough to attend meetings, as all branches must be local) and explain to them the objects of the organization and the benefits to be derived. Hold a meeting, choose officers, fix the dues and fees, select a name and appoint a committee on by-laws.

Have each person sign the application blank. Then send it back to the supreme secretary, with 50 cents silver. The secretary must, after the adoption of by-laws, send a copy, together with a full report of its progress, including dues, etc., to the supreme secretary. This must be done within 90 days after the adoption of the application. In case of failure to do this, your charter will be annulled. After the receipt of by-laws and report, the supreme secretary will report at the next meeting of the executive board, and if action is taken favorably, the supreme secretary will send to the secretary of the branch a copy of the charter, and a list from which the members may be chosen. Every three months thereafter the secretary must send to the supreme secretary a full report of the affairs of the branch.

The supplies and other necessities for the proper administration of the affairs of the branch can be procured from the supreme secretary when desired.

How to become a member." This has often been misconstrued. To enter you: To become a member, write to the supreme secretary for a list of names. If there is one in your city or one near enough for you to attend its meetings, make application for membership in it. If there are none near you, then form a branch, following the above instructions.

Remember this, that by a special law, the organizer of a branch is made a past member and eligible to membership in the club body at the convention. It also gives you a vote and all other powers of a fully chosen delegate.

Is this not an inducement for you to get into the fold? Ponder over it, and we think you will agree with us.

Sense and Nonsense.

BY G. GOSH.

EDITOR DUNN of Golden Hours is an honorary member of the United Amateur Press Association. He has returned the application blank sent him by Secretary Reed.

Wonder what became of that 16 page Christmas edition of Publico, "printed in colors?"

Just received a letter from an inquisitive clubite who asks: "Why is it that the majority of amateur writers are always slinging mud?" Humph! It must be the nature of the beasts.

Ed. H. Weigel's work for amateur journals is all "write."

The writer, being a Philadelphia lad, recently visited a meeting of the Young American Club, and saw some very astonishing things. One of them was a silver dollar!

"There is no money in publishing a club paper; the clubites won't support it!" This is the distressing cry heard on all sides by old timers who have published papers. But BITS AND CHIPS contradicts! Just take a peep at our subscription list, and you'll know the reason why. Please adverscribe!

It's 10 to 1 that every clubite who made resolutions on New Year's Day has broken them already.

Greenfield's Gossip.

We hear Aller and his stock company got lost in the shuffle.

George III had his Patrick Henry, Charles III his Cromwell, and W. T. Smith his Ed. H. Weigel.

I am confident the new official board is a strong one, and will use their most ardent efforts to promote the association's welfare.

H. Stratton's apology, read off at a recent meeting of the Y. A. C., was promptly turned down.

Branch 887, G. H. C., has been organized about two weeks, and has 90 members.

The Grumbler.

"Honey for the deserving, stings for the victims."

[Communications relating to this department should be addressed to the fighting editor, ALSON L. BRUBAKER, 808 N. 8th St., Fargo, N. D.]

WE HAVE made a number of New Year resolutions, but shall not tell you anything about them. You probably have troubles of your own. With the New Year let us mark out a new line of action for ourselves—leave the old, irregular habit of issuing a semi-occasional paper drop, and make some good resolves with this year that you will issue a paper regularly, and then have the energy and strength of will to do it.

The heated contest for high honors in the U. A. P. A. is at an end, and the members did the best possible good for the association in electing such an ideal amateur as Ed. H. Weigel to fill its highest honor. We are confident that he will make an executive of whom we will all be proud, and one who will efficiently perform his official duties. While we allowed our name used for the same honor, we are glad he was elected. You see life and its experience hasn't yet robbed us of our ability to look on the sunny side, and to make the best of every reality—even to disappointments. Why not? One gains more to laugh than to cry.

The slap in the face which Harrie Morris received from Herbert Schoenfeld, in regard to the recruiting committee, has a bitter sting. Every dog has his day, but Harrie seems to have had two days with a promise of more.

Letters like the following are becoming an every day occurrence at this office, and President Morton should investigate the matter at once:

Dear Brubaker—I wish you would use your efforts in clearing the convention photo "scheme," if so it be. I sent \$1 to E. H. Smith, and have received nothing but promises. There are others who fared in the same way. Yours,

BUTTE H. LIPTON.

An energetic board of officers and a

good official organ insures a sure and flourishing association. This, ever, can not be said of the National Amateur Press Association. Six months passed and only one issue of the organ has appeared, with but little of any more. The activity of the board is "out of sight," sneaking life. The recruiting committee is practically doing nothing—at least, if they are working, they are hiding their light under a bushel. Never in the history of the association has it been at such a low President Morton, awake from your Van Winkle slumber, and brush the weeds from your activity. At the present rate the association will soon fade into existence.

We are in receipt of an anonymous letter from one who no doubt classes himself a gentleman, asking us to publish an article in this department about one of our club members. And in glancing over "rot," we wondered why a man could love two lives, while a woman must starve. We are sorry for the girl, who she may be. No matter to what depth an unfortunate girl might have fallen, we would never be willing to push her down—if we could not help her, we at least would respect her imprudence, or folly, by our silence. Our sense of justice and honor is too great to allow to cloud that dearest possession of womanhood—her reputation.

Milwaukee Press Literary Club.

AMATEUR journalism in Milwaukee, Wis., has taken a decided step forward. December 11, at a meeting of enthusiastic amateurs held at the Elks Building, was organized the Milwaukee Press Literary Club. The society holds weekly meetings on Fridays, and its object, beside the advancement of amateur journalism, will be the study of literature, with social intercourse as a side dish. The meeting was addressed by several old-time amateurs, and the adoption of a constitution; the following officers were elected: President, E. M. Conen; vice president, Carl M. secretary, Miss M. Lang; treasurer, Viola Scheiber; editor, Paul H. K. The M. P. L. C. is out for the N. A. convention of '98 at Milwaukee, and will work vigorously to secure it.

My Visit.

BY CLUBBINS.

To Philadelphia I went,
Her clubites to see;
A room I had to rent
To receive members of Y. A. C.
Among those I liked best
Were Campbell, Clyde and Reed,
They would give me no rest,
But in cafes would feed.
With them I viewed the sights,
And next day took in a show.
Regretted, when the time came,
That home I had to go.

About Herbert Stratton.

have been requested by a member of
Y. A. B. O. to publish the following:
The President, Officers and Members of
Young American Club:

Gentlemen—On several occasions I have
ly insulted several members of the
C., and tried to hurt the organiza-
For all this I sincerely apologize,
in reparation am willing to anything
the Y. A. C. may wish (within rea-
If I am to appear before the Y. A.
answer charges, I shall certainly do
purpose to enter the 'dom again and
by my future conduct that I truly
the past. HERBERT STRATTON.

the 'Dom: Realizing the fact that a
fight hurts the 'dom as well as the
es participating, I make the state-
appended at the earnest request of
al prominent clubites, who desire
in the 'dom. I have decided to en-
forget myself in this matter, and
te all my desires and intentions to
ood of the 'dom.

HERBERT STRATTON.

The Average Clubite.

I.—SUMMER.

ey can't expect I'll do a lot—
July weather is too hot.
when Old Sol with Summer's tuss'ling,
en I'll be up and truly hustling.

II.—WINTER.

dear! I haven't had a chance
give my club a single glance;
A. now there's so much to hear and see,
must really give clubdom G. B.

—WM. S. CHAMBERS.

Guess Again.

There is a branch in the west
Which all claim
To be a leader of the best.
But, ho! Would it be pain
For them to guess again?

—L. M. L.

AMATEUR PRESS TOPICS.

Burger has retired. This is the best thing
he has done for the N. A. P. A.—The West.

Miss Douglass deserves the aid of her com-
rades in her crusade against the inactivity of
our girls in the 'dom and mud-slinging. May
she succeed!—The Rambler.

BITS AND CHIPS is a fine magazine. It
has lots of club news.—Parker's Monthly.

If everyone interested in amateurdom were
to subscribe to at least one worthy paper, it
would help wonderfully to smooth the myth-
ical sea so often referred to.—The Journalist.

No fear of microbes in postage stamps.
No one ever licked it before you did.—The
Gem.

BITS AND CHIPS, a very neat amateur pa-
per published at Utica, N. Y., devotes con-
siderable space to philately.—American Col-
lector.

BITS AND CHIPS is better than Forest and
Field ever was.—The Rambler.

Let's have less personality and more ama-
teur journalism in '97—less gas and more
gumption.—The West.

I. Will Wright, clubdom's modern poet,
seems to be doing things up brown.—The
Journalist.

The serious condition of Napa affairs has
made it imperative for immediate action!—
The West.

The man who declares he will talk no
more nonsense, will, if he keeps his promise,
never talk again.—The Gem.

NOTES FROM MICHIGAN.

After Several Years of Sound Sleep, Michigan
Awakes and Becomes Active.

CLUBITE George W. Wool, jr., of Detroit, has reorganized Branch 527, G. H. C., and will make it in every way a good club. From the same city we have promise of a club paper.

Miss L. Miller, the popular ex-secretary of Branch 88 of Detroit, will again enter the field. She intends to organize a club and make it a leader.

It is expected that Michigan will have a supreme branch of the G. D. C. A. Its objects will be as follows: To assist the Michigan clubites in forming clubs; to boom the N. A. B. O., and to help in every way sister supreme branches.

My thanks to brother members who nominated and elected me editor of the N. A. B. O.

A new club will be organized at Plainwell.

The writer, while in Decatur, interested several young people in clubdom.

WM. S. CHAMBERS.

The Postman Brought This.

Dear Editor: Listen to my tale of woe, and you'll know why I don't subscribe:

Friend Merritt, thy paper to hand,
And I say, 'tis simply grand;
But there, it seems to say "Subscribe."
Wouldn't I like to? "Sho' as you'se 'libe!"

If you can't write up club notes,
And all such kinder stuff,
You ain't in it fer a minute,
And the folks'll call you duff.

Now, how kin we manage dis—
It makes a feller think;
How kin he read de papers,
When he hasn't got de chink?

An' now, Mister Editor,
Dis I would like ter know—
How kin a feller read de notes
When he ain't got de dough?
Yours trooly,

JULIUS CÆSAR.

A Club Editor to Wed.

One of clubdom's editors will soon leave the bachelor ranks and take unto himself a wife. J. Fred Crosson of The Courier is the lucky gent, and no doubt all clubdom will extend congratulations.

The Lady Clubite.

BY HOWARD BURBA.

"The whole earth was sad, the garden was a
And man, the hermit, sighed, till woman smil'd."

So it was with clubdom, Pardon
and we'll change the above:

Clubdom was sad, clubites were simply
And things would have gone to smithy, eems
the women smil'd.

The only kick the writer has to
is that there is not more of them. Club
dom without the girls would be
wagon with only three wheels—there's
a corner on the drag. But honestly
candidly, we must have more of them.
The Irishman said, "something's got
'id." Why don't you fellow clubites
have, or claim to have, a "dear one,"
her into the 'dom? Girls, tell your
friends to fall in line, and let's make
the banner year.

And another great point. Club
needs more lady writers. We have
few but are proud to state that the
above the average boy writers. Most
clubites are too timid (?) to try and
a piece for some of our club papers.
don't know what you can do until you
Sit down and do your best—no one
more.

Don't let the boys get ahead
Come on and get in the procession
up near the band wagon, I'll guarantee
that Editor Merritt will take pleasure
publishing anything you write.

But to the ones now in the 'dom:
success to you. May your voyage
sea of time be a smooth one, and when
cast anchor and take a mate, may
both slip safely into that great port
the storms of this world are unknown.

A Highly Prized Compliment.

The editor of Good News will kindly
cept our thanks for the following,
appeared in No. 351 of that paper:

"The last issue of BITS AND CHIPS
hand, and presented a remarkably fine
pearance. We congratulate Editor
Merritt on his success."

Weigel.

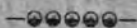
Of clubdom's great men there's but
Who are so honest, good and true—
There's surely too few in our crew
Like Ed. H. Weigel.

—WM. S. CHAMBERS.

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NOTES FROM MICHIGAN.

After Several Years of Sound Sleep, Michigan Awakes and Becomes Active.

CLUBITE George W. Wool, jr., of Detroit, has reorganized Branch 527, G. H. C., and will make it in every way a good club. From the same city we have promise of a club paper.

Miss L. Miller, the popular ex-secretary of Branch 88 of Detroit, will again enter the field. She intends to organize a club and make it a leader.

It is expected that Michigan will have a supreme branch of the G. D. C. A. Its objects will be as follows: To assist the Michigan clubites in forming clubs; to boom the N. A. B. O., and to help in every way sister supreme branches.

My thanks to brother members who nominated and elected me editor of the N. A. B. O.

A new club will be organized at Plainwell.

The writer, while in Decatur, interested several young people in clubdom.

WM. S. CHAMBERS.

The Postman Brought This.

Dear Editor: Listen to my tale of woe, and you'll know why I don't subscribe:

Friend Merritt, thy paper to hand,
And I say, 'tis simply grand;
But there, it seems to say "Subscribe."
Wouldn't I like to? 'Sho' as you'se 'liffe!"

If you can't write up club notes,
And all such kinder stuff,
You ain't in it fer a minute,
And the folks'll call you duff.

Now, how kin we manage dis—
It makes a feller think:
How kin he read de papers,
When he hasn't got de think?

An' now, Mister Editor,
Dis I would like ter know—
How kin a feller read de notes
When he ain't got de dough?

Yours trooly,
JULIUS CÆSAR.

A Club Editor to Wed.

One of clubdom's editors will soon leave the bachelor ranks and take unto himself a wife. J. Fred Crosson of The Courier is the lucky gent, and no doubt all clubdom will extend congratulations.

The Lady Clubite.

BY HOWARD BURBA.

"The whole earth was sad, the garden was a
And man, the hermit, sighed, till woman smil'd

So it was with clubdom. Pardner
and we'll change the above:

Clubdom was sad, clubites were simply aw
And things would have gone to smithereens
the women smiled.

The only kick the writer has to rec
is that there is not more of them. Cl
dom without the girls would be a
wagon with only three wheels—there
a corner on the drag. But honestl
candidly, we must have more of the
the Irishman said, "something's got
'id." Why don't you fellow clubites
have, or claim to have, a "dear one,"
her into the 'dom? Girls, tell your
friends to fall in line, and let's ma
the banner year.

And another great point. Clu
needs more lady writers. We have
few but are proud to state that the
above the average boy writers. Most
clubites are too timid (?) to try and
a piece for some of our club papers,
don't know what you can do natlly
Sit down and do your best—no one c
more.

Don't let the boys get ahead of
Come on and get in the procession,
up near the band wagon. I'll guar
that Editor Merritt will take pleas
publishing anything you write.

But to the ones now in the 'dom:
success to you. May your voyage
sea of time be a smooth one, and whe
cast anchor and take a mate, ma
both snip safely into that great port
the storms of this world are unknow

A Highly Prized Compliment.

The editor of Good News will kin
cept our thanks for the following,
appeared in No. 351 of that paper:

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pearance. We congratulate Editor
rit! on his success."

Weigel.

Of clubdom's great men there's but
Who are so honest, good and true—
There's surely too few in our crew—
Like Ed. H. Weigel.

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I find that he's loyal
To our clubs to-day.

A poet hard to excel
Is this young friend of mine;
His poems are well written,
In every line a rhyme.

Chambers is his surname—
How well it is known;
May his life be prosperous
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A great many miles away,
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To our clubs to-day.

A poet hard to excel
Is this young friend of mine;
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How well it is known;
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PERCY STEVENSON EWING.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, BY I. WILL WRIGHT.

MR. EWING is no longer a clubite or amateur, but at one time he was quite popular as both. He was born March 11, 1876, at Decatur, Ill., in which city he still resides. Through a correspondent in New York, he became acquainted with Golden Hours, and soon afterward joined the parental association and founded Branch 139, a club which prospered till its secretary (Mr. Ewing) went to Chicago, which was in the year '92. After a six month's stay Mr. Ewing returned home, and a few days later resurrected his club. As soon as it was in good shape again, he arranged a consolidation with Branch 330, a club which was conducted by John Flood, jr. Mr. Ewing was elected secretary, and retained that office till less than a year ago.

His first journalistic venture was to publish a small club paper, which was christened Club News. The initial number consisted of eight pages and contained nothing of interest. The next three numbers were no

better; but with No. 5 he began to publish lively club notes. From that time on every number appearing was a great improvement over its predecessor, and when the number came out it was pronounced the best paper ever issued in the interests of clubbing. With No. 13 Mr. Ewing changed the name of his paper to Ewing's Magazine. The first number he issued twenty-six numbers and was twice late, and then only a few days later one "double-up" number appeared and consisted of forty-eight pages and was the best. On his staff he had the names of the ablest club writers of that time, the list including Messrs. Ed. Ward, B. R. Winslow, N. Thomas Johnston, Calvin S. Harlow, Edw. F. Molen, Harold E. Denegar, and a host of others equally well known. Mr. Ewing derived a great deal of pleasure from his papers, but like others, never made any money out of them.

He is now engaged in the printing business, but has no intention of re-entering amateurdom.

A Buffalo clubite perpetrates this: "Who is the editor of BITS AND CHIPS like Ewing's magazine? One's name is Merritt and the other merits the name!"



WILLIAM H. GREENFIELD,

DATE EDITOR OF BITS AND CHIPS.

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"SCRIPTUS" DISCOVERED!

This Popular Writer is a Philadelphian, and is Known to Several Hourites.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—At last the identity of that popular member of the staff of Golden Hours, whose weekly talks and unique nom de plume, "Scriptus," have become so renowned and so well liked, is known. The gentleman referred to is none other than Daniel Waggener of Philadelphia, who has long been identified with that splendid juvenile institution projected by the Philadelphia Times, the Eight O'Clock Club, which he has conducted most successfully through a career of prosperity, growth and popularity.

As a writer Mr. Waggener has the reputation of great ability and the knack of pleasing his youthful readers, and in this his cleverness is brought into play, as is amply illustrated by his articles in Golden Hours.

The immense amount of speculation indulged in by readers of Golden Hours as to "who Scriptus really was" is ample evidence that this gentleman has made himself popular among the young people. Thousands of boys and girls have read with interest and profited much by Scriptus' Talks, and hope he will continue to talk to them for many years to come.

A Wedding in Clubdom.

A HAPPY event occurred in Harrisburg, Pa., Thursday, January 28, when two members of Golden Hours Athletic and Pleasure Club, Branch 745—Miss Edith Kerr and William H. Worley—were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Burrill. The groom was the first president of Branch 745. The young couple are popular and highly esteemed clubites, and received good wishes and congratulations from a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Notice to Subscribers.

With the issue of this month and last, several subscriptions to BITS AND CHIPS have expired. Such have been plainly marked, and no more copies will be sent unless renewals are received at this office.



EUGENE D. SWARTOUT,
PRESIDENT OF BRANCH IO, G. H. C.

Girls Wanted.

Sweet maiden of magnetic smile,
Sweet girlish heart so pure,
Dispenser of the mystic phial
Which contentedness does insure.
Light-hearted maid, do not be coy;
Disseminate thy filial ways,
Created as a herald of joy—
Why assume another phase?

Oh! purest soul, I would thee tell
Of our dear club, so great and grand;
No doubt 'tis known to thee quite well,
Its fame hath long spread o'er the land.
Perchance, tho' in thy happy bowers
Its name is vet to be defined;
Oh! maid, 'tis meant by Golden Hours,
The happy union of mankind.

Thy merry, rippling laugh, so sweet,
Thy little dimples—born to seduce,
Thy captivating tiny feet,
All to man's happiness conduce;
Thy God intended thee to be
The tranquilizer of man's soul;
Oh! blushing maid, please list to me:
Our club would fain have thee enroll.

The Rambler's Career Ended.

THE only clique we know of beh
N. A. B. O. is the sixty odd m
that compose the association.
member is interested therein, and
say it is run for the benefit of all
for a few.

Publico is at hand and come
so 'tis stated. I hope so; it's a pr
sheet.

A little bird told me something
the U. A. P. A. lately, but I'm not
to say anything. I've talked to
lately, and if you don't believe
any Philadelphian.

Must we have "ears a la Yellow
join G. H. C. 12? This club come
Greater New York and promises
hustler.

UNSOLVED PUZZLES.

Why don't—

Harrison stay in clubdom; or
good?

The U. A. P. A. consolidate with
A. P. A.?

The writers of BITS AND CHIPS
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Writers or something similar?

You clubites take more interest
branch?

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A new rule goes in effect next
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may say, we are pleased with the
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Our object in the first place, to
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Yours incor. THE RAMBLER

ASSO'N OF BRANCH OFFICERS

OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Introductory.

PHILADELPHIA, O., Feb. 15.—Worthy members: I take great pleasure in being the fact that BITS AND CHIPS is appointed official organ of our Association. Therefore it is respectfully requested that all members should subscribe, to become acquainted with the news of our grand organization. Subscription fee is but 20 cents a year. The Executive Committee need neither time nor pains to secure attention for official organ which is practical and popular; now let the members give it substantial support.

Our constitution is finished, and is a work of art. Many thanks to my worthy member, Edward H. Weigel, members who wish a copy at once please send postage, and it will gain attention. My time is so fully occupied I can not attend to it outside of my regular routine, unless as above applicants announced officially in this number are hereby declared members in accordance with our regulations. Following applicant will be declared members two weeks after this date, pronounced letters of objection are filed: E. Mitzenthal, New York city.

Trusting that one and all will give their attention in subscribing for this issue, thereby showing sincerity and approval of our action, I am

Sincerely yours,
C. FRIEDRICH, Secretary.

The New Certificates.

Meeker & Weigel have presented the U. A. P. A. with 250 membership certificates, printed in colors on fine paper, very beautiful. The association ordered a seal, and members who receive their certificate, with the official seal corner, will have very handsome ones. The work is highly creditable to the generous donors.

The new administration of the U. A. P. will make several important changes in the society.

In and About Amateurdom.

BY IRA REELY.

JULY 4, 1876, the National Amateur Press Association was formed at Philadelphia, and a little over 19 years later, in the same city, the United Amateur Press Association was started. A queer coincidence.

Alson Brubaker did not like his name being left off the official U. A. P. A. ballot, but it could not be prevented, as he was not placed in nomination until after the ballot was compiled and in the printer's hands.

W. H. Greenfield, lately defeated for the secretaryship of the U. A. P. A., has announced himself as a candidate for the same position at the next election, which takes place at Philadelphia next August. His candidacy is endorsed by the most distinguished members.

Brother amateurs, how is this for a leading ticket at the Philadelphia convention: Will C. Price for the high honors, and Milwaukee for the convention seat in '98. Both should go the west.

Baltimore is again back in the club circle. Branches 16, 49, 53, 54, 69, 117 and 204 are located here. I learn also that Henry Weigel of 53 has or is about to issue an amateur club magazine.

A little bird whispered to me that the ever jolly J. Fred Crosson has taken unto himself a helpmeet. Well, well! Who will be the next to give up bachelorhood? Not I!

So The Rambler of BITS AND CHIPS fame is no other than Bro. Donat J. Lefebvre. And he's all right.

Harrison is back in clubdom, to receive the slurs and insinuations of club writers. Well, Ed is able to hold his own, and he generally hits back.

Ed. H. Weigel is so busy since he entered upon his duties as president that he hardly finds time to answer his correspondents.

Another Amateur Paper.

A new amateur paper will shortly appear from Ann Arbor, Mich., to be called Chic. Frederic Millen, jr., will be editor and publisher.

PARAGRAPHS BY THE EDITOR.

Leon L. Spalding is editor of the Youths' Journal, a new one from Hastings, Mich.

Bro. Fahnestock's criticism on the U. A. P. A. election seems to have stirred up a hornet's nest in Philadelphia.

Paul H. Knoelk of the erstwhile Recorder contributed quite a gossipy letter to the Monthly Visitor for January.

The Texas Amateur, though small, is a spicy and neat little paper. Its editors have opinions of their own, and do not hesitate to express them.

Small favors thankfully received; therefore we're glad the editor of Salem World thinks BITS AND CHIPS "has some good reading matter in it."

Are Club Echo, The Journalist and Club Reporter dead? It's a long time since they have come to us. The Boys' World and Publico are very irregular in their visits.

The Loud bill, changing the status of second-class mail matter, was reported to the Senate Feb. 22, with several very material amendments. It is not probable that any action will be had in the Senate at this Congress.

The West for February digs up a skeleton from the N. A. P. A. closet. It roundly scores E. H. Smith, general secretary of the N. A. P. A. for the "razzle" deal he is alleged to have given the members on his convention photograph scheme. If what Mr. Schoenfeld prints in The West is founded on fact, Smith would make a nice member—of a "confidence" team.

The Official U. A. P. A. Reports.

The appointment of BITS AND CHIPS as official organ of the U. A. P. A. vice The Courier, consolidated with Publico, came so late in the month that it was impossible to publish the official reports in this issue. Next month we expect to publish them in full.



ABOUT STAMPS

BY HOWARD BURBA, HODGENVILLE

NOTICE.

In writing letters of inquiry, don't forget postage. We would like to exchange with philatelic papers. Please send TWO copies to editor of this column and the publisher.

IN THE STAMP WORLD.

"Our Philatelia," Providence, R. I., new monthly.

Moses B. Page will publish a list of nature collectors.

The Philadelphia post-office's sales are \$9,000 worth of stamps a day.

The Duke of York has been elected president of the London Philatelic Society.

Canada has issued a new postal card.

The commemorative issues of Venezuela and Uruguay have been blacklisted by S. S. S.

The Indiana Philatelist is a new one.

We recently had the pleasure of a stay in Louisville, and if every stamp collector boasted of a set of whole-souled stamps as equally as good as "Old Kentucky," the philatelia is also a fraternal society. There a friend handed us a copy of BITS AND CHIPS and it goes without saying we didn't do a thing but read it through before handing it back. We came home and found our copy awaiting us and—picked it up and read it through again.

May fortune smile upon all stamp collectors; the present year is the wish of

HOWARD BURBA

A Successful Basket Party.

The Golden Hours Athletic and Y. M. C. A. Club held a basket party last evening at Sible & Clark's Hall, which was attended by about 150 young people. Packages were prettily decorated with colors of the club, green and pink. Their sale netted the club about \$120. Twelve applications for membership were received, which will be acted upon at the next regular meeting.—Harrisburg Independent, Feb. 20.

Y. A. C. Notes.

BY KODAK.

the organization of the Y. A. C. following Philadelphia members have an Ed. H. Weigel: Supreme First President Samuel De Hayn, Supreme John H. Campbell, jr., Supreme Vice President J. Frank Weigel, Third Vice President J. Fred Supreme Secretary G. W. Darragh, Treasurer and Official Editor Har-

burg a branch is being organized, if successful, will excel anything ever in club circles. The Weigel are at the head of the scheme.

and that Branch 3 of New York city and up-to-date club. They recently entertainment and reception.

reported that Branch 1 of Philadelphia setting an example for newly organized branches. They will do a beneficial if they keep their weather eye upon and secure useful hints.

les F. Kelley, president of Branch 2, that his branch will be a leader of the nation. May his hopes be realized is

Flashes from Clubland.

BY R. G. BALLARD.

es, why not take more interest in News Club? The publishers have their interest in it by giving branch and now it is your turn to show interest in it.

to inform the members of the N. O. and all others interested, that I am no way connected with the U. B. O. have made a mistake and am willing knowledge it.

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& Smith have added a beautiful illustrated cover to their excellent paper, News, and it is now one of the best

papers published in the interest of young people in the United States.

William H. Greenfield.

Of the active and popular young men in amateur journalism and clubdom, William H. Greenfield stands well up in the ranks. Born in Philadelphia in 1881, he attended and was educated in the public schools. He entered clubdom in '94 and his crisp, breezy writings for various amateur papers have won for him the name of being one of the cleverest of amateur writers. As associate editor of this paper he will talk to you regularly every month.

MAURICE B. LIPPINCOTT.

Wisconsin Gleanings.

BRANCH 459, which was announced in last issue as disbanded, has consolidated with Branches 10 and 783, to be known as Branch 10 of Boston, Mass.

Our thanks are extended to Messrs. Swartout and Friedrich for photos. We will reciprocate in due time.

Knoelk, Haise and myself are not "horse style" with Sukre. Only Me, please take notice.

The officers of the Nabo have a move or foot by which we think we can do away with these annoying contemporaries of ours. Watch BITS AND CHIPS.

C Friedrich is in a state of hustle and bustle, as he always is. Members of the Nabo feel justly proud of their secretary.

What has become of the Authors' Donation Fund, friend Chambers? Or, more properly, the money subscribed—eh?

Our Press Club is getting along splendidly; more members are enrolled at every meeting.

Miss Ida M. Bipper, an old time Hour-ites, will, we are pleased to say, re-enter the 'dom and would be pleased to contribute articles of interest to any of the leading amateurs. Ladies take notice.

John H. Campbell has our sincere sympathy in his bereavement in the loss of his father.

We are contemplating a trip eastward this coming summer in time to participate in the U. A. P. A. convention, and also to visit New York and Boston.

JOS J. SALLMAN.

Bits and Chips.

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REGARDING NOM DE PLUMES.

FOR some time past we have been considering the advisability of abolishing entirely the custom of writers using nom de plumes, and have decided that hereafter all who contribute to BITS AND CHIPS must do so under their real name. Articles now in our hands which have been accepted, written by persons using "noms" will so appear, but no more will be accepted without the writer signs his or her own name.

We think this step is one taken in the right direction, and will elevate and improve club and amateur journalism. It has become quite a fad for clubites to send notes to some amateur paper, signed by some fictitious

"handle," which usually contain more or less rot and roasts on the sayings or doings of persons whom they do not like, and they would not dare sign their own name. Such stuff, when received at this office, is consigned to its proper place—the wastebasket. This practice is all the more objectionable because it has become so general. There are many conscientious, capable and popular writers who use nom de plumes, but to them these remarks are not directed. We know of no good reason why a person who writes for publication, a person who signs his own name. There are already too many "Au Revoirs," "J. A. M." and "Rush D. Growlers" in the field of good of clubdom.

We have adopted this rule, believing it a step forward and will result in much to all interested. There is no offense intended, no affront meant, and we hope no ill will be taken. Please bear this in mind, also that your contribution will find no place in our columns unless it has your own signature.

ALREADY has President Weigel gone to business, and U. A. P. A. matters are moving smoothly. The other new officers are hard at work, and the results are apparent by the increased interest and numerous applications for membership from those in the ranks of the Napa. At present appears to be in anything but a harmonious state.

SPEAKING of U. A. P. A. affairs, wouldn't a recruit committee be all the more in the way of securing new members than the efforts of individuals? It would suggest that President Weigel form such a committee; and one who would be an energetic and efficient chairman. A. Alderman.

SOCIATE EDITOR'S PAGE

2447 N. 15th St., Philad'a, Pa.

As number I greet you as associate editor of BITS AND CHIPS. I have been fully in favor with a certain number of amateurs, because I held my tongue and fearlessly let them be out to business.

Very—surprising—amazing! At last he has appeared, dated January 1913, presents a fine appearance. The said Crossor's spicy sheet, has been published with Publico, which will be the A. P. A.'s official organ. We are much interested in the result of the election, and hope Crossor will inject vigor into the new management.

887, G. H. C., will admit generally a two-cent stamp during the months of February and March.

Brenshian bids fair to become one of our best writers. In looking over his work we couldn't fail to notice this amateur. Although not very well known, he is one of the most scholars of the Uapa. The Philadelphians gave him a royal reception in the U. C. rooms when he visited this city. A collation was served.

You are welcome, Chambers. Stay with us; we want you "old 'uns" and you are for the new.

It seems to be sincere in his desire to give him another chance; don't let him live for those much-regretted days of life for those much-regretted days regarding the Y. A. C., and don't let that he was not the only one

who attacked it. Many others have made "half-hearted apologies," and they have been accepted. If Herbert was inclined to attack the Y. A. C. and use insinuating methods, "there were others." When a fellow is down, don't push him.

—Crossor and Editor Dunn have done a "kiss and make up" act.

—Thanks for kind wishes, Ed. Harrison. "Same to you." I can't say that I had a merry Xmas thinking over those ten U. A. P. A. votes. But my victorious opponent seems to be the right man in the right place, so let's "drink to his health."

—"There's no money in running a branch club" is the old cry, but 613's secretary can demonstrate that there is.

—The new certificates of the U. A. P. A. are just grand—printed in colors, on fine paper, and adorned with the seal of the order; they present a handsome appearance. They were printed by Messrs. Longenecker & Weigel.

—At a recent gathering of clubbers in this city, Fred Crossor suggested a "cigarette fiend's" branch.

—"G. Gosh," Stark, but that Tarragona went fine. You ought to know what I mean; you were "one who was there."

—At a recent assembly of clubites, the Quaker City Social Club was organized, with J. Fred Crossor as president.

—That young but popular G. H. branch, 887, has undergone quite a change in the officers' ranks. Maurice B Lippincott is now president, and yours truly secretary.

—J. Fred Crossor has been appointed by President Weigel as chairman of reception committee. With the genial Fred at the head of it, the committee will do good work. Those who attend the convention in August may rest assured they will have a royal good time. Altogether it is expected the convention will be a large and enjoyable gathering.

WILLIAM H. GREENFIELD.

Echoes from the 'Dom.

BY EDW. F. SUHRE.

I OWE an apology to my many friends and correspondents for being so tardy in answering their last letters, and trust they will not be offended, as the recent Nabo election and other business matters have so fully occupied my time that correspondence has been sadly neglected, and I therefore take this method of informing you that I shall soon write you personally.

In order to enable me to devote more of my time to the building up of a sound and successful clubdom, I have consented to write a few notes each month in the interest of clubdom, and I trust will be the means of waking up our sleeping brothers and sisters.

No doubt there are a few clubites who do not understand what the letters "N. A. B. O." mean, and for their benefit I will say that "N. A. B. O." and "Nabo" represent the title of that successful association, the "National Association of Branch Officers."

Every wideawake and up-to-date clubite ought to know the object of the Nabo, but for those who have recently joined our ranks, I will quote from my report (while president of the association) as follows: "The object of this association is, as you all are aware, for mutual benefit, moral improvement, counsel, aid and encouragement, and the general promotion of the standard of our clubs." But that is not all—"But the responsibility of the National Association of Branch Officers has a broader significance than the formation of a brotherhood, the creation of good fellowship, or dealing with any particular evil. It is to bring its power to bear upon all evils and all dishonorable practices that exist or may creep into clubdom." Such are truly the plans of the Nabo. Let all ye fellow Naborians become acquainted with each other, consult one another about matters pertaining to the welfare of the 'dom, and last but not least, do not hesitate to report any irregularities which you may discover to the officers of the association, for by so doing you will help to make Nabo successful and aid in the effort to purify clubdom.

The members of the Nabo should congratulate themselves up on having secured

BITS AND CHIPS as its official organ. We have a paper which we can rely on to publish our reports, get to work for us, and let's hear from you.

Burba's Budget.

ED HARRISON, "Mike" said it would be impossible for "pay 'em in their own coin." May I think they are "giving the devil his due." How about it?

The January Visitor was a bump. Multi Nabo is getting up a "report."

If the Napa and Uapa are going to consolidate, why don't they get at it?

Publico's ticket won in the Uapa.

Congratulations are due Bro. upon securing so worthy and enterprising a writer as Greenfield for associate editor. Long live BITS AND CHIPS.

The writer has had the honor to be named manager of the recruit committee for Uapa for Kentucky. If (oh, that I didn't look so much like a certain Philadelphia) was running the Uapa work up the state for you, boys.

I. Will Wright is a writer right.

The Courier and Publico have dated. Why did you wait until election?

TELL MERRITT THAT YOU SAW

(Written for Clyde)

Oh, Clyde, my dear, say, did you hear that's going round?

In nearly all the sheets it has appeared. For buying papers they all say you're downed.

But when it comes to paying you get

HOWARD B.

Rhode Island Notes.

Brother writers, pause and ponder.

Ere from your dear girl you're gone. For your absence makes her frown.

Of the man who stays at home.

We recently joined the N. E. A. and now we're going to join the A. right off quick.

Is 'Our Philatelia' of Providence only amateur published in Rhode Island?

WILL J. CLEGG

—Watch for BITS AND CHIPS for

Notes Stolen from the Wires.

WRITTEN BY EDNA MAE ST. CLAIR.

... veteran clubbiter returning to the
... would not find it much improved
... respects. He would not consider
... monkey and Hoodoo clubs such a
... improvement, nor would he see
... very wonderful about such non-
... de plumes as "Prof. Eat-Em-
... Drink Blood," "Rag-Chewing
... etc.

... who was once popular as an
... is now popular as a professional.
... P. A. must make a spurt, or Upana
... ahead.

... E. Bokman has sent in Ed Har-
... application to the Nabo.

... Upana has 21 clubbiter members, four
... are state managers on the recruit

... Miller, jr., the popular Ann Arbor,
... clubbiter, recently won a \$5 goldpiece
... Young Sports amateur story contest.
... Secretary of the Maryland Branch
... Association has been asked to dis-
... club.

... and bill doesn't seem to scare
... to the extent of keeping them
... club journals.

... about there being no clubs in
... Indiana, Oklahoma and New Mex-
... correct. Of course now since the
... union of the Golden Hours Club,
... these states have clubs; but at the
... time was written all of them had
... Texas a dozen or more.

... Alderman, Millen and Price are
... popular clubbites on the Young
... all of reporters. But wait until

... Greenfield wants to be editor-
... of Young Sports' Amateur

... looking over old copies of the
... discovered an answer to a
... asked by no other than Edgar B.

... staff writers of Ewing's Club
... only one now in clubdom is
... Miller, jr.

A Clubbiter's Lament.

Alone doth he wander,
No one to sympathize;
No money to squander,
And tears fill his eyes.

He had started a club
Without enough backing;
Thought each clubbiter a dub,
And now funds are lacking.

The rest of the story
Everyone ought to know—
The club, without glory,
Is gone where poor clubs go.

—JULIUS CÆSAR.

—O. Leo and Pip tell us that the new
partner of Boys' World seems to be will-
ing to correct dirty proofs, and "they" add
something we do not think Kurt capable
of doing.

PRIZES!

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Another Prize for the Third Largest.

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THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING

EVER HELD BY A G. H. BRANCH

**Branch 745's Jolly Time--Refreshments Served
and Dancing Among the Features--
Harrisburg Hourites Stirring--
Great Enthusiasm Shown.**

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 30.—[Special to BITS AND CHIPS]—The hustling abilities of the clubites of this city were again demonstrated last evening, when the Golden Hours Athletic and Pleasure Club, Branch 745, held the most successful meeting since its organization.

The fact that J. Fred Crosson and Harris Reed, jr., of Philadelphia, were expected to visit the city, caused the officers to call a special meeting for their reception. They spared no pains to make the visit of their friends a pleasant one, and solicited contributions from the male members, to be used in procuring a dancing hall and orchestra, in addition to the regular meeting place of the branch.

A general surprise was tendered the officers, as, for the first time, every one of the 60 members, many accompanied by friends, were in attendance. The room was crowded with young people with expectant faces, and members could be distinguished from the others by the neat badge of the branch which was pinned over pink and green ribbon. Up to the time President Osler called the club to order, the visitors had not appeared.

As soon as the president's gavel sounded throughout the room, silence ensued. The order of business was conducted up to "written communications" without anything of importance transpiring; but under this head Secretary Ed. H. Weigel read the following:

PUBLIC OFFICE, Jan. 27, 1897.

ED. H. WEIGEL:

My Dear Friend—Owing to the illness of my sister I will be unable to keep the engagement I made with you; also, as friend Reed has important business this week, I think that I would be a little lonesome without him.

Hoping this will be no inconvenience to you and your fellow members, and with regrets at not being

present at your meeting called to remain
Yours Merrily,

J. FRED
P. S.—My best wishes to you and the
Branch 745, G. H. C.

Bro. J. Frank Weigel moved communication be received and that the secretary be instructed to communicate with the brothers, and club's regret at the unavoidable chances that prevented their wishing for the speedy receipt of Crosson. The motion was carried.

After considerable business transacted, among which the club made a strictly local branch, refreshments were enjoyed, furnished by the members. Further pleasure was afforded in many enjoyable games. At 11:30 the club proceeded to the



ONE OF THE FEATURES AT THE MEETING OF BRANCH 745.

of the building, which is a hall where dancing was enjoyed until one hour in the morning.

The non-appearance of Bros. Reed and Osler was a great disappointment to the members, but as such an event was had, and the club became considerably more popular, the disappointment was soon forgotten.

That meeting has placed Branch 745 on a firmer foundation, and in the future will be heard from early and often.

Picked Up by Pip, Jr.

Who would think Longenecker beat Merritt? is the question on the lips of many clubites.

I would like to see more young people take an interest in club matters. Misses Fries and Douglas have set a good example. Follow it, girls.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Items Sent by Some of Our Correspondents, Carefully Condensed.

JOSEPHINE C. DOUGLASS assigned as treasurer of Golden Pen and Ink Corresponding Society.

Miss Douglass expresses her opinion of the necessity for taking this Branch 52, G. D. C. A., of which she is president, requires her undivided

attention. Some of BITS AND CHIPS may join the National Flag Association, G. N. C., for five cents to R. G. Ballard, N. Y.

Harry of 506 has finished some work on the new design for The Register, his popular society is on the way to fame.

Branch 23 has the following officers: Frank Schultz president, Josephine C. Douglass president and A. J. Van Dine secretary and treasurer.

Collecting is a fad among Hourites. This fad is a very good one and should last. Who does not want to have the honor of correspond-

ing? Branch 72 (now 23) once enrolled 20 members one day when it was a correspondence club. But even this does not compare with the record of Branch 88. Good News has 100 members.

Branch 23 is no longer a correspondence club. It has reorganized and is now the Golden Hours Game Club. Meetings are held monthly. Residents of the city are admitted only.

Our lady writers says, in speaking of prominent Hourite: "If a writer says anything good of him, don't say it." This is a good suggestion for our trouble busters.

R. G. Ballard is again in the field. He has changed his mind, and will enter the office as secretary of Good News National Association, Branch 91. Now, if he can only work for the Nabo instead of

for the Nabo, everyone likes is a prompt reply and none are more prompt than the Nabo. He has achieved success in the journalistic field as well as in

club circles, having written for the leading club papers. His sketches are always welcome.

—What has become of Bert Baumgardner? His brother seems to have taken his place on clubdom's stage.

—Don't tell them that you saw me saw the wood, but tell them that you saw me in BITS AND CHIPS, and you will be admitted free to active membership in Branch 24, G. D. C. Card and list to members. Enclose stamp to Will F. Hollinger, Cherokee, Ia.

—Golden Days Pen and Ink Corresponding Society, Branch 122, was organized July 15, 1896, and now has over 70 members. It issues the largest and only engraved certificate in clubdom. List of members has gone to press, and will be mailed soon to all members.

Brooklyn News.

Branch 33 of Brooklyn, N. Y., was one year old February 10. It has at present 56 lady members and 78 gentlemen.

Branch 625 issues a very neat card, as also does Branch 867.

No. 33 is no longer the only branch in the City of Churches. The "Yellow Kid" has come, we hope to stay.

The secretary of Branch 10 is still debating whether to disband or no. We emphasize a former writer's advice: "Don't do it, Gene." WILL DINEEN.

MARRIED.

WORLEY—KERR—At Harrisburg, Pa., January 28, 1897, by Rev. Mr. Burrell, WILLIAM H. WORLEY and Miss EDITH KERR, both of Harrisburg.

An Unsolved Problem.

Of the commonest of objects
Are a mystery in their way,
And the simplest of their portions
Foil the wisdom of the day.

And there's one unfathomed subject
I have often pondered o'er,
Just a simple little question
Of the cannon and its bore.

And a dark and knotty problem
Daily serves to vex my soul:
Does the hole outlast the iron,
Or does that outlast the hole?

Nooseneck R. I. WM. J. CLEMENCE.

—The appeal to the girls by Miss Mame Weigel in BITS AND CHIPS ought to bear fruit. Wou't you join us, girls?

Ruminations on the U. A. P. A.

THE United Amateur Press Association election of officers for 1897 is over, and we start afresh on the road to success. The first campaign was indeed an interesting one, and a hot one, too. Weigel, the general favorite, was elected by a strong vote, and what his first move will be is anxiously awaited, as it has been reported that he will bring about many radical changes for the good of the association. We may all be well assured that whatever President Weigel attempts, generally comes out O. K. That he is an amateur of rare talent none can deny, and if we will take his advice and help carry out his plans, we will have an association second to none and a model for all others.

Don't think, now, that President Weigel is able to do all the work, and that he does not need your assistance; but go to work and help him. Now, if you are one of those who were defeated in the election, don't—for the love of the association—please don't lay down work that you had planned had you been elected, but revive yourself and go to work again with more push and with an earnest desire to see the most good come from the results of your work.

The writer is one of the defeated class, and he is not—no, not by any means—going to let others have the chance to say something of this sort: "Now, there's Alderman, who ran for office but was defeated, and I don't know but what it's a good thing he didn't win, because he is not doing anything at all now. One would not think he was ever in existence." Now, some of you other fellows in the same class with the writer take the hint and get to work at once, if you don't want such things said about you.

Some of you, perhaps, will say that you didn't run for office, and don't want any, either; so that it will be no use for you to work, as it will do you no good. Well, there is where you are very much mistaken, because all the work you do for the good of the association is helping the cause it represents, and surely you are interested in that cause or you would not be a member.

This year promises to be the banner one for the U. A. P. A., and we have a board of officers that any association might be proud of. Look at what it has done in its short career, and you can slightly imagine

what it can and will do in the future. Fellow members, put your shoulders to the work and show the others we are capable of. Don't give up because you are sometimes discouraged, but work with a will. For such a small organization the U. A. P. A. has accomplished wonders. It promises to be the best of its kind the day, and is fast gaining the reputation of one. Even thus early one of the older bodies is becoming jealous. It may be for the United Amateur Press Association has accomplished what no other society of its kind for the time it has been in the field, and is doing! GEO. A. ALLEN

Regarding Bro. John H. Campbell

BY the death of J. H. Campbell reported in last month's issue of BITS AND CHIPS, our valued friend and amateur, John H. Campbell, Jr., was compelled to give up clubdom entirely. John has for nearly a year been conducting a library at 1117 West Philadelphia, and in the spare time, in some hard study he has determined to undertake, will prevent his active participation in amateur affairs. Mr. Campbell has for some time been one of the most active workers in the field, and has contributed to BITS AND CHIPS and other amateur publications have always with interest, and shown him to be the possessor of much journalistic talent. What little time he will be able to devote to club matters will be fully occupied with the local Y. A. C. clubs in the Quaker City.

Mr. Campbell's retirement is a loss to clubdom. We have now a number of young men of his pushing, energetic style, and John will be missed.

Odds and Ends.

Ed. H. Weigel is contemplating publishing a paper.

Can The Rambler be Lefebvre's? Branch 88, G. H. C., has all its officers.

Harris Reed, jr., objects to being called "Little Harry."

The amateur paper that was promised for the last issue has at last appeared. Now the question is here to stay? THE S

Encouragement.

BY MISS MAME WEIGEL.

starting to write for amateur papers. I see that many more of my sex are beginning to do the same, and it is indeed to note the fact. The very much to benefit clubdom and your journalism, and since they do the good work, I would urge greater efforts.

They are beginning to unite with their press associations, which step they will never regret, as I have a little experience with the U. A. P. having but recently been elected to the credential committee. The work of this committee is also commensurate. Miss Amanda E. Frees is elected by the president. He has yet appointed the third member, and hopes to secure the consent of a girl, which I hope he will do. This not only encourages girls to remain with the association, but gives us something to work for. The work we do I am certain is appreciated by the members of the U. A. P. I have also been acquainted with the work of Miss Josephine C. Douglass, who has joined our association and been an excellent worker in clubdom. I believe she will do creditable work for the U. A. P. A.

August I hope to see this benevolent educating organization contain a number of lady members, as I intend to attend the convention, but do not mean of being one of a few girls in the ranks. I hope all girls who peruse this paper will kindly write me for particulars of the United Amateur Press Association, which I will gladly give if they enjoy the privileges of an organization that promotes and teaches the art of composing articles, book reviews, etc. Now, girls, do not delay, write to me at once. My address is 1224 William street, Harrisburg, Pa. Your letters will be promptly answered. I believe in amateur journalism, and sincerely hope that more of my sex become interested and assist me in my work.

From a Professional Standpoint.

BY CZAR.

ALTHOUGH a stranger to many of you, it gives me great pleasure to address you all a few words in these columns.

We have heard that Mr. Greenfield has become a writer on Young Sports. Mr. Earl, the editor, writes over one-half of all the matter that appears in that paper, under various noms.

Enrique H. Lewis, the most popular author on Good News, is now conducting one of Street & Smith's new libraries.

It may seem curious, but it is nevertheless a fact that the comic author, Sam Smiley, writes under his own name.

Harold Frederic, the great American author, whose latest book, "March Hares," received so much comment from both American and European publications, is a cousin of the well known young amateur writer, Frederic Millen, jr., of Ann Arbor, Mich. Mr. Millen was one of the winners in the prize contest of Young Sports.

Shortstops.

Of all papers in the 'dom, BITS AND CHIPS deserves the support of every member who is interested in the cause.

What is the matter with the girls? Let's hear from them. Misses Weigel, Frees and Souder seem to be the only real active ones in clubdom. Come, girls, rouse yourselves.

Will C. Price has gone into the newspaper business. He is business manager of the weekly Princeton Mascot, an eight-page paper published at Princeton, Mo.

A. John Van Duzen seems to be very active. Are you a member of the U. A. P. A., John? You should have Merritt correct one of your notes in a recent issue. It said I was "good looking." Merritt left off the (?) after "good."

GEORGE A. ALDERMAN.

Clubdom numbers in its ranks some professional illustrators, among whom may be mentioned "Savage," "Jack C. Jack" and C. I. Geibel. Harry D. Baumgardner has much ability as an artist, but he has never entered the ranks as a professional.

Reed, jr., is manager of the Reed Co. of Philadelphia, Pa.

This and That.

BY ED. H. WEIGEL.

THE recent election of the U. A. P. A. has caused considerable comment by the amateur press, which is read with pleasure by the writer, as it shows the growing popularity of this organization. I deem it an honor to be placed at its head, and will endeavor to show my appreciation for the confidence which has been placed in me by doing everything possible for its future welfare. I wish to thank all members through BITS AND CHIPS for their kind support and wish them all prosperity and success in their undertakings.

I was greatly surprised at the unexpectedly large vote which was cast in my favor by the members of the N. A. B. O. Although defeated by the Board of Directors, I am perfectly satisfied, as Bro Sallman is a good, energetic worker for the cause, and I am sure I could not do near as much for the association as he is capable of doing. I wish Bro. Sallman to accept my hearty congratulations. It was left to the members and the best man won. I also wish my supporters to accept my most sincere thanks, as their many votes were greatly appreciated.

The Y. A. C. in Harrisburg, Pa., is still working with rapid strides to the front. Branch 2 is meeting with great success, thanks to the Kelly Brothers and Miss Sophia McGarvey. But as clubdom will receive a great surprise in a new branch which is in course of organization in that city, I am sure the supreme body will point to it as an example for other branches to follow. Harrisburg will soon deserve as much praise from the headquarters as Philadelphia in which city the Y. A. C. was started.

It has been reported by the amateur papers that our well known amateur, William H. Greenfield, is now a professional author. I wish him unbounded success and hope he will soon gain the popularity which excellent authors have attained.

I am pleased to note that the ladies are beginning to see the benefit their assistance will be to clubdom. They have now

started writing for our leading papers and their articles are equally interesting and instructive as those of the gentleman members. I read articles and find great pleasure in reading. Girls, accept my congratulations and keep up the good work. By and by you will soon have the cooperation of many more of your sex.

Harrisburg has another good addition to its already large one. Frank Weigel is the new recruit. He has proved that he is a hustler, he has begun working for the U. A. P. A. P. A.

A Serious Matter.

To the Officers and Members of the Amateur Press Association:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Philadelphia members to a special Board of the U. A. P. A. to take the charges of the young man who manages the paper known as Tidbits published at Cohoes, N. Y., who during the recent election as unfair, and grave accusation against the Association; that your board either request said gentleman to prove his innocence, or fine him, whatever you see fit, within 30 days after imposition of fine does not pay same, he be suspended from the convention, when his case be taken up and discussed. Fellow members, ballots are open for inspection.

J. FRED COOPER

Honest Gratitude.


To Members of the N. A. B. O.:

I can not refrain from expressing my honor bestowed upon me by your noble association in electing me president for '97. I appreciate the honor shown me, and feel the responsibility of my office as does our worthy president. You show your appreciation far west for her support in the past things honorable and enterprising. I hope I will not prove unworthy of my position, and it shall be my duty to assist in spreading the fame of our noble association wide throughout the world. With wishes, I am

Yours for '97.

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Quaker City Chatter.

It seems as if the Napa will last a very short time if such a state of affairs continues to exist in the association as of late. This is to be regretted. Has that progressive society, the Uapa, given those poor mortals a grand shake-up? It certainly looks that way. What the general outlook denotes appears to be a very undesirable ending for such a grand organization as the Napa was at one time.

Philadelphia clubites recently had a visit from James C. Bresnahan of Jersey City, who is an able writer and a prominent member of the Uapa. Mr. Bresnahan was given a royal reception, and similar treatment is promised all visiting friends. The Quaker

City is bidding for the leadership in the circles. Convention time will give a better chance to become acquainted with the enterprise of this once slow city.

The old-time clubites crave for when we used to mud-sling by the and it was a case of see which comes out most. Mud-slinging nowadays means disapproval everywhere.

The matter concerning the apology of Herbert Stratton was brought up by the executive committee of the Y. A. C. In reply, a letter from him being read, the due consideration it was decided to give his apology. This being the case, the Y. A. C. will take no further action against Mr. Stratton does right, which is what he will do.

The late crusade against G. Edmond Harrison seems entirely uncalled for. I met Mr. Harrison and had a personal talk with him, and can say he means well, as he says; but, like all of us, he makes mistakes sometimes, but I can tell you didly that there are many worse than he. The only trouble they have not been shown up. I think twice before you speak once.

HARRIS RE

In the Clubites' Corner.

BY R. G. BALLARD.

The following officers have been elected at the meeting of Old 10: Eugene D. Swartz, president; Jos. J. Sallman, first vice; Samuel V. Coonan, second vice; Thomas B. Laughlin, jr., secretary and treasurer.

All members of Branch 731, are hereby notified that they have been elected members of Branch 91, and exempted from all dues and assessments.

Branch 91, G. N. C., will be known as the National Correspondence Society.

Another addition to the list of Empire State is Branch 103, G. N. C., the Colonial City.

—The activity of the present administration is apparent on the face of it. President Weigel and his colleagues are making things hum.

CLIPPED AND ORIGINAL.

BITS AND CHIPS is fine and no
Give us your Bro. Merritt.
I have to go you, Brother Kouwiser
- Shake!

Murray, in Dillon Republican:
is only one colored member in Con-
and his name is George Washington
No relation to the Republican.

Ed's Echo: You can't teach an old
w tricks, but you can buy a new dog.

Copy Hook: BITS AND CHIPS, by
E. Merritt, jr., of Utica, N. Y., is a
ble monthly, and the young editor is
omended for so good a thing.

Monthly Visitor: Morton is still presi-
with the accent on the "still."

the members of the N. A. P. A. are
ing left-handed compliments and
their officers over the coals, the U.
is sawing considerable wood and
many recruits from the National's

Republican: If you have to travel
ets of Dillon on foot these days, your
mind.

Eagle, Uncasville, Conn.: And we
ur friend Merritt, who, not satisfied
ring us 12 pages of "newsy" news
only, goes and fills up the handsome
ith more news. Verily, it is hard to
BITS AND CHIPS.

Monthly Visitor: Why don't some pun-
e and remark" that Schoenfeld's
Blossoms of Yesterday," is Good-
is it?

Monthly: Our best exchange is
BITS AND CHIPS. It has more club news
y other club paper we know of.

Green State: O, this maddening rush
for notoriety. And Goodenough

has had his verses typed---hero, singer, saint!
O, shades of Kamber, can we sit in silence
and have this pounded into our wisdom
centers?

Independence, Ia., has a daily paper call-
ed The Gun. If this paper issued a suppl-
ement on the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight,
wouldn't it be a "son of a Gun?"

Monthly Visitor: "I want you, my honey,
yes I do," is a song addressed to E. H.
Smith by numerous amateurs who sent one
dollar for a convention photo, and simply
received---"nit."

Ink Drops: If the editors of Publico
would make less promises and issue their
weekly paper with more regularity, it would
be better for all concerned.

Utica Press: If cigarettes shall be taxed
under the internal revenue laws at the rate
of five cents each, as proposed in Congress,
there may be a chance that now and then a
boy will reach manhood without having
smoked anything more deadly than tobacco.

Wisconsin Notes.

PAUL H. Knoek has left Milwaukee to
take up his residence in Cedar Falls,
Iowa. Amateur journalists and clubites
will miss him very much in this town and
his departure has caused a shade of regret.

Miss Frees of 88. will soon issue a new
and complete revised list of members.

The much talked of Recorder has come
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Harry D. Baumgardner intends to visit
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JOSEPH J. SALLMAN.



HARRIS REED, JR.

BY EDWARD A. STARK.

THE above cut is a good likeness of Harris Reed, jr., the clubite, of Philadelphia. Mr. Reed was captured in the wilds of Africa about 1877 and brought to this country and tamed by the great showman, P. T. Barnum. Reed is supposed to be the missing link from monkey to man. He first learned to speak the American language in 1890, and at once became interested in clubdom and amateur journalism. He has tried to organize several clubs, but all have failed, and more than one amateur paper has "traveled the voyage" under his management.

Mr. Reed has five bad habits—smokes, chews, drinks, stays out late nights and flirts with the girls. Anything that Reed undertakes is sure to be a dead loss, and I would advise all clubites to keep shy of him.

An Interruption.

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A brook between two mighty hills,
Fed by a hundred limpid rills;
A tangled growth of birch and pine
Through which the golden sunbeams

2.

A leaf-strewn space beneath the fern
The honeysuckle's odors sweet,
And where the glade and woodland
Two forms which stand with hearts

2.

A sportsman's whistle, sharp and
Re-echoing from beyond the hill—
Another golden purpose crossed,
Another kiss forever lost.
Nooseneck, R. 1. —Wm. J. O.

EDITORIAL OVERFLOW

MANY new exchanges, in addition of those already on our list, have come in the last few weeks, but lack of space prevents their review. However, none are they welcome.

THE Good News Artists' and Writers Club, Branch 51, of Volinia, Maryland, rolled the editor's name on one of its and very beautiful membership cards. Thanks.

CLUBITES should note carefully the month's official proceedings of the Club, O., as published in BITS AND CHIPS, by keeping informed of the doings of this useful branch of clubdom.

THE secretaries of Branch 1, of Brooklyn; Branch 6, G. H. L., of Waukegan, Wis., and Branch 6, of Philadelphia, P., will kindly send thanks for handsome cards and membership.

WE RECEIVE club notes from our friends, but much of it can not be published because of our space being limited. In matters of more general interest, however, those who do not find their names in BITS AND CHIPS will hereby

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Joseph Chapman of New London, Ct.,
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"The Society."

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date with Branch 71 as soon as arrange-
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gford the "Tom." He has disbanded 800 of
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"The Midget," from Denver, Col., with
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Branch 21 has added a Circulating Li-
brary department for the use of members
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iting Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Allegheny,
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Branch 857, late secretary of Branch 857,
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John E. Denegar, who will be re-
ferred to as the publisher of the
"Register," is the author of an interesting
story in Long Branch.

Branch 61, De Morgan, while by far the
best contributor to Golden Hours,
is seconded by Messrs. Fred Thorpe,
Irving Hancock and Matt Royal.

Branch of St. Clair is not that author's
best. By strange coincidence, it al-
ways seemed that he writes better stories
under his nom de plume, than under his
real name.

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—It is believed that "John Mack," who
has written about schoolboy life in New
York City, is none other than Mr. Dunn
himself, who was born, bred and educated
in the metropolis. At the time Mr. Dunn
went to the College of the City of New
York it was called the Free Academy.
While products of New York do not, as a
general rule, become famous, Mr. Dunn
may be cited as a shining example.

Special Notice.

HAVING been nominated and elected
at the recent election of the United
Amateur Press Association to fill the of-
fice of chief of reviews for the ensuing
year, I learn that there is considerable
speculation as to the aforesaid office.
Many persons, and particularly members
of the association, are in doubt to what
and why the office was created for, hence
the following brief explanation:

The office of Chief of Reviews or Bureau
of Manuscript, as it is commonly called,
is the original idea of our worthy presi-
dent, Mr. Weigel, and upon his suggestion
the office was created. Its intentions are
to receive all manuscript, such as articles,
notes and in fact anything that persons
belonging to the association or otherwise
may wish to be placed or published in
any amateur under the control of this or-
ganization and be scrutinized and all de-
fects obliterated before published, or re-
turned if requested by the writer. This
bureau is a very important adjunct to the
amateur, as well as an instructor, and
will in nine cases out of ten prevent
writers from criticisms that are heaped
upon them by those who claim to know
all, and in point of fact whose writings
should be criticised more closely than the
younger aspirants.

It should be understood, however, that
this office and bureau was not only created
for the benefit of the younger amateurs,
but the older ones as well, and as it was
created as aforesaid, by the association,
its head will be under its protection; and
no complaints arising from an emulous
or contentious nature will be heeded. All
communications that have any bearing
or connection with the manuscript bureau
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SHALL WE CONSOLIDATE? NO!

A SUBJECT which has several times been mentioned in the amateur press lately is the consolidation of the United Amateur Press Association with the National Amateur Press Association. There does not appear to be any good reason for such action, nor do those who favor the idea seem to be very numerous. Such a move could result in no special benefit to members of the Uapa, while the Napa would thereby gain largely in membership and income, and absorb an organization which, after over a year's hard work by its promoters, has at last been placed in a firm position and on the high road to prosperity; and about the only "ad-

vantage" gained by those who consolidate would be the blessed privilege of paying much higher dues, and in return receiving nothing more than can be obtained from the United Amateur Press Association.

The United States provides a field sufficiently broad for both organizations, and there is no cause for friction between them. A sad lack of harmony has been painfully evident in the older body for some time, while there is no doubt that a consolidation would find favor among its members, such a thing should never come to pass. The A. P. A. is a healthy and robust young organization, and under President Weigel's able administration, will make still more rapid progress. The fact that several members of the N. P. A. have become connected with our organization is good evidence that it is already recognized as one of the best.

BITS AND CHIPS is strongly opposed to this consolidation scheme. Let us "stick to our colors" and continue the good work. 'Rah—'rah—U. A. P. A.!

ELSEWHERE in this issue are printed the official reports of the officers of the U. A. P. A. President Weigel's message is a remarkably clear and sensible paper, and his suggestions are at once practical and progressive, giving ample evidence of push and energy. The reports of both past and present officers are highly encouraging, and all indications point to a most successful year for the organization.

PHILADELPHIA amateurs are very enthusiastic over the Uapa convention, to be held in the Quaker City next August, and everything indicates that it will be one of the greatest events in the history of the organization.

THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR'S PAGE

Our address, 2447 N. 15th st., Philad'a, Pa., which exchanges will kindly send a copy, as well as one to the publisher.

LUBDOM is now comparatively placid. Abolishing nom de plume ers will be a good move to help keep Experience has shown me, as it has undoubtedly shown many others, that the spring of petty, revengeful things is not one another must stop. If controlled by the untiring nom de plume ers, it must inevitably be attended the baneful consequences which are comparable from bitterness and strife. Harmony is absolutely essential, if we are to be successful, for if the friendliest relations between clubites are not maintained, our downfall is sure.

Harmony seems to be a stranger in the U. A. A.

John Campbell has tendered his resignation to the Young American Club.

Mr. Burba thinks me an entertaining writer. I am trying to merit your praise, Burba.

We are pleased to note the enthusiasm which seems to be stirring the boys of Sauklee.

Philadelphia is booming in amateur writers. There are several new papers to be issued, so rumor has it.

Charles H. Henry has announced himself a candidate for chairman committee credentials in the U. A. P. A.

Would not Donat J. Lefebvre make a running mate to Will C. Price? It is Price and Lefebvre for '98?

The Milwaukeeans are in hopes that the U. A. P. A. convention will be held in "burg," but another "burg," 'tis said, will enter the race. It is Harrisburg

and with its large number of amateurs, will give Milwaukee some tall hustling to land the convention.

—A whisper from the west says: Will C. Price will run for the presidency of the U. A. P. A. in August. Mr. Price (like myself) evidently believes that "the early bird catches the worm."

Secretaries of below clubs will kindly accept our thanks for cards of honorary membership. We appreciate the honor very highly: Yellow Kid, Branch 12, G. H. C.; Young People's, Branch 870, G. H. C.; Sunrise, Branch 887, G. H. C.; Keystone, Branch 98., G. D. C. A.

—Since the editor so kindly published my cut in our last issue, I have received a letter from Robert T. Brennan saying: "You are a handsome fellow Greenfield." While in ecstasies of delight I received another from a Chicago clubite saying: "Your ugly mug was the only thing that was wrong BITS AND CHIPS for February. Go get a new face!" Now, which am I to believe?

—I have read a good many notes by clubites saying: "Oh, for ye olden writers! Oh, give us back the golden (?) days of yore," etc. What is the use of dreaming of the past glory? That will not make the present any better, or insure the future. "Let the past dead bury its dead." S. Seaman, Crosson and the rest of the "dreamers" should get to work and renew-aye, surpass the glory of the past that they seem so fond of digging up.

—We are an advocate of the nom de plume abolishment, and with Mr. Merritt we are in the crusade against noms. There is not a club writer in the 'dom who will deny that clubites have made the nom de plume a mask for slur-throwing. Anything mean, disgraceful and underhanded that is written, is promptly signed by a nom. Clubites have made the nom de plume abominable, and since it became a fad, the columns of our papers have been graced, or rather disgraced, by some of the most vulgar, idiotic trash ever published. And it should be stopped. Take up the crusade against noms and you will be doing a good thing for the 'dom.

WILLIAM H. GREENFIELD.

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President's Message.

To the Members of the U. A. P. A.:

Greeting—Having been elected by you to serve in the capacity of president of our excellent organization, I take this means of thanking you, one and all, for the confidence you have placed in me, and I sincerely hope that you may never have cause to regret your choice. I will promise to fill the responsible and honored position as faithfully and beneficially to the association as lies in my power, and will earnestly work for its welfare.

I have several ideas which I desire to place before the members for their consideration, as I believe they will benefit the organization; and as that will be my aim while serving as president, I would respectfully call your attention to the following:

First, I would suggest that Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be made to read as follows: "It shall be composed of white persons of both sexes, between the

ages of 14 and 30 years, who edit, or tribute prose or poetry to an amateur paper at least once every three months. This refers to the membership, and should be changed, as it would create a widespread interest and induce men to contribute to amateur papers. We have too many uninterested members, we should endeavor to have them take renewed interest.

We have a Manuscript Bureau, which is conducted by the Chief of Reviews, which is an excellent feature and should be more properly attended to. Now order to further the good work, I would also request that this association add a clause in its constitution which will require a Manuscript Bureau on each side the Mississippi river. This would enable members from both sections of the United States to have their works published without any trouble or delay. Another Chief of Reviews could be appointed to conduct that department, thereby placing more interest in the hearts of our western members.

We should also have a Recruiting Committee. It should be composed of one member from each state and territory, each to have charge of their own particular section. It would be their duty to interest persons in amateur journalism, induce them to join the association; they should also endeavor to organize clubs. A chairman should be appointed whose duty it would be to conduct the committee and instruct them in the work. He should also have charge of all recruiting circulars, amateur papers for that purpose, etc.

It would also be a good idea if the association would establish some fund whereby prizes could be offered for the best story, article, poem, sketch, etc., written and published in amateur papers by the members. This would create renewed interest, and thus cause others to join in order to be able to compete for these prizes.

A very important question is that concerning the official organ. It is my opinion that each and every member should receive a copy of it, thereby keeping informed concerning the workings of the association. We should proceed AT ONCE to make a plan by which we can have the official organ sent to every member; also to those joining hereafter, without any additional cost to the individual members. I believe the publisher of our official organ

us rates that will enable us to do this about much expense. This would be a great help to us, and should be carried out. The constitution and by-laws could be altered and corrected according to the wishes of the organization as we will hereafter convene, and they should read according to rules of debate. There are many changes which could be made in the constitution and by-laws, and a committee to revise them should be appointed which I will do if no objections are read before the next issue of our official paper is mailed. I believe these changes will make it one to be envied by its larger contemporaries.

Now, dear members, I have an important question to place before you for your consideration. The National Amateur Press Association is desirous of securing our consent to consolidate with their association and swell their membership, thereby making the United Amateur Press Association be heard of no more, unless it be mentioned as a thing of the past. Are our best labors to go for naught? Are we going to discontinue our exertions for our beloved organization, and work for success? I leave the answer with you. You are the ones to decide, and I would be pleased to hear from you, one by one. I have not been made acquainted with their proposition, and cannot present you for your approval; but suffice to say, "Do you wish to remain with the United Amateur Press Association, or is our desire to consolidate with the National Amateur Press Association?"

Before closing I wish to impress upon your minds that we are progressing rapidly. We have almost one hundred members, and I would request that you use your best efforts to increase that number—yea, thrice as large during the year. Urge your friends to join. Work hard for our welfare. "Never give up" should be your motto, and I am positive we will soon be the leader in amateurdom. My space is limited I will come to you although there are matters of importance that you should take action upon, but as everything will be explained to your committee on constitution and by-laws, should you not object to their appointment, you will be presented with your work through the official organ for your approval or disapproval.

I am thanking you for your kind support, and wishing the association as a whole, and each member individually, un-

bounded success and prosperity, I will sign myself as

Your obedient servant,

ED. H. WEIGEL,

President of the U. A. P. A.

Secretary's Report.

APPLICATIONS.—Blanche C. Meserve, Lynn, Mass.; Edw. F. Daas, Milwaukee, Wis.; W. C. Dunn, honorary member, New York city; Leroy E. Stackhouse, Camden, N. J.; Josephine C. Douglas, Elizabeth, N. J.; W. Roy Carothers, Sidney, O.; Wilkie N. Collins, Alpena, Mich.; Wm. J. S. Dineen, jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Herbert J. Parker, Dubuque, Ia.; Marvin Swartley, North Wales, Pa.; Geo. D. Gallowsay, Denver, Col.; George Fettig, New York city; C. L. Munkel, Philadelphia, Pa.; Guy N. Phillips, Sioux City, Ia.; Arthur Bushel, South Norwalk, Conn.; Ned A. Barney, Canaan, N. H.; John P. Miller, Lancaster, Ky.

The above applicants will be entitled to certificates, with full privileges of membership, if no objections are filed on or before April 5.

All delinquent members have been notified of their standing with the association, and in most cases an early response has been the result. Those still in arrears are earnestly requested to respond at once. To make any association a success it is necessary to have funds. The prompt attention and co-operation of the members in this respect is always greatly appreciated.

Our worthy president has not only presented the association with a fine certificate, printed in colors, but has also done still further service by presenting it with 1000 pamphlets, 16 pages and cover, which will be of great help to the U. A. P. A. in securing members, as it gives the particulars in full so as that no person after reading it will be in the dark as to what the U. A. P. A. is, its objects and general principles.

HARRIS REED, JR., Secretary.

Ex-Secretary Reed's Report.

Following is the report of the secretary of the United Amateur Press Association for 1896:

To the Chairman of the Credential Committee, Officers and Members:

My Kind Friends—I beg to submit this, my annual report of the standing of the U. A. P. A.: The following figures show

the growth of the society since my duties as secretary commenced, on April 4, 1896:
 Total no. members up to April 4, 1896..... 29
 Admitted from April 4 to Dec. 18, 1896..... 54

Total membership to date..... 83

In justice to the society and the new recruits I will say that unlike other national societies, the rapid increase is not due to every class being taken in simply to increase the membership, but the new members are most enthusiastic, having displayed unusual activity for new ones, and a gain, numbers of the late recruits have paid one quarter dues in advance, thus showing that they are of the right sort.

There has been only one application objected to, which demonstrates that the members are alive to the welfare of the club, and recommend only those who have a good reputation. I would suggest that the constitution be amended so as to require members to pay their dues January 1. Funds are what we need, and unless we get them the society can not prosper. brother and sister members, give us your co-operation and we shall have a model society.

I desire to thank my brother officers and members in general for their courtesy and co-operation shown me.

Very Respectfully Yours,

IRA REELY, Secretary for '96.

December 18th 1896.

Official Editor's Greeting.

To the Members of the U. A. P. A.:

I take this means of thanking my many friends for their support in electing me to the responsible position of official editor, and I will endeavor to deserve the confidence placed in me by doing all in my power to bring the U. A. P. A. to the highest standard of success, and will not publish anything officially unless ordered to do so by the association through its president and secretary.

Again thanking you for your kind support, I sign myself,

Yours Fraternally,

T. E. LONGENECKER, Official Editor.

From Rhode Island.

The Rambler's idea of the writers of BITS AND CHIPS forming a club is good. Push it along.

BITS AND CHIPS grows better with every issue.

WM. J. CLEMENCE.

ABOUT STAMPS

BY HOWARD BURBA, HODGENVILLE, K.

NOTICE.

In writing letters of inquiry, don't forget postage. We would like to exchange with all philatelic papers. Please send TWO copies, one to editor of this column and the publisher.

IN THE STAMP WORLD.

HOLDING as we do the readers of BITS AND CHIPS in the highest esteem, it being our constant aim to help whenever an opportunity offers, we warn them now against any dealings with B. S. Ross of Chicago, who is being held by the philatelic public in general as a fraud of the worst type. A word to the wise, &c.

Washington Philatelist is dead.

Watch for the new issue of Canada.

The U. S. was the 11th country to issue stamps.

S. M. Hamilton is out for the presidency of the P. S. of A.

The annual deficit in the postal service reaches \$19,000,000.

The souvenir edition of the Daily Stamp Item (deceased) at hand. Very good.

"Brazil, 1894, with inverted center, counterfeit, and the Rio police are after forgers."

Arrangements are being made to hold a philatelic exhibition during the Nashville exposition.

A Chicago Sunday school has a stamp club, and only members of the school are allowed to belong to it.

"The membership of the A. P. A. is to advance about as fast as the frog well who jumped up one foot and fell two."—Columbian Philatelist.

Ferd. Witherington, jr., Paducah, has, it is said, been frightened into making a number of sheets to dealers by a post office inspector. Oh, your Uncle Sam never sleeps.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

THIS HEAD WILL BE SET FORTH FROM MONTH TO MONTH, BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF AUTHORS AND CLUBBES.

The writer is indebted to Stacy Baker for biography of Mr. Dunn. For the portrait he owes to Mr. Dunn. Parties interested please give thanks. M. J. B.

BY MR. DUNN.

VE been requested to write my biography for this paper, and as the editors agreed to assume all chances of its circulation decreasing the circulation of paper, I have consented to do so.

was born in the year 1853, on December 7. Consequently, on December 27, I shall be one hundred years old. I always regretted the fact of my birth, as I was unable to do anything to prevent it. I have learned to bear with the results of an act for which I am now responsible.

As my investigations have gone, I could discover that my advent was caused by strange astronomical demonstrations or mighty convulsions of nature, but I have come to the conclusion that just at the birth of a very handsome child was not such an unusual occurrence.

After spending a number of years in the usual occupation of breathing, and afflicted by several collar-and-elbow wrestling croup, measles, whooping cough, and having successfully downed them, I was decided by my worthy parents the time had come when I should be taken to the other bric-a-brac in the public eye. After having securely bound and gagged me, they brought me before the public, and, before I had time to realize what had happened, I had been launched on my wild career.

I did not care much for this school, so about 14 years of age I graduated and went to College of the City of New York, then known as the Free Academy. One day a committee of the school, while looking over the books, came to my name, spelled in full, and decided that a less plebeian appellation should be chosen for the edifice that was

thus honored by my presence, so it is now known as the College of the City of New York. Very few people have heretofore known why the name was changed. I remained at the college for three years, and, finding that I could absorb no more of the knowledge that was lying about in such huge hunks without taking chloroform, I did nothing but say good bye to the professors, while the large briny tears stood in their eyes. (By the Editor.—If Mr. Dunn had attempted to borrow 50 cents from one of the teachers, we should call this a very touching scene. Go on with the show.) I now started in to learn the printing trade at the magnificent salary of \$500 a week and find myself—where I could.

The first thing I succeeded in learning in the printing office was how to make "pi," and by diligent application I soon learned to be quite an adept at this sort of work. I remained at this business for a number of years, when I got an idea that the public was pining for some one to start a very elaborate job printing establishment, and thought I was the one to do it. So I started such an establishment, after which it appeared the public was not pining so assiduously, and in about a year, seeing that my efforts to elevate the trade of my choice were not appreciated, I left the cruel public to its fate, closed the establishment, and opened the book and newspaper printing salon in which I am still located.

When Golden Hours was first launched on the turbulent sea of journalism, I was offered its editorial management, together with a yearly salary that would be a prince's ransom—if it has a few more ciphers attached to its business end. In this position I am conscious that I have made thousands of friends and possibly a few enemies. As for my friends, I hope their lives will be long and happy, and that the greatest possible success will attend every one of their undertakings; as for my enemies, I hope—exactly the same.

Yours truly, W. C. DUNN.

This department will now be a regular fixture in BITS AND CHIPS. Its editor, M. J. Berliner, is a writer of widely known ability. Next month we shall publish a biography of Harris Irving Hancock, written from notes furnished by Mr. Hancock. Each month will be published an autobiography until all the authors who contribute to Golden Hours have been written up. Cornelius Shea's half-tone photo will

be published in connection with his autobiography. With the kind support of such as he may call upon, the editor will make this the most widely read part of this paper.

MANFRED J. BERLINER, Editor.

IN FRONT OF THE SEARCHLIGHT.

Some of the Things Revealed by Flashing Its Rays in the Direction of Clubdom.

It may, perhaps, interest clubites to know that in '91 The Youth's Companion had a large number of camera clubs, all of which were presented with blanks, instruction pamphlets, constitution sheets and the best wishes of the publishers.

The Independent Order of Hobby Collectors fills a long felt want.

Mr. Waggener is undoubtedly "Scriptus," but "Scriptus" is not "Quinton."

For this, that and several other reasons the writer will not re-enter clubdom.

How many of you know that Clarence C. Converse is a cousin of the late Frank H. Converse?

Another popular amateur whose name is often seen in the professional ranks is Miss Harriet Caryl Cox.

When I wrote "The Average Clubite," I supposed "Old Sol" and Winter were one and the same. I know different now.

Almost every one is on hand to give Bro. Harrison a kick; but as yet no clubite has been man enough to tell why he kicked him.

Professional authors are finding a deal of fault with the methods of Young Sports, but those amateurs who carried away the \$5 gold pieces are not complaining.

Bro. Greenfield shows the right spirit. By all means give Bro. Stratton another chance. He may have wronged clubites, but certainly not to such an extent that he is beyond pardon.

One of the March numbers of the Presbyterian Messenger contains a contribution by Miss Emma L. Harck, a popular N. A. P. A. member. The title of the article is "Making the best of it."

The Argosy, when published as a boys' paper, had a great many military, philatelic, literary and history clubs. Though not given branch numbers, they were al-

lowed to send in reports as often as desired.

Harrie Irving Hancock's new story, "His Wits' End," is even more wonderful than Mr. Shea's "Hole-in-the-ground" romances. Dick the reporter has his stained to a dark color; yet a month later it becomes ghastly white!

Amateurs are wondering what should be done to put the N. A. P. A. on its feet again. The right thing to do is to cut out a little of the dead wood. Will Weigel at the head and some Reed Reeds and Lefebvres following, the N. A. P. A. would soon be O. K.

To Bro. Sallman: If you wish information concerning the authors' fund, stroll down American ave. and stop when you reach the office of the Recorder. The publishers are the stockholders (that I guess they haven't held any yet), should be better prepared to answer your question than I.

That clubites should sometimes fall is nothing so very surprising; But what seems so strange to me Is why brothers keep them from rising.

WILLIAM S. CHAMBERLAIN

Odes Wanted.

In order to make the opening and closing ceremonies of the U. A. P. A. convention impressive, it is necessary to have appropriate odes composed in the near future, so that the members can sing them at the first convention. We have some good poets in our organization and the request of the president that they compose two odes (an opening and closing) and send to him for approval.

All poets in the association should show their skill, and submit their efforts as soon as possible, as the ones accepted will be printed in the new constitution by-laws.

Now, let us see how many of the members have the welfare of our beloved organization at heart.

Yours Fraternally,
ED. H. WEIGEL, President

The Crosson-Fahnestock Matter.

F. W. Fahnestock, editor of Tidbits, says that the article in last month's BITS AND CHIPS by J. Fred Crosson was far from true and that the charges were without any foundation whatever.

Echoes from the 'Dom.

BY EDW. F. SUHRE.

MUCH has been written lately about the matter of blackmailing or "mud-slinging" as it is commonly called. The editor has had the matter under consideration for some time, and has come to the conclusion that the best way to abolish this practice is as follows: Let the officers of the United Amateur Press Association make an agreement setting forth that no member of the association shall be permitted to have published in any club paper, which is a member of the association, any article or writing that directly or indirectly touches upon the character of any clubbiter in any unfit manner. This agreement to be approved by the board of officers of the association, and then have a copy sent to each member, and also the club papers, to be signed and returned by each member. Also that any member of the association violating the provisions of this rule shall be immediately dismissed, and that such person expelled will not be permitted to have any of his or her writings published in any paper connected with the association within one year.

I suggest that the United Amateur Press Association undertake to bring about this reform for the reason that most of our amateur journalists are members of this association. I do not wish to be understood, however, that one member should assail another in any paper without the person assailed having the same right to defend himself. But I do think that every member should have as much privilege to make known his defense as the other. I do not think it a good policy to keep known their troubles through the papers. Better settle that some other way, and let the readers of our papers "have troubles of their own."

I would like to hear what the officers of the Clubbites think of this suggestion.

Our Clubbites will no doubt be pleased to learn that our friend, Will Chambers, has, or is about to become a full pledge clubbiter, the same as of yore.

Our president Lefebvre of the Nabo has under consideration a scheme or plan by which he intends increasing the list of members. His plan is as follows: He intends to personally award to the person

who secures the most members during the year—a year's subscription to any of the weekly papers, G. H., G. D., G. N., etc. Full particulars announced later. This is an excellent idea, and no doubt will be much appreciated by the members.

Short But True.

There is a world of meaning in the following little verse for those who will read between the lines, and the club secretary who wants to make his branch popular and successful, or who aspires to climb clubbdom's ladder of fame, and dealers in stamps, curios, printers' supplies and the like, would do well to remember that—

Little drops of water
Make no great display,
But little drops of printers' ink
Turn the tide your way.

JOSEPH F. DUTTON,
Forestville, Conn.

California Branch Disbanded.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 15.

To Whom it May Concern:

Upon motion of Kurt Neitzke, which was carried, the California U. A. B. O. has been disbanded. It is the wish of the officers to have it be known that they did not antagonize the N. A. B. O., its principles or officers, but their wish was to push the idea along and have state branches. We still maintain that state branches would be a good thing. We have had letters from clubbites, some encouraging, some telling us to disband, and others satirical in tone; and most of these came from officers and members of the N. A. B. O. We did not disband because we did not have the means, or that we did not have the "backbone" to carry us through, but came to the conclusion that to promote the cause of clubbdom, we should disband.

We did not consider our club as detrimental to the N. A. B. O. If we have done any harm, we are willing to remedy it, but we want it distinctly understood that we did as we thought best.

EX-OFFICERS OF CAL.-U. A. B. O.,
Per RALPH R. RICH.

A Marriage in Clubdom.

BY ED. A. STARK.

"LET me see," remarked Mrs. Modern Clubite of Harrisburg, Pa.; "a crowd of Philadelphia clubites is coming up here in a very short while——"

"That's very true," snapped Mr. Modern Clubite.

"And Branch 745 is going to give them a grand reception."

"I can't contradict that," replied Mr. Modern Clubite.

"Now, I need a few things for the occasion——"

"Yes; I see you getting them, too!"

"A new hat, a new——"

"Oh, dry up!"

"Why, Modern George Washington Clubite, the idea of you having anything to say about it! I haven't had one single thing since last Easter, and here it is very near a whole year."

"No, you're like the rest of the women—you never get anything!" sneered Mr. Modern Clubite.

"Now, you look here! I'm going to have a new hat and skirt for that reception, and I don't want any back-talk from you! Why, I can get a lovely hat for \$10.98, and a new skirt won't cost me over \$15, and I'll——"

"Oh! Oh!! groaned Mr. M. C.

"Just get a pair of Oxford ties for the dancing, they won't cost me more than \$7; and a pair of silk stockings for \$5. Well, I think a \$50 note will cover the whole business."

"Oh, Lord!" groaned Mr. M. C.

"Now, look here, Mr. Modern Clubite, you know that there is not a more economical woman in Harrisburg than me, and so I must have these things; there's no use in fighting about it."

"And, dearest," continued Mrs. Modern Clubite in the same breath, "won't you get something, too?"

"Yes! Confound that reception; I'll get a \$2 pair of trousers!"

A new story in BITS AND CHIPS for April.

Some Notes and Private Opinions.

BY HARRISON D. BAUMGARDNER.

BRANCH 506 of Los Gatos, Cal., just started upon its third year continuous activity. One of the most elaborate lists ever issued is their No. 4

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Miss Frees is said to have a fine collection of photos of clubdom's celebrities including that interesting but mysterious personage, "Scriptus."

Los Angeles branches seem unusually quiet, presumably dead.

Why not all club writers desist writing under a nom? We would like to know who is responsible for any statements of importance and all bright and energetic utterances. Miss Josephine Douglass, our congratulations for her article on subject.

R. R. Rich has dared falsify the N. B. O. without even knowing the truth about the association. It is unnecessary, R. R. R., that you furnish proof of your assertions else it becomes slander on your part. To make the world of peace that now smiles down upon clubdom perfect, this gentleman should give up his right to that title by apologizing first for above wrong.

BITS AND CHIPS has won far and wide appreciation amongst amateurs. To our sure Editor Merritt "merits" the success he has achieved.

Branch 33's Reception.

The dramatic department of Branch G. H. C., held an entertainment and reception February 26. A fine collation served to the 65 guests, and dancing enjoyed until 4 A. M. The event proved thoroughly enjoyable.

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Tell the public who you are, where you are and what you are. "Money talks" does good advertising—Westley T. R.

What has become of those once prominent clubites, Bros. Kleykamp, Gardner, Quick, jr? Wake up, boys!

Taken Off the Slate.

BY NED HUGUENIN.

THE writer recently had a short but very pleasant visit from Messrs. Paul H. Koelk of Milwaukee, and Albert Edward Leonard of Chicago; the former well-known in clubdom, and the latter a prominent member of the Naps. Mr. Koelk is passing through the city on his way to Cedar Falls, in which city he will make his future home. Paul needs no introduction to clubites, and is well-known to all of us as "a hustler from Hustlerville." Mr. Leonard is working at present for the Associated Press, and is an amateur journalist of the first water. We predict brilliant success for both of these gentlemen, and wish them all possible success.

Miss Edna Mae St. Clair is one of clubdom's ablest writers from the young lady ranks, and we would like to hear from her oftener in BITS AND CHIPS. We are anxious to know more about her, and would like to see one of her photos.

Mr. H. Campbell, Jr., has our hearty sympathy in his bereavement.

The writer would like to receive visits from Chicago Clubites at his office, 115 Clyburn avenue. Those whom I have already met will be doubly welcomed. I have quite a busy day and have been unable to call on anyone.

Chatter and Chin.

Now that we know the real name of the man whose talks in Golden Hours will be the more interesting.

I have received a copy of the first issue of "The Boys' Pride," printed in New York city. Billy Greenfield is associate editor, so it will be sure to be all right.

Will the young ladies hear the appeal of the clubites? We wish you to take an active part in all club affairs.

Our warmest congratulations of all clubites to Mrs. William H. Worley of Harrisburg, Pa.

Let the new rule adopted by Mr. Merriam and mud-slinging will cease. Writers should be ashamed to throw mud under the names of their friends.

Mr. Dunn has awakened the clubs that were asleep and we can now look for

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LAWRENCE T. BERLINER.

To the Boys.

Hurrah for girls in clubdom!

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To help you in the field, boys,

Thro' BITS AND CHIPS, you know.

And now we will as writers

Our former names retrieve,

And ere we've long been with you,

You will, with us, believe

That, forever and forever,

As all the clubites know,

We girls will all be needed

To help make clubdom grow.

We're needed in the thickest

And hottest of the fray;

Boys, welcome us to clubdom—

We've come, and come to stay.

Elroy, Wis.

—EDITH M. ERICSON.

Clipped for Clubites.

'Twas evening. The blood-red sun was slipping down the western horizon with as much ease as a boy ducks from school. Along the outskirts of the town there walked a young girl fast nearing the age of 45 and the place she was going. Gently there stepped up in the rear behind her a young man. The girl walked on, only stopping to turn around and look back. A voice rang out on the evening air, and the girl stopped walking and stood still. Nearer and nearer came the man, for he was walking toward her.

"Annie!" he yelled in a whisper. "why do you try to lose me? If I make you tired, sit down. Ah—you stand; you don't love me, and you must die your death; your hair is already dyed."

"Oh, Georgie, dear, before you make this killing, tell me, I pray, this one little thing."

"Speak quick, girl; I'm not to be trifled, fooled, played or funned with; my funny bone says nit!"

"Then, Georgie, dear, tell me that my bloomers don't bag at the knee, and I die happy."—Howard Burba, in the Chicago Blade.

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OUR BIRTHDAY.

One year ago this month the first number of BITS AND CHIPS was issued, and with this issue we begin our second volume. Our paper has appeared once during each of the past twelve months, and no numbers have been doubled up. We start on our second year with bright prospects and great encouragement, more devoted than ever to the cause of clubdom and amateur journalism.

To the friends who have extended such cordial and substantial support during our first year we are grateful, and assure all that no effort will be spared to improve our paper in every way possible. The addition of a motor power press, in operation this month for the first time, will contribute much toward improving both the appearance of our paper and its promptness.

The publishers of many other papers who have made favorable mention of BITS AND CHIPS will kindly accept our grateful thanks. May they continue to the top of the ladder of success is the earnest wish of

THE EDITOR.

THE CONVENTION.

At Colonial Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., August 19 and 20, will be held the first annual convention of the United Amateur Press Association. This event has long been looked forward to with eagerness by the Philadelphia members in particular and the association in general. The reception committee has completed all arrangements, and promises a royal welcome

and courteous treatment to all visiting brethren.

That our association has made rapid strides in prosperity's direction the last twelve months can not be denied. Activity, interest and enthusiasm are essential to a continuance of this prosperity, and let us all, by renewed exertions, prove our loyalty to the Uapa and the cause it represents.

AN EXPLANATION.

During the last few months BITS AND CHIPS has been greatly handicapped by a broken press. This trouble has been done away with by the purchase of a Universal motor press, on which our paper was printed this month for the first time. We expect to appear regularly on time hereafter.

"Milwaukee in '98" is now the cry for next year's Uapa convention. And what's the matter with making this selection? Send the convention there next year.

We can not be there ourself, but BITS AND CHIPS for August will be very much in evidence at the Uapa convention the 19th and 20th.

'Tis rumored that The Diamond-dalian is dead. Let us hope this isn't true, for we have only too few as good.

See that your Uapa tickets read, "For Secretary, William H. Greenfield."

BY THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

With this issue we start out to fill the place of Mr Greenfield, who has so ably conducted this column from the time the position was created up to the time of his resignation, the month before last. We do not promise to do as well as he did, but we will do our best and will try to deserve the good wishes of all.

On May 5 the "Old North State" entered clubdom once again, after a lapse of several months, with Golden Hours Banner Corresponding Club, Branch 95. Their membership certificate is truly a thing of beauty. The May issue of BITS AND CHIPS gave notice of the organization of the branch. Since then Ira B. Andrews, who was at that time treasurer, has resigned and George B. Thees has been elected to fill his place.

Hurrah! Editor Merritt of BITS AND CHIPS has consented to run for the presidency of U. A. P. A. You may bet he will win in the race, as the association needs him at the



GEORGE A. ALDERMAN,

ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF BITS AND CHIPS.

head for the next term. See that your vote reads for him.

Miss Josephine C. Douglass has been nominated to serve as second vice president. It will be to your interest to cast your vote in her favor. This shows the girls that the association is interested in them. Now, let's see how much the girls are interested in the association. Come on, girls! Let us hear from you.

The Boys' Herald says: "BITS AND CHIPS has wiped out non de plumes from her columns. We are right with you Mr. Merritt." Then on the next page it says: "BITS AND CHIPS, that popular club paper, comes to us in a new form. It's all right." Mr. Hayes, the editor, knows a good thing when he sees it.

We don't hear much about the Y. A. C. now. How is it progressing?

All who possibly can, should attend the convention at Philadelphia, in August. A good time may be expected. We will be there if business will permit us to leave it a few days.

Editors will please not forget to add our name on their exchange list, as the editor and the associate editor of BITS AND CHIPS are several hundred miles apart, and one copy will not answer for both. We will reciprocate when requested.

Say! Will Price, wake up. We haven't heard from you through the papers in quite a long while. Let us hear from you old boy.

We were one of the lucky ones in using a Golden Hours "Good Morning" coupon. We got one dollar all right too.

The Uapa's new certificates are dandies. Literally speaking they are "fine as split silk." Pay your dues and get one. We did.

GEORGE A. ALDERMAN.

RUBE'S RAILROAD TRIP.

It Might Have Been Successful But for
"That Pesky Old Maid."

Uncle Rube boarded the west bound train at S— together with a carpet bag and other accessories, too numerous to mention, and sank uneasily into a finely cushioned seat near the rear of the car. His traveling companions finally placed in a suitable position, he leaned back in the seat, heaved a sigh and murmured:

"That's, by gum, I'm inside the dum' thing anyhow!"

This was evidently Reuben's first trip by rail and it was also evident that he had planned to enjoy it to the fullest extent.

Immediately across the aisle sat an elderly, undoubtedly a maiden lady, and young girl of scarce sixteen summers. Just now Reuben seemed to occupy a good share of their attention and to the careful observer it was evident that the countryman was a source of merriment to them. Reuben cautiously moved to the aisle end of the seat and quietly leaning out, he exclaimed:

"Say! What's wrong about me, anyhow? My pantaloons torn, or ain't my hat on straight? Reckon you've made up yer minds by this time, seein' you made sech a close examination."

You can imagine the effect of his speech in a crowded car. The persons addressed were not at all pleased with the situation. They expressed much uneasiness and their faces were on the fiery red order. Reuben was evidently pleased with the result, for he muttered: "Oh, I ain't so green."

The conductor called on him shortly after and for five minutes Rube searched for his ticket, and at last he found it carefully wrapped up in a piece of paper in the carpet bag. "Right where I put the dum' thing, tew; but boss that old maid sorter frustrated me an' I forgot." The conductor smiled and passed on, but the old maid wiggled and twisted and really looked desperate.

Reuben was making an eventful trip indeed, and he was just lapsing into reverie, when the news-boy appeared with his basket of goodies. Rube was interested. "Chewing gum!" shouted the vender. "Hey there!" Rube was on his feet in an instant and was beckoning to him. "Come back this way, quicker'n scat." The newsboy was quick to obey. "Say, you ain't got any old midd's chewin' gum have ye? If you have I'll invest five cents, just —" He proceeded no further. The old maid suddenly appeared on the scene and Reuben was rendered speechless, so to speak. Bang! and a silk umbrella landed squarely on Rube's new derby hat.

"I've stood your abuse long enough," she said, and she began again to wield the umbrella in such a furious manner that Rube retreated to the rear end of the seat. Swish, went the umbrella, but alas! it was misguided, for it came down squarely on the bald head of an elderly gentleman, who sat immediately in front of Rube. The old maid screamed and sank back into

the seat beside the girl, horrified. The gentleman who was so forcibly reminded of the fracas sent forth an oath that startled the whole car. Rube was now right side up. He leaned forward a whisper to the gentleman: "Grin an' bear it, old man! She's an ornery cuss, an' I don't wonder she's an old maid." Quiet was at last restored, but Rube was nervous. "Bracketville!" was loudly announced and Rube proceeded to gather up his belongings. He succeeded fairly well, and stood heavily laden in the aisle when the train stopped at Bracketville. For some reason he did not desire to stop, but kept on going in a backward direction and came to a standstill underneath the carpet sack and other belongings. He quickly rose to his feet, gathered up the afore mentioned amidst the laughter of the passengers, and started for the door. The train was again in motion. He reached the door, opened it, then turned about and yelled "Go to thunder—every pesky one of ye!"

He reached the platform and jumped, landing on a heap of cinders in a very peculiar position. The contents of the carpet sack were strewn in every direction, and were very ornamental indeed. He scrambled to his feet, looked at the wreckage about him and then at the train, which was fast receding from view.

"Gosh blame the luck!" he muttered. "Dorter knowed better'n to git on the ornery thing. Well, there's one consolation—I ain't got that pesky old maid to contend with!"

BURNETT C. RAWLEY.

Why Crosson?

Why Crosson? What right under the bright and shining sun has this gentleman to ask an office in the society in which he has always been one of the dearest pieces of timber? The balance of the old Publico gang had all gotten on the ticket, and Jim Fred has the audacity to ask the members of the U. A. P. A. to vote for him. That he is on the ticket at the option of the "gang" is too plain, for with the "gang" he bounces around like a bean in a tin bucket.

The election is almost here. The time for the Uapa to free herself of the hands which Publico (deceased) is weaving around her is here. Make the strike now! Down with them!

Editor Merritt is out for president. A better man than Jim Fred Crosson ever could be. Mr. Merritt has helped the Uapa and Crosson has not. Cast your vote for Merritt, and if he goes down in defeat you will know you did your duty, and if he wins you can know you took up arms with a righteous cause.

HOWARD BURBA.

'98's Convention.

Omaha, Neb., wants the U. A. P. A. convention for '98. Next year the Trans Mississippi Exposition and several cycling and stamp clubs are to meet in the western city. Railroad rates will much reduced for those who attend.



WILLIAM H. ROYCE,

EDITOR OF "THE GEM," SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Hesitation.

Soft blows the land breeze o'er the bay;
Through clouds the sunbeams dimly shine

And give the spot where Vae stands
The semblance of a sculptural shrine.
Ah! dared it to the foliage part
And clasp my darling to my heart

She gazes down the leaf-strewn aisles
Of garden paths, half wrapped in gloom.
Beneath the sunlight of her smiles
The dry stalks seem to blush and bloom;
And yet I stand and hesitate,
Nor dare to speak and know my fate.

Beneath my foot a dead twig snaps—
Her blue eyes seek my hiding place;
A rosy flush of glad surprise
Chases the sunshine o'er her face.
Whatever woes or ills betide,
This moment shall my fate decide.

—WM. J. CLEMENCE.

Noonneck, R. I.

Thanks, Friends.

BITS AND CHIPS is the best club paper we have received.—American Monthly.

BITS AND CHIPS is correctly named. Its bits and chips of amateur news are interesting.—Monthly Visitor.

BITS AND CHIPS thinks the Napa needs "fixin'" and asserts the possession of the only O. K. elixir that will do the work.—Junior World.

Now that Editor Merritt of BITS AND CHIPS has abolished *nom de plum's* from his paper, why not all ye editors join the crusade.—Joseph J. Sallman in The Visitor.

BITS AND CHIPS, the staunch advocate of Uapism, is now published in large folio form. An attractive feature of the May number is several well executed half tone portraits of prominent clubites.—Junior World.

The Copy Hook, a trade journal published by a New York printers' supply house, said in its issue of June 15: "BITS AND CHIPS, the best of all amateur papers that come to our notice, is published at Utica, N. Y., and edited by Frank E. Merritt, jr."

A VISIT TO JOHN DE MORGAN

HE TALKS INTERESTINGLY

To the Readers of "Bits and Chips"—
Some Incidents in a Popular
Authors's History -- An
Interesting Man.

Secreted away in one of the most beautiful parts of the Staten Island, far from the sound of factory whistle and railway train, stands a pleasant cottage called the "Florence." This is the home of John De Morgan. The spacious grounds around in flowers and greens. A neat barn stands in the rear. With swift beating heart I rang the bell. A white capped maid came to the door.

"Is Mr. De Morgan home?"

Mr. De Morgan was at home. Would I step into the reception room and wait for him? You sank into a spacious chair and await the coming of our author friend with an eagerness you can not suppress. Across the room is a life size crayon of John De Morgan.

You hear a footstep upon the stairs. Mr. De Morgan. The next moment you feel your hand caught in a hearty clasp. Mr. De Morgan invites you up to his study. You follow him.

Now, first, last and all the time I am a reporter. I had come to interview Mr. De Morgan for BITS AND CHIPS. Would he be interviewed? With pleasure, always willing to help the amateur press along.

The first of our talk was upon literary matters and probably would not interest my readers. I will omit it.

"Mr. De Morgan, there is much talk going the rounds of your being a rioter, a jail bird and kindred other things. Is there any history connected with this talk?"

"There is indeed, Mr. Berliner, and one of which I shall always be proud."

Would he tell it? No, it would not interest me or the readers. But I told him I knew better.

"It is about twenty years ago, when I was connected with the London Daily Telegraph. I had already earned a little fame as a reformer and champion of the common people. Now, to properly introduce my subject I must go back into ancient British history. King Richard III (the editor forgets what king Mr. De Morgan said; he thinks it is correct as above) granted the common people in fee simple one fifth of all the land in the United Kingdom. That means that the lords of the manor can not touch this land. It belonged to the people, Hyde Park, in the city of London, is part of this land. Well, the lords began to encroach upon this, one and another of them increasing the lines of their property. The people met and appointed representatives to call upon these property holders and draw their attention to their rights. They said that if any of the people could prove their descendancy from those who received the grant, they would give up the land. Now, it is pretty hard for an

English laborer to trace his ancestry back for a couple of centuries, so the people came to me. I told them to give me a power of attorney and I would see what I could do. I informed that the lords that upon a certain date I would tear down the fences on the common. They called upon the police for protection. I did the same. When the day came Hyde Park was black with people. I arrived. The captain of police told me I must call upon the crowd of my followers to disperse, or he would arrest me for rioting. I told him I had drawn no mob and that it was his duty to disperse them. So saying, I seized hold of a fence and tore it from its fastenings. Instantly the captain arrested me. I was given a trial and sentenced to be fined \$500 and six months in prison. I was taken to Woolwich. The people took up a public subscription to pay my fine, and I will show you the bag they presented it to me in. (Mr. De Morgan showed me a bag; it is appropriately inscribed.) All this time I was writing special articles for the Telegraph. The Queen, hearing of my imprisonment, ordered my immediate release. This was after she had become acquainted with the facts. The order was given on a Saturday. The next day, Sunday mind you, I was released. I wanted to report the sermon, but they would not have it. Anyway I was never really a prisoner, being allowed to have a room and cook my meals, and a good bed."

Mr. De Morgan told me many anecdotes. We had quite a talk, and when I left, it was with the impression that I had just left a man who has done the world some good while he was on his way through it.

MANFRED J. BERLINER.

Mr. Crosson's Acceptance.

BURMONT PLACE,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PA.,
July 7, 1897.

To the Members of the U. A. P. A.—Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name being placed on our list of nominees for the ensuing year for president, awakes within me a still greater feeling of esteem and regard for the association. In accepting same I do not wish to do so upon any undertand work and if perchance I have the occasion to receive the congratulations of my fellow members, I will state that at no time partiality shall be shown nor in any way conduct the office in a manner unbecoming a gentleman officer. No one shall have precedence over the other. I trust that I may merit your support in the coming contest and now anxiously awaiting the result. I am as ever,
Yours Merrily,

J. FRED CROSSON.

The Nabo Election.

In the coming Nabo election, two of the most important offices to be filled are president and secretary. To the unceasing efforts of the present secretary, C. Friedrich, a large share of the Nabo's success is due, and he richly deserves to be made president, for which office he is a candidate.

Harry D. Baumgardner, the well known Pacific coast clubite, is out for secretary, and should receive the support of all Nabo-ians.

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Secretary's Report.

Cleveland, O., July 15,

Dear Members:

It is with regret that I notice how little some work. Why not let all know that you are members, interest others all you can and above all spread our doctrine. Let nothing discourage you.

Mr. De Morgan in a letter says: "I am so thoroughly in accord with the principles underlying the Nabo that I wish every officer of every Golden Hours branch club, would unite with it. I am convinced that is an excellent way of making our principles potent for good."

Samuel Armstrong Neilson desires to assure the Nabo of any assistance in his power. Truly our time has come, so let us awaken all corners of the 'dom and also turn the memory of ye olden times green with envy.

New Members.

73—Joseph J. Frye, jr., 1 Waterford street, Boston, Mass.

Applications.

Alfred B. Hoale, Milwaukee, Wis.; George A. Alderman, Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Celia Dolan, San Francisco, Cal.; James G. Stickney, Tallapoosa, Ga.; Edward F. Daas, Milwaukee, Wis.

Nominations.

ELECTION FOR 1898.

For president, Harry Reed, jr., C. Friedrich; vice presidents, first, Miss Amanda Frees, Harry Konwiser; second, C. I. Geibel, Melvin R. King; third, W. B. Littlefield, R. G. Ballard; secretary, Ed H. Weigel, H. D. Baumgardner; official editor, Manfred Berliner; convention seat, Milwaukee, Wis.

The nominations are open until the last day of August. All nominees please let me know of their acceptance. Let me press it upon every ones conscience to vote wholly to ones own discretion.

C. FRIEDRICH, Secretary.

As I See It.

The uniting of amateur publications and writers, reflects much credit on the originator. Retrospection, if resorted to, will reveal marked improvements and some depreciation in amateurdom. As a constant reader of numerous publications I have noted several features and many commendable ones, and I shall simply give my views in regard to the same, bearing ill will to no person.

Now, dear reader, "mud slinging," as it has been very properly styled, is most despicable, is it not? Editor Merritt has instituted a practice in the debarring of "noms" in personal criticism from the columns of his publication, which I think will be lasting. This determination is certain to usher in an era in which a purer and more instructive class of literature will crowd out here-to-fore uninteresting and debasing trash. Personal criticism should be made personal, not public, and under no disguise. An amateur publication, to be entirely successful, must necessarily cater to its patrons in the promotion and upbuilding of its advocated principle. When it serves as a source for fighting of wordy battles between perhaps two or three clubites it is furnishing not only disgusting literature to hundreds of others equally prominent and perhaps more so, but is discouraging, yes, disgusting to other writers who have higher ambitions and whose writings would appear much more meritorious than such wordy harangues.

Now another thing in regard to club news. What quality characterizes an amateur writer? Is it being able to compose a whole column of club items, which nine times out of ten, contains news to no one but themselves; or is it being able to write something that will interest the 'dom at large on some subject that will win admiration for the writer? I'll agree it is impossible to please all, but strive to please the majority. We hear tales of organizing other associations, other branches, etc. Why is this restlessness extant? Why should we desire more? Have we not enough at present? Surely in organization there is strength, but ONE organization is plenty. One with our best and most competent officers at the helm; one, with all amateurdom united. This is perhaps a dream, but why could it not materialize? You have my sentiments, readers. Ponder upon them and picture the possibilities of just ONE grand organization, the U. A. P. A.

BURNETT C. RAWLEY.

Mr. Ballard's Candidacy.

KINGSTON, N. Y., July 9.

To the Members of the N. A. B. O.:

Hearing of the nomination of my friend K. G. Ballard as a candidate for the third vice presidency of the Nabo, I will remark that I have known him for the past four years, and have found him perfectly honest and trustworthy. If he is elected, and he should be, I am confident that he will fill the office with credit to himself and to the association.

Very truly yours,

HON. MYRON STYLES.

PRESS TOPICS.

When the small boy starts early for the pantry, it isn't to avoid the jam.—The New Era

Presses have wheels. Pressmen have wheels. Some editors have wheels, and the little office lady, God bless her, has her wheel and oftentimes bloomers, too. Ding, ding, ding.—Copy Hook.

A fellow's Christianity has to stand a pretty severe strain when he steps on a banana skin.—Boys' Era.

The prohibiting of *nom de plume* writing by our first class publications is an example that all of our papers should adopt, as it will go a long way in the advancement of amateur journalism.—Boys' Era.

We should like to know what Crasson ever did for the Capa in order to deserve an office.—Boys' Era.

"The best way to make a Maltese cross," says the Minneapolis Messenger, "is to pull her tail."

Don't wait till the day of going to press before sending copy to the publisher.—Evergreen State Philatelist.

Although William H. Greenfield was defeated in the recent election of the Capa, he will no doubt be elected next election.—The Journalist.

The Napa needs for the ensuing year a board of officers whose motto is "push!" Why not elect one?—Monthly Visitor.

Publico of Philadelphia has suspended for lack of patronage.—Junior World

Can a man be religious and be a stamp collector? Well that depends altogether on the kind of a binge he uses.—Philatelic West.

The amateur who enters clubdom for the money there is in it, instead of the honor, glory and education that can be therein, should be clubbed out again. A clubite for revenue only, should not be tolerated in the 'dom.—The Diamond-dalian.

Man.

Man that is born of woman is a short horse and soon curried. His whole life is not a summer but a fall. In infancy he falleth from the bed and is bumped. In youth he falleth from a neighbor's cherry tree and scattereth himself over the ground. He becometh of age and falleth in love—but the fall doth not hurt, for later he getteth it in the neck, which causeth much pain. His father dieth and he falleth heir to his earnings—great is this fall. He goeth forth in the morning with his pockets lined with that which maketh the mare go also. But at night he returneth with a big head and a small pocket. Verily, man is but a small fish and very soon scaled.

HOWARD BURBA.

BRIMBLESHINES ON SKATES

HE WAS ONCE CHAMPION

Of New York--A Great Skater in His Day, But His Day is Past and Gone--Cedric, the Hopciful, Still on Deck.

BY NED HUGUENIN.

"Ah!" exclaimed Mr. Brimbleshines one January afternoon, "I see a youth passing with a pair of skates. Can it be possible that there is skating out at the pond?"

"You bet your 50 cent pair of jeans there is," answered Cedric.

Mr. B. looked gravely at his offspring after this rather pointed remark about the pair of trousers he had purchased on 14th street, but did not deign to contradict the statement. He merely continued:

"Well do I recollect the days when I, a young and healthy lad, was considered the best skater for miles around New York city, and many were the prizes and medals I bore in honor from the rink. Ah, my lad, those were the days when the name of Xenophon Brimbleshines was on everyone's tongue, and all—even the aristocrats and millionaires—took pride in saying that they were acquainted with me. Yes, my son—"

But Cedric had been fidgeting around in his chair during this sudden burst of reminiscence on his dad's part and could restrain himself no longer, but broke in very rudely:

"I'm t'inkin' you're as big a fake as McKiuley's prosperity, ol' man, an' I'll bet my next cigarette butt against dat lead nickel I seen de car conductor give yer, dat yer wuz never on skates in yer life. Dat's my spiel. See?"

Mr. Brimbleshines arose from his seat at the window, walked over to the door, turned around and took a long look at his young hopeful. Then he said:

"You think I am a liar, I presume. All right, young man; I'll teach you not to doubt your father's word in the future. To night we all go out to the pond, and I'll show you some of the fancy figures we used to cut on the ice when I was a lad." With this he retired from the room.

"If I don't have more fun dan a dog fight wid dat old cove to-night, I'm a Turk. Keep yer windows open," said Cedric, as he began preparing for the lark.

It is a well-established fact that when Mr. Brimbleshines says he intends doing a thing, that thing is carried out to the letter. So promptly at 8 P. M. the neighbors who happened to be out of doors observed the Brimbleshines delegation, composed of the old war horse Xenophon and his devoted spouse, while Master Cedric brought up the rear with the three pairs of skates, at the same time registering a vow that he would get even with his illustrious father for making him carry the entire outfit, and what came of this vow we will soon see.

Arriving at the pond, Mr. Brimbleshines refused his son's kind of-

fer to assist in putting on the old gent's skates, but told him to attend to his mother's. He himself was too old a hand at the ice business not to know how to strap them on.

Mr. B. had too much pride, after such talk, to ask Cedric's aid, after struggling ineffectually to strap on the ice graters, and in a sudden burst of righteous anger he made grave charges against the maker of the skates, saying he did not know how to make a lead collar button, much less a skate, and expressed himself confident of the honesty of the manufacturing, and also his relatives. Finally he got the buckle fixed in some kind of combination so that Cedric thought they would stay together for about 15 minutes. Then the fun began.

Mr. B. attempted to rise to his feet from the sitting posture he had assumed in fastening the skates on. He had almost succeeded in standing erect when in some unaccountable way, not yet explained by scientists, the earth seemed to recede from his feet. In vain did Mr. Brimblesbines make every effort a brave man could be expected to make to retain his equilibrium. In almost lightning time he was sitting on the ground in a very undignified manner on the ground and a crowd of young people (including his only son whom he had reared from infancy) were smiling at his predicament.

We can not blame Mr. Brimblesbines, in the face of these facts, for getting slightly out of temper and some of the bystanders were afterwards heard to say that Mr. B. called one of the young men a "d— fool" whatever that might mean. However, he did call his son a "scapegrace" and a shame to the family, and was only half appeased when Cedric offered to lead him to the ice.

Mr. Brimblesbines accepted the help this time, saying he would be all right as soon as he had got out on the ice.

[CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.]

Join the U. A. P. A.

Listen, ye would-be writers, and know
Why so much of your cake is "dough,"
And why you do not succeed like others
Of your more fortunate, well known brothers.

Would you know how they have reached
success?

The secret's easy, I must confess.

If you want to be one of the stars of a J.,
Join the U. A. P. A.

That phrase is the key to the whole situation;

The U. A. P. A.—our grand organization,
Which teaches its members how to write
Stories and articles "out of sight."

If you know a good thing, join the amateur
through.

Who set the ball rolling, and push it along.

If you want to be in it with all that's O. K.,
Join the U. A. P. A.

If you want to enter professional fields,
And gain the laurels true genius yields;
If you want your writings never to die,
But to stronger grow as the years roll by—
Again I say, if you want your name
Placed high on the rolls of honor and fame
To endure while literature holds sway,
Join the U. A. P. A.

—EDITH M. ERICSON.

Elroy, Wisconsin.

President Weigel has returned to his home in Harrisburg, Pa., after a pleasant sojourn of several days among Philadelphia amateurs.

GLUBBOM'S REALM.

A Kaleidoscopic View of Club Matters in General from Our Correspondents Everywhere.

Echos from the 'Dom.

What are the officers of our various organizations doing for the advancement of the organization for which they worked so hard to be elected an officer? The only answer which the writer can give is that they are doing comparatively nothing. Why is it that persons are so anxious to be elected an officer of the club? I am unable to say. If they really desire to be honored with an office in a club, they should show their appreciation by doing all they can for its success. It is very strange that persons wishing to be elected an officer can make all kinds of promises, and in fact they do do some hustling for the club's success before the election, and then after the election everything quiets down and they are not heard from until some future date. I have found it to be true that only the president and secretary and also two or three other officers of a club do what is right and try and boom the club, but how about the dozen other officers who were elected? If the officers of a club are to become inactive, what can be expected from the members? We don't want any such persons to hold office in any of our clubs and the time will soon be here when the members can say who they want to hold offices. Then let only good persons, who are willing to do some hustling, be elected, as we don't need any one to hold an office simply for the sake of being elected and not fulfilling the duties of their office. Therefore members should only nominate and elect such officers as are willing to do their share of the work in promoting the interests of the club and if this is done good results can be expected, but not otherwise.

Since having connected myself with the Nabo, Branch 420 G. H. C., has been somewhat neglected, but will soon be boomed up again and try and be one of the leaders.

All amateurs and clubites who have not yet connected themselves with the Nabo and the Uapa should do so at once. ED. F. SUBRE.

Club Brics.

Roll is shaking his head. "Don't you hear them bells?"

Ed Aller called on the writer recently. A fine fellow he is too.

Will some of our fellow amateurs do their hot weather thinking at the seashore?

How many amateurs will attend the convention?

Does Kurt Neitzke still yearn for the second vice presidency of the Uapa? His name is not on the nomination list.

Will Crosson succeed in his attempt to lasso the presidency of the Uapa?

Quite a large ripple has been made in the political pond on the appearance of Frank E. Merritt, jr., as a candidate for president of the

Uapa. It has given some people a dreadful fright.

The Mongo Clubite promises to be a fine sheet. The first issue contained an article by Mr. Merritt. But for this it wouldn't have been much. The next issue, however, is promised to be a "corker." Eight pages. WILLIAM H. GREENFIELD.

Pennsylvania Chirps.

New Yorkers want the next convention seat. Work, ye Gothamites; show your strength.

Ed. Aller was in Philadelphia as the guest of C. I. Geibel, attending the E. P. L. convention.

L. M. L. wishes to inform the members of the E. P. L. that he has changed his nom de plume to Beau Brummel.

A party of Philadelphian cyclers, among whom are Messrs. Herbert Stratton and J. Fred Crosson, took a trip by wheel to Atlantic City, July 18.

Mr. Alderman in his new capacity as associate editor of this sheet is certainly welcomed and good lucked into such because of his enterprising and capable talks.

A large sized hall on one of Philadelphia's main streets has been rented in which the convention will be held. For any further information regarding accommodations, souvenirs, badges or anything address chairman of reception committee Uapa—J. Fred Crosson, 520 S. 18th st., Station D.

J. FRED CROSSON.

CLUB SPLINTERS.

Some Long Stories Told in Short Paragraphs.

The Golden Days clubs are once more showing some signs of life.

Harris Reed, jr., has retired from the Nabo presidential race, and C. Friedrich now has a clear field.

John B. Leach has become connected with the Jamestown Journal and has discontinued The Rambler.

Edw. F. Daas of Milwaukee, is a candidate for first vice president in the coming Nabo election, and deserves your support.

A fine half-tone cut of Miss Amanda Frees, candidate for treasurer of Uapa, appeared in July Leaves from the Press.

President Weigel of the Uapa, arrived at Philadelphia on the 15th, and immediately went hard at work on convention matters.

Branch 64, G. H. C., has disbanded, and Ed. H. Stark of Philadelphia, who was secretary, will hereafter devote his efforts to the Y. A. C.

Alfred B. Hoale will be business manager and E. J. Buschmann editor of a new amateur paper, Blots, to appear in September from Milwaukee, Wis.

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President's Convention Letter.

Dear U. A. P. A. Members:

Greeting—The convention of the United Amateur Press Association will be held in Colonial Hall, 718 South Eleventh st., Philadelphia, on Thursday and Friday, August 19 and 20, 1897.

At this convention all business of importance will be conducted, such as the adoption of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the association; action taken on all suggestions offered through the columns of the official organ, or sent to the officers by those who can not attend; action will be taken on the advisability of adopting colors and odes, and all matters brought before the convention.

In order to give every member equal privileges, I hope all those who have suggestions to offer will send them to the secretary at once, as it is our intention to conduct this convention in a manner that is fair and impartial to all.

The reception committee is working hard to make this occasion a success in every respect, and will do all in their power to entertain all members who will help in the good work with their presence. The committee consists of Brothers Crosson, chairman; Darragh, De Hayn, Reed and Stark, either of whom will gladly reply to any questions asked them concerning the convention.

I wish to impress upon the minds of delinquent members that they will

receive no ballot unless they pay up in the association; also that at the convention all uninterested and delinquent members, who have no reasonable excuses, will be dropped from the rolls of the association, as activity is what we need and must have.

I also hope that the members will pay no attention to any appeals or suggestions offered by non-members, such as appeared in the last number of BITS AND CHIPS. It only creates ill-feeling and causes dissension among our members, when harmony and brotherly love should prevail. It rests with you, and you alone, how to cast your vote, and your conscience will tell you without listening to the dictations of outsiders. I do not wish to solicit votes or recommend any candidate through this message; but I hope you will look back and see what all candidates have done for the cause in former years and judge them in that manner, as we want the organization to prosper, no matter who is elected. With best wishes I remain,

Yours Fraternally,
ED. H. WEIGEL, President.

Secretary's Report.

Following is a list of new members recently admitted to membership in the U. A. P. A.:

- 117—A. S. Flinn, box 642, Newtonville, Mass.
- 118—J. M. Maskell, 330 Stevens st., Camden, N. J.
- 119—J. Wm. Townsend, box 238, Tunkhannock, Pa.
- 120—John De Morgan (honorary), Hart av., West New Brighton, N. Y.
- 121—J. J. McFadden, 2215 Naudair st., Philadelphia.
- 122—W. H. Royce, 245 Walnut st., Springfield, Mass.
- 123—Harrison Sause, 195 W. 134th st., New York.
- 124—C. M. Gordon, Bank building, Jamaica, N. Y.
- 125—Jos. F. Dutton, Forestville, Conn.
- 126—S. C. Wilson, Aarwood, Mich.

Applications for Membership.

M. A. Matthews, Philadelphia; C. E. Crockett, F. G. Kelch, Baltimore; D. C. Wilson, Lincoln, Neb.; F. E. Gedney, Brooklyn; Wm. A. Dry, Reading, Pa.; R. G. Ballard, Kingston, N. Y.; R. R. Caruthers, Philadelphia; S. A. Carson, box 250, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miss Ida M. Ripper, Emsworth, Pa.; A. E. Harvey, Watertown, N. Y.; Miss Nina B. Tinker, Kelloggsville, O.; J. G. Sickney, Tallapoosa, Ga.; W. L. Osborn, Sioux City, Ia.; J. J. Kulk, Milwaukee, Wis.; H. Stratton, Philadelphia.

If no objections are received on or before August 10, the above applicants will be declared elected to membership.

New Nominations.

Following is a list of nominations received up to the closing date, July 15, and which have not already been published:

First vice president, Ed. F. Daas.
Second vice president, Kurt Nitzke, Harrison Sause.
*Chairman credential committee, C. L. Munkel.
Official editor, J. W. Townsend.
Official organ, The Visitor.
Convention seat, New York.

Remarks.

Nearly everything is in readiness for the great convention in August, which is to be held in Philadelphia on the 19th and 20th. This will be one of the best conventions ever held by any amateur press association. The attendance will undoubtedly be large, as many have written that they would attend, and the result will be that nearly every section of the country will be represented. Do your best to be with us, and help make the first annual convention of the U. A. P. A. a great success. A lively convention, and the election of capable and active officers, will insure another year of prosperity for the association.

The far west is very inactive in the U. A. P. A. at present. Few members are coming in from that direction. An excellent field for a few active workers to bring in many new recruits. They are there; only need stirring up.

The members who are unable to attend the convention can show their interest by sending a letter to be read, making any suggestions which they think would advance the interests of the association, if carried out.

HARRIS REED, JR., Secretary.

Reception Committee Assessed.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 15.

To the Members of the U. A. P. A.:

Dear Friends—Owing to the treasury not in condition to defray the expenses of the coming convention, the committee, thro' the sanction of President Ed H. Weigel, do hereby levy an assessment of 25 cents on all Philadelphia members, to be paid on or before the 10th day of August, 1897. Address assessment to Chairman Reception Committee.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

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NOTE—The editor is indebted to Mr. De Morgan for the facts.

JOHN DE MORGAN.

John De Morgan was born in Ireland some fifty years ago. The Sheffield Post calls him "a little young man, with an open face, beaming eyes, dark curly hair, who speaks with an Irish accent." This would apply to him, although he is not little, nor is he now young in years; in ways Mr. De Morgan is as bluff and cheery as a youth of 20 and enjoys a joke as well as the next one.

He opened his career with a lecture in his own town at the age of 8. A local paper referring to the incident says:

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This lecture was upon the subject of temperance. Mr. De Morgan is and always has been a total abstainer.

Mr. De Morgan has been here ten years. He contributes to every magazine of importance. Among them being the Green Bag, the celebrated lawyers' magazine.

Grinding out lurid tales is not exactly to Mr. De Morgan's fancy but he does it to oblige a dear friend, now dead.

MANFRED J. BERLINER.

About Good News Clubs.

VOLINIA, Mich., July 8.

Frank E. Merritt, Jr., Utica:

Dear Sir—In the columns of the June issue of your esteemed monthly a notice concerning the Good News clubs attracted my attention. The question is, as you say, "Did the Good News clubs disband when Good News made its exit?" I for one am sorry Good News is dead, but this does not help the situation. Who can suggest a way out of the dilemma? Inviting correspondence I am
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