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From The Philatelist.

POSTAL CURIOSITIES.

There are two very curious points in the revelations which occasionally reach us from the archives of the postoffice. One is the remarkably vague way in which ignorant people address their letters. Take this example :

Mr ———, Travelling Band, one of the Four playing in the street.

Persha (Pershore)
Worcestershire

Please find him if possible.

This really looks as if some wayfarer had found an acquaintance at Pershore in the guise of an itinerant musician, and had faith that the ubiquitous postoffice would trace him wherever he might be.

Here is another instance of similar faith in the mysterious power of the P. O.:

E. R——, a cook as lived tempery with Mrs. L——, or some such name, a shoemaker in Castle street about the Hoborn in 1851. Try to make this out. She is a Welsh person about 5 ft. 1, stoutish. Lives in London or naboured London.

We fear this stoutish Welsh person will never get her friend's letter, and we really do not much care about it. But we have more sympathy with the poor little servant maid who bought a pair of spectacles for her father and sent them in a letter addressed thus :

My Dear Father in Yorkshire at the white cottage with green palings.

Surely this is real poetic simplicity. The little ancilla had no notion that there was more than one such humble cottage-home in the vast country whence she came

Here are two examples of addresses with out names :

This is for her that "makes" dresses for ladies that "live" at tother side of the road to James Brocklife Edensover
Chesterfield

This is for the young girl that wears spectacles who minds "two babies"
30 Sherif street
Off Prince Edwin street
Liverpool.

When names are remembered they are frequently phonetically spelt : thus, one came addressed to "Mr. Owl O'Neil, being intended for the great postal reformer Rowland Hill. It was probably from an Irishman. Sometimes idle people take the trouble to make bad jokes by post. Thus there is a letter addressed :

The biggest fool in the world
Tunbridge.

This is dryly endorsed by the postmaster to the effect that it cannot be delivered as he does not know the writer.

A second curious matter is the enormous credulity of persons who answer swindling advertisements and whose letters, when the swindler to whom they are addressed is obliged to decamp, are opened at the Dead-Letter office. We recollect noticing, not long ago, the following pretty little trap :

An elderly bachelor of fortune, wishing to amuse himself by testing the credulity of the public, and to benefit and assist anyone, will send suitable presents of genuine worth, according to the circumstances of the applicant, to all who will send him 17 stamps, demanded merely as a token of confidence. Stamps will be returned with the present, carriage paid. Address (varied according to circumstances.)

This is clearly worded, still it seems almost incredible that persons of ordinary intelligence should be deceived by it. However no doubt the elderly bachelor received plenty of applicants, for when he ceased to call for his letters, between three and four hundred were found; all contained stamps and they were not all from illiterate persons. A clergyman wrote thus:

The Rev. ——— encloses 17 stamps. He is a clergyman of limited means, and most useful present to him would be 5 pounds. If his application be not agreeable he asks that the stamps be returned.

Here is a lady's letter to the same man:

I have enclosed the 17 stamps and shall be pleased to receive any present you will send me, as I am not well off; what I want is a nice black silk dress, which I should consider a rich reward for my credulity.

A very rich reward indeed; what a disappointment for the fair applicant! But here is the choicest morceau:

Mrs. ——— presents her compliments to the "elderly bachelor," and in order to amuse him by her credulity encloses 17 stamps and then claims her promised present. Her position and circumstances are good. She mixes in gay society and is quite an adept at dancing the polka mazourka. The above details may determine the present.

Had it been Miss ——— we might have thought this fair lover of the polka hoped the elderly bachelor would offer himself. But perhaps she is a widow!

That educated people should be so credulous is almost beyond belief. It is satisfactory to find that these swindlers often checkmate themselves by such proceedings as we have described, and that the letters which fall into the hands of the P. O. often enable the police to trace fraudulent debtors and other professors of vaguery.

We hope that our patrons will overlook the small amount of reading matter in this number. With No. 2 we will begin an interesting story from the pen of one of the best Philatelic writers of the present day.

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We have decided to omit the record of new issues, but at the request of a satisfactory number of subscribers we will publish them each month.

It has been proposed to change the name of New South Wales to "Australia." The other Australian colonies object.

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Review.

We have received the Manhattan Journal, which comes as the successor of the Empire State Philatelist. It is a fortnightly journal and the publishers intend to make good all old debts. We trust that it will not meet with the fate of the E. P. A.

The Collector's Illustrated Magazine a new one, from Riverside, Cal. has reached us. Although it has little matter relating to philately, we still wish it success.

Number 4 of the American Philatelist is a first-class paper in every sense of the term.

Those wishing to join the A. P. A. should not fail to subscribe as they will lose by delay.

It is with considerable pleasure that we note the rapid advancement of philately. Hundreds are joining our ranks every month, and we have a philatelic press that is respected by all.

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A. H. MARKLAND,

Superintendent of Mails, for the
Armies of the United States.

Dec. 31, 1864.

The mails for and from the soldiers had been dispatched with reasonable regularity since communication had been opened to King's Bridge, on the Ogeechee river, on the afternoon of the 15th of December. From the occupation of the city, on Dec. 22, by General Sherman's army, the citizens had looked forward with the deepest interest to the time when they could have the privileges of the mail. The officer in charge was plied with questions by men, women and children. That post-office was a busy place then. The citizens' mail had letters for Memphis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Nashville, Chattanooga, and many places in the South within the lines of the United States army: hence the importance of the little poster to the people. Gen. Sherman had tendered to President Lincoln the city of Savannah and the property it contained as a Christmas gift. The Post-Office Department, by the aid of Gen. Sherman, tendered to the people of Savannah the use of the mails as a New Year's gift. This tender was a practical beginning of the restoration of the mail service in the South, which had been suspended since May 30, 1861.

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Vol. I.

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 10, 1888.

No. 2

ERRORS.

Written for the National Philatelist.

The market is now overflowing with stamps, termed "errors." What are they? is the question first asked, and are they worthy a place in our albums? the second. I am going to treat the above questions in a proper manner, and then will ask the reader to answer them himself. Errors may occur on any stamps, that are issued by certain governments. When in the plate one of the illustrations may become disfigured, thereby printing a different design, and producing an error in the sheet.

Of course only one out of every two hundred, you may say, is thus marred, so the one misprint is but a small proportion of the stamps printed. Another and more common occurrence, is the misplacement of a single letter, left out, or up-side down in the inscription on the stamp. Again an error is liable to occur in the ink used on one of these stamps, which, either by mistake or carelessness, may be of a different color from the rest; a freak often met with. Another freak which may be placed under this head, is a surcharge being printed up-side down or a letter being misplaced in the setting of the type.

I am now going to take up the second question, which as above stated, is, shall we collect these "errors." These stamps are certainly worthy our attention, when they are known to be what we suppose they are but too many of the "things" offered to-day are but speculations and are not worthy our efforts to procure them.

Some countries seem to try and make such "things," as they find a ready sale for them among philatelists, and so the government is so much ahead, as the printing is of but small account. When they are sold to dealers they are never used for postage, and consequently the government is making money out of them. Since such things are done only for speculation we had better leave them severely alone, for the more they are encouraged, the more will

be brought to light, and the collector squanders his money to no purpose. He only has the consolation of exhibiting to a few unqualified subjects of philately these rarities, and eventually becomes disgusted with them himself when the number increases. We cannot find errors in the stamps of a country that is well governed and civilized, and that goes a good ways toward proving that these errors are simply for the purpose I have mentioned.

I trust that my efforts will serve to throw some light on the rubbish classed under my subject.

N. E. CARTER.

CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

First Meeting,

Held Mar. 21, at 473 C St., N. W., when this society was organized and the above name adopted. It was decided that the officers should be elected every six months, and the following officers were elected to serve until October 1, 1888.

J. H. FRANK, — — — — President.
E. E. STORCH, — — — — Vice President.
W. S. KEYE, — — — — Secretary and Treasurer.
J. H. HOUSTON, — — — — Exchange Superintendent and Librarian.

It was resolved that all Philatelists visiting this city be cordially invited to attend our meetings; which will be held every Wednesday at the above named place, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. "The National Philatelist" was unanimously chosen as the official organ of this society.

W. S. KEYE,
Secretary.

SECOND MEETING,

Held Mar. 28, at which the minutes of the First meeting were read and approved. Members present, Messrs. Frank, Houston, Menchine, Regan and Smith. In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Smith recorded the proceedings. Mr. Reichenbach, a visitor, showed an excellent collection of stamps, autographs and currency. The society comprises eight members, with bright prospects for a much larger number.

REVIEW.

Owing to the want of space, we are compelled to omit much from this interesting corner, this month.

"Ketcheson's Standard Catalogue of Canada Stamps," contains much information and should be in the hands of all. Price, 10 cents.

H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ontario.

The Curiosity World, appears in magazine form for March. "A Piece of History," is quite interesting.

We thank the publishers of those philatelic journals who have placed us on their exchange lists. A few of the leading journals evidently think us too small to trifle with.

We hope they will see their mistake ere many more numbers, will be issued.

The Stamp Collector's Figaro, enters upon its second volume with bright prospects for the future.

Publishers will please accept our thanks for the current numbers of the following:

Stamp Philatelic Journal of America, American Philatelist, Western Philatelist, Quaker City Philatelist, Mohawk Standard, Eastern Philatelist, Manhattan Journal, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic Journal of Ohio and One Dime.

Mr. E. A. Holton, of Boston, Mass., has our thanks for a copy of his neatly gotten-up price-list.

We have received a catalogue of the 86th Auction Sale of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, which, like all others of this firm is neatly gotten up and very complete. The sale will take place April 23 and 24, at 739 Broadway, New York City.

We have received also, the price-list of Mr Henry Gremmel of New York City, who has our thanks.

Agents are wanted in every State and Territory of the Union to procure subscribers and

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The Philatelic Press Association is proposed by Mr. Goodrich, of Fitchburg, Mass. By all means let us have it, as it would advance the interests of publishers without doubt.

As the Election for officers of the American Philatelic Association is near at hand, we wish to nominate the following:

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For Vice President,

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"I received a letter through your office yesterday; the canceling stamp failed to cancel the stamp. I tore the stamp off and used it. Now my conscience has got the best of me. You will please find enclosed a two-cent stamp to go to the Conscience Fund."

As it was not money the stamp was not sent to the Treasury Department, where there is a special fund for the benefit of those who are overcome by the pangs of conscience. The letter was sent on the official round and as much ink and good paper was consumed in recording its reception in the Department and its final disposition as if it had been \$10,000 instead of a sickly green two-cent stamp. It was first of all recorded in the book of letters received in the Postmaster-General's Office, and was then sent, as indorsed by the chief clerk, to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. When it reached the latter office it was referred by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General to the finance division. Another record was made in the book of that office of letters received and jacketed. Then it found its way to the finance division. The chief of that division pasted the stamp on the letter, drew two cross-marks through the stamp with his pen, and marked under it the word "cancelled" and signed his name. This operation was witnessed by a clerk who affixed his name as witness, and then the letter having reached the end of its red-tape journey, was duly and properly deposited in the files, where it will remain as an evidence to future generations that this petit larceny upon the government was regularly and officially atoned for. In case the citizen whose conscience was disturbed wishes to establish the fact that he has made restitution, he can refer to the documents in the case, which the Post-Office Department will kindly preserve for him without charge.—Washington Star.

THE ENVELOPE TRUST.

A CHEEKY COMBINE SEEKING TO BOYCOTT THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

From the New York Times.

A firm of stationers doing business in this city has received from one of the manufacturing companies which united in making the envelope trust or combination, a circular notice or warning, of which the following is a copy: "Do not use Government Stamped Envelopes, as it encourages that Monopoly and is injuring the Trade of every Stationer, Printer, and Dealer in Envelopes in the Country; on the other hand, exert all your influence to discourage their use and thus assist the efforts that is now being made to have them entirely abolished.

"With the compliments of

"SAMUEL RAYNOR & Co., Envelope Manufacturers,

"115 and 117 William Street, and 59 John Street, New York."

The stationers who sent this interesting circular to the Times say: "If our citizens have half the spirit of our ancestors, they will hereafter use nothing but Government stamped envelopes."

The so-called envelope trust is one of the combinations concerning which testimony was recently taken by the Senate Committee on General Laws. The combination includes nine firms or companies, and the agreement which was produced by Mr. J. Q. Preble shows that one of these firms is Samuel Raynor & Co. The nine firms or companies have undertaken to monopolize the industry of manufacturing envelopes in this country by means of a kind of a trust which is called the Standard Envelope Company, and is incorporated under Massachusetts laws. The united manufacturers represent a product of 140,000,000 envelopes a month, and it is their purpose to drive every other manufacturer out of the business or bring him into the ring. Each of them pays into a common pool a tax of twenty cents per thousand on envelopes, or about one-fifth the selling price. As their total product is about 140,000,000, the revenue yielded by this tax is \$28,000 a month, or \$336,000 a year, and the money is used in buying out manufacturers not

in the ring, in subsidizing makers of envelope machinery and otherwise in furthering the aims of the combine."

We are taking these statements from the testimony of a prominent member of the company or trust. It was the ring's side of the story that was told to the committee. It was admitted that the combination had a contract with one Ermald, by which he was bound neither to manufacture nor to repair any envelope machine except for the combination, which agreed to take from him one machine each month and pay \$75 for it. This was a contract made in order that outsiders should not be able to procure machinery. The combination agreement shows that the ring had subsidized for five years the firm of Lester & Wesley, of Norwich, Conn. The company or trust agrees to take all the machines made by the firm at a stated price, while the firm agrees not to make more than twenty-four machines in a year. These bargains are part of the scheme devised to restrict production and raise prices. Since the formation of the pool prices have risen fifteen or twenty per cent.

It was admitted that the combination proposed to gain control of the entire industry and to put an end to competition in it. The circular quoted above indicates that the ring is no longer vexed by outsiders, and is free to turn its attention to the United States Government. So much has been accomplished by its judicious use of its fund and its power in the trade that now it has undertaken to drive the Government out of the business of selling stamped envelopes which it buys from private manufacturers. Stationers are urged to "assist the effort that is now being made to have them (stamped envelopes) entirely abolished." These men, who have labored to create such a monopoly as the courts have denounced as unlawful, would deprive the people of the use of stamped envelopes in order that their profits may be increased. To them the sale of these envelopes is a "monopoly," because it prevents them from controlling the entire consumption of envelopes. It is curious that while these misled manufacturers are trying to excite prejudice against the postal department's sale of envelopes by calling it a monopoly, the Socialists declare that the multiplication of trusts and of such combinations as this which these very

men have made must hasten the triumph of their doctrines, and compel the operation of all great industries by the Government.

If there shall be any movement in Washington or elsewhere against the sale of stamped envelopes the people will know who should be held responsible for it. The contract under which the Government's supply is obtained covers a period of four years ending September 30, 1890, and it was made with the Morgan Envelope Company of Springfield, Mass., and the Plimpton Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Conn., two of the nine companies or firms of which this ring is composed.

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That extremely honorable and obliging MAN, is the cause of the non-appearance of the National Philatelist, March 10, as promised.

He desired us to give him a trial, as a printer, and we sent him the matter to be printed in No. 2, and have not heard from him since. We beg the forbearance of our readers and advertisers, and will hereafter have the N. P. printed at home.

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Since we mailed the first number of the N. P. we have not met with such success as we had hoped for. However, we are not going to give up on that account. We intend to make this paper YOUR PAPER, but must have help. All who receive sample copies of this issue should be able to remit us the subscription price:—15 cents. Let us hear from all that can respond, and we will SURPRISE YOU.

The article on "Errors," will interest you.

He who wants his biz to rise, should do no less than advertise.

The interest in philately should NOT die out during the summer. All deserving the name "Philatelist," never lose interest in their albums. We will endeavor to keep alive the enthusiasm by giving to our readers valuable information and the advertisements of dealers who offer bargains. Brother editors, DO THE SAME.

The House committee on post-offices and post-roads has reported (adversely) the resolution to require the Post-Master General to discontinue the use of the green two-cent stamp, and return to the use of the two-cent terra-cotta colored one.

We now have the "Envelope Trust." This one however, has no connection with the one which has recently been giving so much trouble to philatelists. See article in another column.

Subscribe and receive a premium.

In another column will be found the reports of the first and second meetings of the Capital City Philatelic Society. Numerous attempts have been made by parties interested, to form a society here, but none have been successful until this. It is for the benefit of collectors, and will undoubtedly meet with the success it deserves. Long may it live and prosper.

Provided we receive one-hundred-subscriptions before May 1st we will appear in an eight form and cover, with No. 3, if possible, so send along your subscriptions without delay.

Two new departments will be opened next month. In the "Agent's Directory" we will insert one time the name and address of any yearly subscriber, when so requested. Communications on any subject relating to philately will be inserted in the "Correspondence" column, where all questions will be answered to the best of our ability.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 10, 1888.

NO. 3.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

Title.

This Association shall be known by the name and style of the CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

Objects.

This Society is formed for the purpose of encouraging and promoting:

First.—The collection and preservation of stamps employed for postal or fiscal purposes, whether issued by National or State Governments, corporations or individuals.

Second.—The study of such characteristics of design, paper, engraving, printing and other details of such stamps, the procuring of such information relating thereto, and to the history and purposes of their use as shall serve to establish their true character, to distinguish the genuine from the false, and determine the proper classification and arrangement.

Third.—The exchange of duplicates between members under such regulations as may be provided by By-Laws.

Fourth.—The undertaking of any such matters as may contribute to the attainment of the above objects.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Section 1. This Society shall be composed of three classes of members:

1. Active members.
2. Corresponding members.
3. Honorary members.

The first class shall constitute the governing body of the Society, from which all officers and committees must be chosen. No qualifications are required of members of this class, except an election by the Society and the observance of the rules thereof.

The second class shall comprise those who desire to ally themselves with the society and aid in promoting its objects by contribution or information, and enjoy the privileges of membership, but by reason of residence abroad or distant from the place of meeting, cannot attend to the duties of active members.

The third class shall comprise those who the Society may desire to recognize as having rendered exceptional service to the cause of Philately by conferring upon them the distinctive title of honorary members.

Sec. 2. Proposals for membership in either of these classes must be made in writing by an active member of the society, at a regular or called meeting, and shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, and the society shall proceed at once to ballot thereon. The ballots of three-quarters of the members present shall be requisite to elect, and no candidate shall be balloted for upon whom the Executive Committee may have made an adverse report. The member making the nomination may, however, withdraw the candidate at any time prior to the casting of the ballot, but no rejected candidate can again be proposed until after the expiration of one year.

Sec. 3. Any member whose connection with the society shall be deemed by the Executive Committee injurious to the interest of the society, may be excluded or expelled by $\frac{2}{3}$ vote as the society may resolve, but no action shall be had upon any such case, unless a full months' notice shall have been given to such member by the Executive committee that they propose to submit the matter for action, stating the character of the charge and the time when action is proposed to be had. No member expelled by the society shall be re-admitted, except by a unanimous vote, notice having been given of the proposed action at the preceding regular meeting.

Sec. 4. Any member in good standing who may desire, may withdraw at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

Section 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent, who shall constitute the Executive committee.

Sec. 2. The terms of all officers shall be for 6 months from the date of the semi-annual election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and on all committees.

Sec. 4. The Vice President will assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence conduct the meetings of the society. In the absence of both the President and Vice President a temporary Chairman shall be appointed.

Sec. 5. The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all transactions and proceedings of the society. He shall conduct all its correspondence. All letters received by him in his official capacity shall be filed among the archives of the society. He shall give due notice of meetings to all members. As Treasurer he shall receive and disburse all moneys; provided that no moneys shall be expended by him, except by resolution therefor, duly adopted by the society. He shall keep a strict account, in writing, of all moneys of which he may so receive and disburse, and his books of accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the society or any of its members.

Sec. 6. The Exchange Superintendent shall receive all stamps from the members; keep a strict account of all stamps exchanged and attend to the settling of all accounts or balances for or against the several members.

Sec. 7. The Executive Committee shall act as a standing committee for the transaction of any business that does not require the action of the whole society, or which may be duly referred to it by the society. It shall inquire into the merits of all persons proposed for membership and report thereon. It may at any time submit any matter for the consideration of the society, taking precedence of all other business. Three members of this committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 8. The Secretary and Treasurer shall turn over at the termination of his office all letters, moneys, documents or other papers belonging to the society to his successor.

ARTICLE V.

Elections.

Section 1. The semi-annual election for officers shall take place at the last meeting in July and the last meeting in December. Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the offices, the same shall be filled at the next regular meeting.

Sec. 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot, a majority of a whole number of votes cast being necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meetings of the society shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Special meetings shall be called by the President, at the written request of three members, due notice of which must be given by the Secretary.

Sec. 2. Four active members shall constitute a quorum to transact all the necessary business of the society.

ARTICLE VII.

Subscriptions

Section 1. The dues for active and corresponding members shall be \$1.00 per year, payable semi-annually.

ARTICLE VIII.

From time to time, as occasion shall require By-Laws may be passed for the management and direction of the affairs of the society and the good government thereof.

ARTICLE IX.

This constitution shall not be altered, modified or amended, except at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and no action shall be taken or valid unless the amendment proposed, or the substitute or amendment thereof shall have been submitted to the society, in writing at least one month previous to such meeting, but adjournment may be had at any time, and such proposed amendment made the special order of business.

CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Third Meeting.

Held April 4, 1888, with the president in the chair. Roll called and no absentees noted. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A committee consisting of Messrs. Storch, Houston and Kaye was then appointed to draft a constitution; the same to be reported at the next meeting. Moved and seconded that the membership fee be fixed at one dollar per annum, payable semi-annually; carried. Moved and seconded that the first payment be made at the next meeting; carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn; carried.

W. S. KAYE

Secretary.

Fourth Meeting.

Held April 18, 1888, with the President in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The committee on the constitution reported a constitution, which was read and adopted. It was decided that the same shall appear in "The National Philatelist." A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Houston and Smith to draft by-laws and report at next meeting. Dues were received from Messrs. Frank, Houston, Smith, Menchine and Kaye. Total receipts were \$2.50. Moved and seconded to adjourn; carried.

W. S. KAYE

Secretary.

Fifth Meeting.

Held April 25, 1888, with the President in the chair. Members present; Messrs. Frank, Shindell, Houston, Menchine, Smith and Kaye. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The committee on By-Laws made their report, which was adopted.

Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered, "The Halifax Philatelist," for copies sent for distribution among the members carried.

W. S. KAYE,

Secretary.

Sixth Meeting.

Held May 9, 1888, with the President in the chair. Members present, Messrs. Frank, Houston, Kaye, Menchine and Smith. Moved and seconded that the reports of the proceedings of the society be sent to the following

philatelic journals regularly; The American Philatelist, The Stamp Collectors' Figaro, The Philatelic Journal of America, The Western Philatelist, The Stamp, The Halifax Philatelist and The Collector's Review; carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn; carried.

All communications must be addressed,

W. S. KAYE, Secretary.

1112 North Capitol St.

Washington D. C.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

"The American Stamp Collector's Directory" will be issued about May 10 by Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, Ohio. Besides the name and address of each collector, it will contain the number of stamps in his collection and his specialty, if any, together with the name of the philatelic society to which he belongs. It will be a handy work.

Mr. Edw. J. Stebbins, Adrian, Mich., is making a collection of autographs of "Prominent philatelists."

"The Collector's Ledger," which was formerly "The Youth's Ledger," comes to us in magazine form from Bloomfield, N. J. It is a decided change for the better, but we hardly recognized "The Youth's Ledger."

A neat new cover adorns Volume II, No. I, of "The Stamp Collectors' Figaro."

"Common Sense," from Mexico, N. Y. has changed to newspaper form. We are sorry to see this and trust it will follow the good example set by "The Collector's Ledger," and come to us in magazine form.

"The Philatelic Midget" is almost too small to be seen, but it is well filled with denunciation of prominent philatelists. It hails from La Hoyt, Iowa, and should change its course considerably.

Any person who does not think that the N. P. is worth 15 cents per year will oblige us by sending us what he thinks it is worth, and his name will be placed on our subscription list as a yearly subscriber. This offer is equalled by few and excelled by none.

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There now exists a DISTINCTION, which should be speedily abolished between those members of the American Philatelic Association who have attained to the age of seventeen years and those who have not. This distinction lies in the matter of VOTING. From the beginning we have been opposed to it and now propose, through these columns to agitate the subject. Why should it exist? Some will answer by saying "because those members under the age of seventeen years are boys, and as such they are inexperienced in this matter, so should be deprived the privilege of voting."

We see no reason why it should exist; none whatever. On the other hand we see many reasons why it should not exist. It keeps out of our ranks not a few collectors. It shows that the older members place little confidence in the younger one's ability. It would seem to indicate a desire on the part of the older members to monopolize or control the running

of the association. It does not show a desire on the part of the older ones to advance the interests of the younger ones. It shows so many things that it would be a job to here enumerate them. We can conceive of no better way to remedy this evil than to strike out that part of the constitution of the A. P. A. which restricts the rights of the younger members and either limit the age of admission or admit only those who have such qualifications as would make them good members and voters. Older heads than ours have suggested the latter plan, and we can make no objection as we believe it to be a very good one. We are not the only ones who are in favor of some such amendment as we propose, but only one of a number who are in favor of fair play. We shall be pleased to hear from ALL in regard to this matter. Do not be afraid to express your views. Please make all communications as short as possible and to the point.

Last month we offered premiums to all new subscribers. We are sorry to say that philatelists in general have not appreciated our efforts and that we have received only six subscriptions since No. 2 was mailed. The following who were the first subscribers from their respective states, will oblige us by sending description of any 5 cent stamp they want together with return postage:

E. Cornell, Marshalltown, Iowa, and H. L. Edmunds, Freeland, Pennsylvania.

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We are compelled to omit much this month. We have received a number of interesting articles for No. 4, of which as many will be published as possible. The services of a few of the leading philatelic writers have been secured, and much lies in store for our readers.

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No. 4.

THE STAMPS OF NATIVE STATES.

By Fig.

Written for the National Philatelist.

These States are small divisions of territory in British India, under the protection of the British Government with a native ruler over each.

They are each allowed a separate issue of stamps, and consequently we are well supplied with the queer specimens which come in such vast numbers from these native states.

The stamps are most generally of a dull queer character and but poorly printed. The reason for the poor printing is that the plates which are used, are made of ivory. This is a very poor article to use as it will allow the ink to slip all over the surface and down into the creases. In fact the ink will hardly adhere to it at all and so we see the miserable ill printed specimens thus made.

But the reason for the queer characters represented on the stamps I cannot account unless there are no engravers in these states that can illustrate an object better. I am sure it would not need a very skillful artist to draw the designs used. The stamps are of all shapes and colors as the collector is aware, and they form a striking contrast with those of other countries. A few of the states use the general issue of British India with native inscriptions thereon, which consist generally of the name of the state and native inscriptions. These, I suppose, are new values or denominations, as their values are never the same; the British India stamps being of higher denominations as a rule. The values run from one-eighth of an anna up to eight annas, but the higher ones are seldom used. These stamps furnish a vast amount of study, which gives much pleasure to the collector who will spend time and thought on the subject.

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FOURTH CONVENTION OF THE A. P. A.

There are many cities offering great attractions and inducements, which would doubtless like to have the "Fourth Convention of the American Philatelic Association." None however can offer such inducements and attractions as Washington because they have not them to offer.

There are a great many reasons why this city should be considered and chosen if possible for the Convention of '89. There are many members of the A. P. A. who would attend that Convention if it were held here, for by so doing they could gain the advantage of seeing the Capital of the United States and its many sights as well as attending the convention of the greatest and most important philatelic organization of our country. We do not wish to antagonize the claims of other cities upon the Convention, but simply ask all members of the A. P. A. to think, laying personal considerations aside, of the advisability of choosing this city for the '89 Convention.

It would not be amiss to here enumerate the sights to be seen, but we have not the space to do so and besides every American has heard more or less of the great public buildings and squares, statues, monuments, art galleries, streets, avenues, etc., etc.

Besides the above, the holding of the Convention here would bring to the front and into our ranks numbers of collectors who are in need of some excitement to create enthusiasm.

Hotel accommodations are excellent and not so high that those coming here would have to walk home. Some may say that it is not central, but their cry may easily be set at rest when Boston, which is far more out of the way of those living West, was chosen for the "Third Convention."

If it were held here it would be one of the most successful in the history of the Association, and therefore the claims and advantages of Washington should be carefully considered.

THE A. P. A.

Our Ticket.

At first we favored the election of Mr. R. C. H. Brock, for Vice President, but since he has withdrawn from the race, we give our feeble support to Mr. Jno. C. Feldwisch, Denver, Colorado. Below is the ticket which we will support. It is the winning one.

For President,

Jno. K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

For Vice President,

Jno. C. Feldwisch, Denver, Col.

For Secretary,

S. B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill.

For Treasurer.

H. B. Seagrave, Ionia, Mich.

For International Secretary,

Henry Clotz, New York, N. Y.

THE MATTER OF VOTING.

Below are a few of the communications relative to the existing distinction between those members of the A. P. A. who have attained to the age of seventeen years and those who have not.

S. C. Scott, publisher of the United States Philatelist, Calmar, Iowa, says "About the A. P. A. we're with you."

S. B. Bradt, Chicago, Ill., says, "I do not endorse your opinions in regard to removing the age qualification. In all forms of government the line must be drawn somewhere, although it may hurt sometimes in individual cases."

N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wisconsin, says "There are many points in your sentiments I endorse."

CONGRESSIONAL ITEMS.

The Senate Committee on Finance has made an adverse report on the fractional currency bill.

It is said that a bill is to be introduced in the Senate reducing the fee on postal notes for less than one dollar, to one one cent.

Representative Perkins of Kansas in speak-

ing of the inefficient mail service given to the people of West, during the debate on the Post Office Appropriation Bill, attributed a portion of the evil to the fact that inefficient men were appointed, and gave some instances showing that to be the fact. One postmaster of whom he spoke sent nothing to the railway station for a week, and when asked for a reason said that his mail bag was not full and that he was waiting until it was. Another postmaster in Missouri sent to this city for postage stamps, which were sent to him in a large sheet. He had never seen them in this form before and thought the sheet was a circus poster. He pasted it on the wall and calling his wife, said "See what the darned fool in Washington sent me when I write him for stamps. He sent me a circus poster and the darned circus riders all look alike." They are without doubt bright postmasters.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

Chicago has loomed up once more as the graveyard for philatelic papers. The last recruit is the Western Philatelist. It is too bad.

Attention is called to Durbin and Hanes' removal notice in this issue.

The United States Philatelist comes to us from Calmar, Iowa. It is published by S. C. Scott, formerly publisher of the "Calmar Exchange."

The eighty-seventh auction sale by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company Limited, takes place June 13, 1888 at 739 Broadway, New York City.

The first auction sale of C. J. Fuelscher, St. Louis, Missouri, took place May 28, 1888.

We have received the price lists of C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo. and N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wisconsin. Our thanks are due.

Up to date the A. P. A. has five hundred and seventeen members with thirty-two applications for membership. A creditable showing to be sure.

Publishers will please accept our thanks for current numbers of the following: Quaker City Philatelist, Ohio Philatelist, Collector's Ledger, Philatelic Journal of America, Badger State Philatelist, Common Sense, Plain Talk, One Dime, International Collector, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic News, Eastern Philatelist, Curiosity World, Halifax Philatelist, Springfield Republican, Philadelphia Philatelist, The Stamp, Philatelic Midget, American Philatelist, Herdman's Miscellany, Mohawk Standard, Philatelic Gazette, American Journal of Philately, Stamp Collector's Fignro.

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CLIPPINGS.

Those interested in the advancement philately is making in regard to the press, should be pleased to know that another newspaper devotes considerable space to our mania. The Progressive Age, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, is the paper referred to.

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We have made promises to enlarge under certain conditions; these have not been fulfilled so we are by no means responsible.

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The work of organizing the American Philatelic Press Association is progressing favorably, and we may reasonably expect to have a flourishing organization ere long. Those interested should lend their support.

How about Washington for the '89 Convention? A better selection could not be made, while the A. P. A. would profit thereby as there are a number of collectors in this city who are greatly in need of some excitement to renew their enthusiasm. This was one of the

purposes for which the Capital City Philatelic Society was organized.

Next month we open the "Agent's Directory," wherein we will publish one time, at his own request, the name of any yearly subscriber.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We shall be pleased to hear from all, through this department, on any subject relating to philately.

HOW IS THIS?

To one who studies his stamps, the following will surely not escape his vigilant eye and he will propound, no doubt, the same query that I am about to make.

In Scott's latest catalogue under the head of Gibraltar, we find the following: "Bermuda stamps surcharged Gibraltar."

- 1 1886 ½p green
- 2 1886 1p rose
- 3 1886 2p brown violet
- 4 1886 2½p blue
- 5 1886 4p orange
- 6 1886 6p violet
- 7 1886 1sh bistre

Turning over to Bermuda, we find that that country is not credited with either the ½p green, 2p brown violet or 1sh bistre. It will not do to say that they are late issues, for they could not have been noted under the head of Gibraltar if that be the case. Will some one be kind enough to explain?

W. S. KAYE,

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It is our intention to make the National Philatelist one of the best paying mediums for the advertiser extant.

To accomplish this we need the help of all that receive copies of this and other issues. We have hit upon an entirely new plan for getting subscribers, which we wish to see successful. It is this; we will give six months' subscription to each and every reader who answers some one of the advertisements which appear in this and following numbers of this paper, provided such answer shall be in the form of an order of not less than twenty-five cents value.

The advertiser receiving this order shall then notify us of the fact, whereupon we will enter the orderer's name upon our books as a 6 month's subscriber. There is room in this plan for cheating, but we rely upon the honor and honesty of our advertisers to treat us as well as their customers, squarely. Here is a splendid chance for every dealer to profit by sending in his advertisement for No. 5.

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In our last number we expressed our views in regard to the matter of voting in the American Philatelic Association. Although we have no article on this subject to present to our readers this month, we have received many communications from prominent philatelists expressing their concurrence with our views. As we have said before, we should be pleased to hear from all. Communications of concurrence and non-concurrence will be published side by side, and if any one can convince us that there is anything just in the present distinction we will be pleased to correct ourselves.

In accordance with the offer made in our last number we will state that the third subscriber was W. C. Sowerby, Philadelphia, Pa., who is entitled to a rubber pen and pencil name stamp. The eleventh subscriber was not received. The eleventh, twenty-fifth, fortieth, sixtieth, eightieth, and one hundredth new subscribers will receive a one line pen and pencil rubber stamp, provided they send postage.

This offer does not apply to subscribers who order of our advertisers.

We want an honest and reliable stamp collector who intends to attend the Boston Convention to furnish us with accurate reports of the proceedings of that Convention. Anyone qualified will please answer without delay.

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SOME FRENCH POLITICAL HISTORY

That Has Been Impressed Upon Stamps.

Written for The National Philatelist

By Charles E. Hutchison.

No country in all Europe can boast a government so unstable as that of France. Its thrones have been subverted and its form of government changed with unparalleled frequency since the fall of the great Bourbon Monarchy.

During the last century there have been in France thirteen revolutions of government and many more unsuccessfully attempted, and had stamps been in use during all that time each revolution would probably have produced a new series, as in coins. But as stamps have been in use in France only since 1849 we can gather her history from them only since that time.

When France put forth her first stamps in 1849 the country was under a republican form of government and so, on the stamps appears the legend REPUB. FRANC, and beneath it a profile of the fair goddess, Liberty, a mistaken conception of whose true form the French Nation has so often worshipped. This republic had begun on the 24th of February, 1848 at the abdication of the king, Louis Philippe, after stormy and tumultuous scenes in the Chamber of Deputies, corresponding to the English House of Commons, and in the streets of Paris. It is known in history as the Second Republic and survived about four years. After the abdication of Louis a temporary government was formed and a general election for president set for December 10. Then there appeared on the scene as a candidate for the presidency Louis Napoleon, nephew of the great Napoleon I, and after skillful electioneering by himself and friends, was triumphantly elected at the polls. But his ambition did not stop here; the state was torn with faction and the anarchistic and turbulent party was strong; an absolute and arbitrary monarch was needed and Napoleon, with his uncle's example before him aspired to greater power. The first stamps of the republic had appeared with the head of

Liberty; but Napoleon had dismissed his first ministry and formed another whose members were entirely under his control, and in his growing power a new issue appeared wherein the effigy of the fair Goddess was supplanted by his own. The legend was as before, REPUB. FRANC, but this was not to be for long, On December 2, 1851 the leading opponents of Napoleon's administration were seized and imprisoned, the palaces and halls of legislation filled with soldiers, and a proclamation issued dissolving the existing legislative government and presenting to the popular vote a new constitution which prolonged Napoleon's rule ten years. This was accepted by the people and in less than a year Napoleon was proclaimed Emperor and accepted by his people. Then in 1853 came the third type of stamps. This time the head in the centre was the same as in the preceding issue but it was beneath the legend EMPIRE FRANC and the republic was at an end. Napoleon's government was strong and at first prosperous. To turn his people's attention from his despotism at home and to win for himself a name he engaged in foreign wars.

The first of these was in Crimea in which by skillful diplomacy, he had involved England as his ally. There was much blood and treasure wasted to great glory and small gain for both parties. He next aided the Italians in their struggle for a free and united kingdom and then attempted to give Mexico a foreign ruler while our country was, apparently, hopelessly divided and in Civil War. Now appears the fourth type of French stamps, 1863, and the head of the shrewd Napoleon bears proudly the victor's wreath of laurel. It was thus that the first Napoleon was wont to be represented on coins and medals. The coat of arms of the Empire was the imperial eagle and this the collector sees on the newspaper stamps issued in 1868 as well as in the stamps issued for the French Colonies 1859-65. Then came discontent at home, rupture with Germany, war, the disastrous struggle, the disgraceful surrender at Sedan, the abdication,

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and the Empire was gone. After peace was made by a sort of provisional government, of which M. Thiers was at the head, there came blood and fire, socialism and communism, and a year of struggle between law and order and anarchy and riot. Amid such scenes it is no wonder that the stamps prepared for such a government were such specimens as constitute the issue of 1870, when the Republic and the Liberty, whose name and face they bear, were struggling for very existence. But right and justice triumphed at last and the series of 1871-2 was issued by an established government, seated at the national capital. That government still exists, through how long it will continue no man can tell.

The country is content and at peace, and in the same year in which we celebrated the centennial anniversary of the "great republican experiment" the French republic put forth upon her stamps Peace and Commerce with hands clasped. Long may it so be.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Republican Platform of 1888 declares in favor of reducing letter postage to one cent per ounce.

The Ohio Valley Centennial Exposition, opened at Cincinnati July 4, will be an interesting place for the collector to visit, because of the fact that there will be displayed a collection which, it is said, will excite the envy of every stamp collector. It will include old and new issues of this as well as foreign countries. An envelope machine will be in full operation, showing how envelopes are made; also a machine for canceling letters and post-cards. A post office will be in active operation also and will do a money order and registry business and have a free delivery service. The above will comprise a part of the post-office exhibit. Of interest to the autograph collector will be found a series of letters from nearly all of the crowned heads of Europe, relating to different subjects. It will doubtless be an interesting exhibit.

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We desire to get club rates with other journals, consequently new additions will be made monthly.

CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Seventh Meeting.

The C. C. P. S. met at the usual hour. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Application for membership was received from Mr. Joseph F. Haske, which was referred to the Executive Committee to be reported on at the next regular meeting.

Moved and seconded that the Secretary notify delinquent members of their arrearage, and if such be not paid within thirty days their names to be dropped from the roll; carried. On motion the Secretary was ordered to send a history of the Society to Mr. W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., who is preparing a history of all the Philatelic Societies in America. Society adjourned on motion.

W. S. KAYE, Secretary.

Washington, D. C., June 13, 1888.

EIGHTH MEETING.

The Society opened in due form, roll called and absentees noted. Under the head of unfinished business, the Executive Committee reported favorably on the application for membership of Mr. Joseph F. Haske, who was balloted on and duly elected. The weather being warm, and not many present, the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Next Meeting July 11, at 473 C Street, N. W.

W. S. KAYE, Secretary.

Washington, D. C., June 27, 1888.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We shall be pleased to hear from all, through this department, on any subject relating to philately.

Editor of the National Philatelist:

In your last number, is a question in regard to "Bermuda stamps surcharged Gibraltar." I will endeavor to explain it for the interest of your readers. The January 1886 issue of Gibraltar stamps were printed from the plates of those of Bermuda.

They were specially printed and surcharged in England, owing to a supply of stamps for Gibraltar being required before the plates could be engraved. This issue is without doubt the only one of its kind in the history of philately, not being the stamps of one place surcharged for use in another. Therefore your correspondent will not find them catalogued under the head of Bermuda, or there are no Bermuda $\frac{1}{2}$ p green, etc.

J. H. LYONS,

June 13, 1888.

Portland, Maine.

Editor National Philatelist, Washington, D. C.

In the issue of June 10 I found a communication from Mr. W. S. Kaye about the Gibraltar Stamps. I will explain as far as I know.

In 1886 the Gibraltar Stamp was issued and printed on the plates of the Bermuda Stamps but with different colors than the Bermuda stamps.

This I have from Senf's "Briefmarken Journal," Leipsic.

I hope this will satisfy Mr. Kaye, about his inquiry.

E. DOEBLIN.

Allegheny, Pa., June 29, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We publish in this number the first of a series of articles on the stamps of the most important countries of Europe. They came from the pen of the well-known writer Chas. E. Hutchinson, and will, we think, be appreciated by our readers.

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The Canada Stamp and Coin Journal is another new one, hailing from Halifax, Nova Scotia with John R. Findlay as publisher.

We want to enlarge next month and ask both DEALERS and COLLECTORS to give us their support in the way of subscriptions and advertisements. See adv. on page four.

We will publish next month interesting reports of the Boston Convention which will delay us a few days. We will reach most of you about August 15.

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For want of space we are compelled to omit the names of those papers received this month.

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COLLECTORS! DEALERS!!

It may be that you do not give us better support because someone has prejudiced you against us. From what we can learn we are led to believe that W. W. Thomas has tried to injure our reputation, but whether this is so or not we are under no restrictions from making public a few facts. As we have heretofore said this party was the cause of the non appearance of the N. P. March 10, as promised. Since we published that fact in No. 2, he has written us an insulting and threatening letter, which, of course, almost shook our foundations. If the above party has tried to injure us, we will thank any collector to notify us of the fact and we will make public the whole matter. If not we beg the pardon of W. W. Thomas for the publication of this article ONLY and will do this through the columns of the N. P. We simply want to know the truth and have a right to demand it.

Subscribe now before you forget it.

Last month we published an article setting forth the advantages of holding the Fourth Convention of the A. P. A. in this city. It evidently has made some impression for in the July number of "The Philatelic World," Mr. Bogert seconds the motion. Hope. Next, in No. 4 of "The Charleston Philatelist" we learn that at least five members from that city alone would attend that convention if held here. Encouragement. From various sources we hear approval and would respectfully ask all members of the A. P. A. to consider its advisability. Think well and if you do not approve of this city do not vote for it at the Boston Convention. If you do however, vote for it and persuade others to do so.

Members of the A. P. A. who desire to see justice done to all members will vote to abolish the age restriction in voting. The most prominent members of the A. P. A. are in favor of this course as well as some of the principal societies and papers. You will be judged by your actions.

We cancel the offer made in the last number, as it has not been taken advantage of. The eleventh subscriber was not received and so no one gets a pen and pencil rubber stamp.

N. G. Seymour, Watertown, N. Y., says:

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Mr. Scott for the Committee on Standing Rules reported that the committee saw no reason to make alterations.

The president then announced the following committees:

Finance, Messrs. Dejonge, W. B. King and Sparr. On the Library, Messrs. Deats, Stone and Bodine. Exchange and Purchasing Dept's; Messrs. Corwin, Stebbins (for whom Mr. Hobby was later substituted) Schuman. Official Journal; Messrs. MacCalla, Emory, Davison. Branch Societies; Levick, Hubbard, Richmond. On the Constitution; Messrs. Calman, Mekeel, Ross, and Stone (with the president *ex-officio*.)

Next in order of business came Communication followed by Reports of Officers and Standing Committees, as follows: The Board of Trustees and the tellers reported the result of the election, from which it appeared that Messrs. Tiffany, Vanderlip, Bradford, Seagrave and Rechart were elected by handsome majorities.

Reports were then read from the International Secretary, Librarian, Purchasing Agent and his second assistant, Exchange Supt, and Literary Board which were received and referred to the various committees and a vote of thanks passed to the International Secretary for his offer in behalf of the association.

The convention then adjourned to Tuesday at 10 A. M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST, 14.

The Convention assembled at 10.40 A. M. and listened to the address of the president which occupied nearly one hour. After a vote of thanks to the president the regular order of business was resumed.

A short note from the Treasurer was

read reporting a balance of \$304.84 on hand and promising a full report later on.

The Secretary's report included a classification of the membership of the association by states and stated the present actual membership to be 544 with three deaths of members one of an applicant during the year past.

The Committee on Credentials reported 14 new proxies.

The report of the Committee on Exchange and Purchasing Departments by Mr. Corwin made several recommendations which were considered by the convention, as follows:

That a 3d Ass't. Purchasing Agent be appointed to buy for members at New York auction sales; referred back to Committee for elaboration and elucidation.

That a vote of thanks to 3d Ass't. P. M. General Harris be passed; refused by a vote of 197-145.

That the Purchasing Agents commission be 10 per cent instead of 5; so ordered.

That persons not settling account with the Exchange Department *must* (instead of *may* as formerly) be refused the privilege of the department.

That all members wishing to participate in the exchange must join the nearest Branch Society; so ordered.

That the Exchange Sup't. be authorized to put fire insurance on the stamps in transit, so ordered.

A vote of thanks was passed Mr. Clotz for efficient management.

Official Journal Committee next made their report which was referred to the Committee on Constitution for consideration of its suggestions.

The Library Committee recommended as follows; That the Librarian be given \$100 as he requested; \$75 for binding and \$25 for buying.

After being cut down to \$50 to be spent at his discretion that sum was appropriated by the convention.

That the fee of five cents be abolished; so ordered.

That the library be insured; so ordered

That the Librarian give bonds, not so ordered.

That steps be taken toward compiling a catalogue of Philatelic periodicals and literature. Referred to a committee, Messrs. Aue, Stone and Scott.

A report from the Trustees was then read and a secret session ordered to consider the charges against J. C. Jay of La Hoyt, Iowa mentioned therein.

Then a recess was taken till 2.30 a. m.

Called to order at 2.30 p. m.

Mr. Corwin presented several amendments to the constitution, as follows:

That in Art. 11, Sec. 3, line 3 "may" be changed to "shall;" agreed to.

That the provision making an election invalid if two-thirds of the membership do not vote be stricken out, agreed to.

That the trustees must all live in the same city or less than 30 miles apart; not agreed to.

That no dealer by profession can be a trustee; not agreed to.

That branch societies must contain no member not a member of the Association; not agreed to.

A resolution from Mr. Houston for the abolishing of age distinction between members was then read and tabled.

After a few other motions and resolutions were passed upon, the convention chose St. Louis as the next place of meeting by a vote of 208 to 132 for Niagara Falls. The convention will be held on Monday in "Fair Week," and the date will be announced hereafter.

The result of the secret session was the expulsion of Mr. Jay.

The convention then adjourned to 10 a. m., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

The convention assembled at 11.15, a. m., and Mr. Calman read the report of the Committee on the Constitution, recommending numerous amendments which we may see fit to publish in our next number.

The thanks of the association and a salary of \$150 for a year, was voted to

Secretary Bradt.

The convention then adjourned *sine die*, at 1.40, p. m.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Philatelic Press is receiving many recruits. May it continue.

We are enabled to announce the appearance of several new publications this month.

Philo's Monthly is a new paper from Grand Crossing, Ill. It contains a good directory of philatelic societies and journals.

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The *American Stamp Collector's Directory* is a valuable book of reference. It presents a neat appearance and contains but few typographical errors.

We have received of Mr. Geo. H. Richmond, New York City, a copy of *The American Philatelic Press Directory* which is a vast improvement over the 1887 edition.

Freeman's Fireside Visitor is another new monthly which, like *The Collector and Exchange*, is not entirely a philatelic publication. The former hails from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and the latter from Buffalo, N. Y.

We have lost one of our best monthly visitors. *The Eastern Philatelist* will henceforth appear every two months.

The publishers of the *Mohawk Standard* have changed the name of that journal to 'The Collectors' Standard.'

There are a number of stamp papers whose names are not on our exchange list. We desire to exchange with all devoted partly or in whole to philately and send two copies to all such when two are sent in return. Of course we can only expect one copy of the larger journals in return for two of ours, but we will soon be able to ask for two copies in return for same.

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 THE EDITOR.

We are sorry to announce that we are compelled to omit the second of the series of articles by Chas. E.

Hutchison for want of space. However we will next month publish the above article, entitled "Some Italian History connected with Philately," which will be very interesting. Subscribe now and get the benefit of this and following articles.

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SOME ITALIAN HISTORY CONNECTED WITH PHILATELY.

BY CHAS. E. HUTCHISON.

WHEN one by one, the civilized nations of the world were adopting adhesive stamps for the prepayment of postage, the middle peninsular of Southern Europe bore no such relation to the political world as it does now. As characterized by the great diplomat, Prince Metternich, Italy was merely a "geographical expression;" there was no Italian nation. The broken and divided state of the country may be seen from the following list of the Italian states which issued stamps with date of first issue:

1850 The Italian States under the power of Austria, Lombardy and Venetia in northern and northeastern Italy.

1851 Sardinia, under king Victor Emmanuel II, afterward king of all Italy. Tuscany, Grand Duchy.

1852 Parma and Modena, small Duchies in Emilia.

The Papal States comprising the country around Rome, governed by the pope.

1758 Naples, governed by King Ferdinand II, a Bourbon tyrant, also King of Sicily.

1859 Sicily, King Ferdinand II. Romagna, a Papal province.

Nine in all, varying greatly in size, population, importance, and comparative freedom of government. Besides these there were very many more that did not issue stamps, all growing under despotic rulers, Papal power, or foreign government, and all longing for unity and freedom. It will also be observed by the student of his stamps, that all these states, except Sardinia ceased to issue stamps at various

times, from 1859 onward, and that now in all parts of Italy but one kind of stamp is used. The course of history which made this possible I will endeavor briefly to explain.

After twenty-five years of almost unbroken quiet, in 1848, the dormant revolutionary fire in Italy was fanned into flame by the example of the French in driving out their king. In vain endeavor to be free from Austrian and Papal power and to have a united Italy, many lives were wasted and much suffering caused. The Austrians defeated Charles Albert King of Sardinia, leader of the Italian armies, and with the aid of a French army sent by Louis Napoleon, President, the Pope regained and held his temporal power at Rome. But in the peace that followed, Sardinia, leading among the Italian kingdoms, grew stronger and a more powerful factor in Europe, and when the Crimean war was declared aided the allies with twenty-five thousand troops refusing all requital, therefor thus winning the friendship and gratitude of England and France. Five years later, in 1858, a treaty was concluded between Sardinia and the Emperor Napoleon by which France was to drive out Austria from Italy and secure the union of Austria and Italy to Sardinia. In pursuance of the treaty France severed relations with Austria and war began which throughout went ill for Austria. She was defeated in engagements of minor importance and the two great battles of Magenta and Solferino. Then suddenly it was announced that France had made peace with Austria and would prosecute the war no further. By the treaty thus concluded, Austria yielded Lombardy but retained Venetia of almost equal size. It also provided that the people of Tuscany, Parma, Modena, and part of the Papal dominions who had driven out their rulers and thrown off their al-

legiance should return to it again. But these people were decidedly unwilling to do so, and as neither Sardinia nor France was willing to apply military force to make them, the resolution was adopted of leaving them to choose for themselves, and they almost unanimously chose to join Sardinia. This was in the early part of 1860, and their former postal administration was supplanted by that of Sardinia, and thus the stamps originally issued by and for Sardinia gradually became the stamps of all Italy, which accounts for the discrepancy in name which appears in the standard catalogues. Although thus much had been gained, yet the Italians felt very sore against the Emperor, and more so when it was known that Sardinia was to cede him in return for his services Savoy and Nice, which are adjacent to the territory of France. These provinces, however, were more French than Italian, and the popular vote which was taken was in favor of joining France. What was left to be done was accomplished without further bloodshed. Naples and Sicily, at the time of the war, were ruled by a Bourbon, Ferdinand II, a bigoted tyrant. In May, 1860, a rising occurred in Sicily, and with two thousand men the Sardinian general, Garibaldi, hastened to aid the movement. His war cry was: "Italy and Victor Emmanuel" and his success rapid and marvelous. By August he held all Sicily, and then crossed to the mainland and advanced on Naples. He was hailed as deliverer by the Neapolitans, and as he entered Naples the king fled. The people voted by vast majority for union with Sardinia. Thus Italy remained till 1866, when the long-standing troubles between Austria and Prussia culminated in war, which proved disastrous to the former. She ceded Venetia to France to avoid the greater humiliation of having to yield it to Italy, and Napoleon graciously turned it over to Sardinia, thus fulfilling entirely his part of the treaty of 1858. The Pope was

still supported by French bayonets, but at last the same sun that saw Paris in the hands of the Germans saw Rome in the hands of the Italians under Garibaldi. Victor Emmanuel became the beloved and chosen king of all Italy.

In 1863 an issue of stamps had appeared bearing his profile and the legend, "Poste Italiane." This was in use until the year after his death, which occurred in 1878, when a new issue appeared with the head of his son and successor, Humbert I, the present king.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

CONVENTION AND OTHERWISE.

St. Louis in '89.

We had the first convention report we believe. Does not that speak well for us?

Tiffany, Vanderlip, Bradford, Seagrave and Rechert; a good selection, to be sure, but not what we wanted in two instances. We believe they will fill their positions creditably.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Chas. W. Sparr, of Eureka, Kansas, who stopped over here on his way home from the convention. He seemed well pleased with the result of the convention.

The American Philatelic Press Association was organized with the following temporary officers: President, Geo. H. Richmond, of New York; Vice-President, Jno. C. Feldwisch, of Denver; Secretary, Gustav Aue, of Bloomfield, N. J.; Treasurer, W. H. Goodrich of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Among the numerous amendments to the Constitution we cite the following:

That application for membership must be accompanied by six months' dues and both references must be A. P. A. members.

That the Secretary receive a salary of \$150 per year.

That the office of Superintendent of

Literary Exchange be created.

By-Law 11 was struck out.

That a Fourth Purchasing Agent be appointed to purchase for members at New York Auction Sales at a commission of five per cent.

MISCELLANEOUS.

President Tiffany delivered an eloquent address at Boston.

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The United States Philatelist has changed back to a monthly after issuing one weekly. A good change.

The Philatelic Beacon will be issued from Boston about September 20. Chas. E. Hutchison of Newtonville, Mass. will be the Editor. Success be theirs.

Something of interest in the philatelic publication line may be looked forward to from Chicago soon. We do not exactly understand what is coming, but it will doubtless combine two or three prominent journals, among them *The Stamp Collectors' Figure* and *The Philatelic Gazette*, formerly of Altoona, Pa.

The American Archaeological Association, at their first annual convention held in the city of New York August 18th, chose the city of Washington as the place for holding the second convention. It will be held on the third Monday in August, 1889, and as many A. P. A. members are also members of the above we will do what we can toward the success of the Second Convention.

NOTICE.

There are some dealers who advertised in the last number to whom we have sent bills and who have not yet remitted. They will please do so at once!

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 Jas. F. Stickels, 103 Norman Ave., Brooklyn.
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Tenth regular meeting, August 22, 1888.

Present: Messrs. Frank, Houston, Kaye, Menchine and Smith, and toessrs. Green and Hodge of Washington, D. C., and C. W. Sparr of Eureka, Mansas, as visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Houston presented name of Mr. H. E. Green for active membership; referred to the Executive Committee.

After a pleasant evening spent in conversation on various topics the meeting at 10:20 P. M. adjourned.

F. McC. SMITH,

Secretary.

EXCHANGES.

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The Third Convention of the A. P.
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 able to learn, the exhibition was the
 same. Although this city was not
 chosen as the place for holding the
 next convention we will not complain
 as it was all right to hold it in the West
 next time. However, if we live until
 next July, we will again put forward
 the claims of this city, and feel sure
 that justice to the East and South will
 insure this city of success. How think
 you?

We owe an apology to Mr. Chas. E.
 Hutchison, for failing to state in the
 last number that the proceedings of the
 Third Convention of the A. P. A. were
 reported by him. Beside this there had
 to be numerous other items omitted
 from last number for want of space as
 usual. However, we will take pains to
 have abundance of space for all inter-
 esting subjects hereafter. Our conven-
 tion report was a good one.

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When stamp collecting commenced, Philatelic Journals were not thought of but as collecting grew, it was found that something was needed which resulted in publishing of "*The Stamp Collectors' Review*" at Liverpool, January 1st, 1862.

French and German collectors seeing the value of this publication and the need of one in their own languages brought forth the next year "1863" a Journal in French and one in German, the former the world renowned and oldest Philatelic paper, "*Le Timbre Poste*" of Brussels and the latter the "*Magazine Fuer Briefmarkensammler*" at Leipsig.

The first Philatelic Journal in America is said to have been the "*Stamp Collectors' Record*" issued at Montreal in 1864.

There are only about six Journals at present in England, which are by far the inferiors of American Journals.

In America as we all know, the Journals of this kind are almost innumerable.

We are sorry to say that American Journals are not as long lived as the

European, which is because our collectors do not take hold of a good thing when they have it.

It is the duty of every Philatelist to subscribe for at least one good Philatelic paper and by so doing he helps not only the publisher to give a better paper, but he helps himself by the knowledge he receives in reading the *Chronicle of New Issues* and the articles of interest, and he also has a list of advertising dealers to select prices from; and last, but not least, he will not be taken in by dealers in forgeries and frauds.

Philatelic Journals, as a rule, are not very large and are published monthly. *The Philatelic Fortnightly* published by E. R. ALDRICH and *The Collectors' Weekly* by Marshall and Tourtellot, were we think the only papers published oftener than once a month and these have died for lack of support.

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BY C. F. EUSTIS.

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1 r. buff,
1 r. yellow,
1 r. green,

1866.

- 4 r. red (arms in oval).
- 4 r. red (arms in circle).

BLUE PAPER, 1872.

- 1 r. yellow.

WHITE PAPER, Perforated, 1872.

- ½ r. blue,
- 1 r. orange,
- 1 peso rose.

WHITE PAPER, 1881.

Perforated.

- 1 cent brown,
- 2 cents lake,
- 5 cents blue,
- 10 cents orange,
- 20 cents slate,
- 50 cents green.

WHITE PAPER, 1882.

Perforated.

- 10 cent over 50 cent green.

Revenues used as Postage, 1885.

- 1 cent blue,
- 2 cents bistre,
- 5 cents vermillion.

Same surcharged with circle enclosing the words Union Postal, May 2, 1888.

GUAQUIL, ISSUED IN 1885.

- 2 cent bistre,
- 5 cent vermillion.

REGULAR ISSUE, 1887.

- 1 cent green,
- 2 cents carmine,
- 5 cents blue,
- 10 cents orange,
- 80 cents gray.

ENVELOPE STAMPS 1887.

- 5 cents blue, blue paper,
- 5 cents blue yellow paper,
- 5 cents blue, white paper,
- 5 cents blue, blue paper,
- 10 cents orange, blue paper,
- 10 cents orange, yellow.

There is a dangerous counterfeit in circulation of the 1887 issue. In the genuine the eagle's head is turned to the left while in the counterfeit it is

turned to the right. The above should be taken as a warning and not as a fact as it is a matter of some doubt among philatelists with regard to this matter, and efforts are being made to ascertain the truth.

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Eleventh regular meeting, September 26, 1888.

Present: Messrs. Frank, Houston, Green and Smith. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Sec. reported receipt of several communications, etc. The Executive Committee reported favorably on the application for membership of Mr. H. E. Green and the same was duly elected a member.

On motion of Mr. Smith it was declared that the office of Vice-President had been vacant from the time of the first semi-annual election to the time of the second, owing to the fact that Mr. Storch, who was at first elected to fill that office, has never become a member of the society.

The meeting then adjourned, after which the balance of the evening was given up to conversation.

Next meeting, October 24, at which all are invited to be present.

F. McC. SMITH, *Secretary.*

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Vol. 4, No. 6 of the *Collector's Ledger* for Vol. 4, No. 10 of *The Philatelic Gazette*. Philatelic papers to exchange. Send for list. Guy W. Green, Crete, Neb.

The Golden Argosy from Vol. 5, No. 39, to Vol. 6, No. 40, for U. S. Stamps or Autographs of distinguished persons. Will P. Gregg, Paris, Ill.

Wanted.—First numbers of following papers: *Hawkeye State Collector*, *Geologist Gazette*, *National Philatelic-Oologist*, *The Collector*, *Agassiz Record* and others. will give good ex. in U. S. Revenues or other papers. E. L. Kittredge, Millford N. H.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Stamp Collectors' Figaro has re-appeared.

The Philatelic Gazette now comes to us from Chicago in entirely new form.

The Collectors' Weekly is dead; caused by lack of support. Collectors, you do not give proper support to the Philatelic Press! We hope to see a change for the better ere long.

We will give eight subscriptions to this paper, and a subscription free to the getter up of the club; for one dollar. Get your friends to subscribe.

The Philatelic Beacon has appeared. It comes from Newtonville, Mass. presents a very neat appearance, and gives assurance of twelve numbers.

The Alabama Philatelist, twelve pages, will be issued about October 31st from Mobile, Alabama, by Robert A. Sheldon, and with W. C. Peters as assistant editor. We wish them success.

The new *Philatelic Herald*, Vol. V, Number II, has reached us from Freeport, Me. It presents a fine appearance and we wish it all success.

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WHEN, in 1850, the first issue of Spanish stamps appeared, the country had been for seventeen years under the nominal rule of Queen Isabella, whose portrait adorns the first stamps, and for the last seven years of those under her actual government. This is explained by the fact that when her father, Ferdinand VII, died and she was proclaimed queen, she was not three years old, and for ten years the government was in the hands of her mother as regent; a case very similar to that of the present baby monarch of Spain.

At the time of the first issue of stamps the country was in the midst of endless dissension. First one minister and then another grasped the reins of government, was overthrown, and went into exile. Isabella continued to reign until 1868, and her profile appears on all the regular issues up to that time, which number almost one for every year. The same party struggles continued throughout that time, in which personal intrigue and personal passion outweighed all other considerations with the queen. At last, in 1868, the people could endure it no longer. The citizens of Madrid revolted and Isabella was dethroned and fled into France. A provisional government was instituted and over the head on the stamps was surcharged, "*Habilitado por la Nacion*," or "*Habilitado por la Junta Revolucionaria*." This continued until January, 1870, when a new set was issued with an emblematic

female head in the center. In November of the same year the Cortes or national council, despairing of being able to obtain a Spanish prince who would satisfy all parties, adopted the expedient of calling in a foreign prince. They voted to offer the crown of Spain to Amadeus or Amadeo, younger son of Victor Emmanuel, king of Italy, and their offer was accepted. His short reign is commemorated in our albums by one issue only, that of 1872, which presents his portrait, both full face and profile. His task proved too much for him, and early in 1873 he abdicated the throne and retired to his native peninsula. The Republican party, which was responsible for his downfall, then attempted to organize a Spanish republic, inspired by the example of France. This lasted long enough to issue stamps twice; in July, 1873, an issue bearing the seated figure of Peace, or perhaps Liberty, and in July, 1874, one with the figure of Justice. Shortly after this last, came the downfall of the republic, and the old monarchy was restored in the person of the late King Alphonso XII. His portrait first appeared on the issue of August, 1875, and has continued upon all the stamps up to the present date. Alphonso died in November, 1885, but no stamps have been issued since 1882 and what will be their design when the necessity for a new issue arises is an interesting speculation.

Among the stamps which I have not touched upon are those of the Carlists, and to understand them we must go back a little. The claim of the Carlists rests on the alleged illegality of the succession of Queen Isabella. The old Gallic law excluded from the throne all female descendants, and this law had been observed in Spain. But in 1789 Charles IV, grandfather to Ferdinand VII, issued a "pragmatic sanction," establishing the right to the

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We are more than pleased at the number of "ads" we have received since the last number was issued, for therein lay our hopes to enlarge, which will in all probability occur December 10.

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We do not like the habit of publishing a list of approval sheet frauds, but as the good of philately demands it, we think we will be excusable in doing so. When the time comes at which dealers will not be troubled with these pest stamp journals will not be called upon to black-list any one.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Gustav Aue of Bloomfield, N. J., just as the last number went to press. He took in the beauties of our city, saw

our collectors and dealers, and we believe, returned home happy.

Owing to want of space, some interesting reading matter has to be omitted from this issue. In the future, however, we shall have abundance of space, if the collectors (you among them, kind reader) will but lend us their support—their subscriptions.

Ere the next publication day of THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST has rolled around, the people of the United States will have passed through the excitement of a Presidential election, which, for its importance, will have been one of the greatest on record. It makes little difference to philately which party is victorious.

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JAPAN (the Sunrise Empire), is composed of different islands in eastern Asia. The area is 150,000 square miles, population 37,000,000. The population is divided into classes, as follows: Imperial Family, 39; Kivazokii or Nobles, 3,500; Shizoku (Knights), 2,000,000 and the common people 35,000,000. The capital is Tokio (Yeddo), population 900,000 of which about 10,000 are white Christian people. The ancient religious faith is the Shintoism, but the common people believe in Budhism, the worship of the Mongolian god, "Budha." The Mikado (Emperor of Japan) has the title of Supreme Lord, and his person is holy in the eyes of the Japanese. The school attendance is compulsory; there are 30,500 schools, normal and technical, 2 universities, a military college and a military school. Latest reports give 8,300 teachers (mostly foreigners) and 3,000,000 pupils. School age is from six to fourteen years.

The first railroad was opened in June, 1875, running from the city of Hiogo to Osaka, 25 miles; now there are 250 miles of railway and 5,000 miles of telegraph.

Before the year 1871, Japan did not know such a thing as regular post offices; however, there was a

system of carrying communications through different points of the islands, but as a private service was unreliable, those professional carriers were called "Hikiaku" (flying men); they were on horse-back, dressed in native clothes and made about 60 miles a day. The fees for delivering communications were enormous, as the roads were difficult to travel. Only the princes and noblemen could employ them, but seldom could they be used by the common people, as the prices were too high for them; as a matter of course, the communications in those days were very slow in Japan.

But times change; American and European missionaries have brought the teaching of Christianity among the natives; merchants and financiers from the United States, England and Germany established newspapers and business houses and built small lines of railroad in different parts of Japan. The Japanese people, much more educated than "John Chinaman," were on friendly terms and welcomed the foreigners who brought money and traffic into the country. The Mikado, himself, gave his consent and any facilities to the foreign intruders, because he saw at once the benefits for his country. Civilization had won the victory. All sea-ports of Japan were opened to the foreign trade. The products of our American farms and American tools and machines can be found in almost every city in Japan.

The first post office was opened by the Japanese Government in the year 1871 and postage stamps were issued. The service was conducted by natives and it was far from success, as the imperial carriers called irregularly, and the number of mailed letters reached 2,500,000 pieces per annum. In the year 1874 (with European influence) a grand post office was established in the capital, Tokio, in the European-American style, and under the supervision of European officials the postal service in Japan was made perfect. Improvements followed year by year, and already in the year 1878 the number of mailed letters reached 25,000,000 pieces, postal cards, 10,000,000; newspapers (published in the English, German, Portuguese and Japanese language), 9,500,000.

There are now issued in Japan 500 daily with weekly and monthly newspapers, periodicals and illustrated news. Those papers in the Japanese language are printed with Chinese types and are read mostly by the educated class.

In the post offices of Japan are employed officials furnished mostly by England and Germany, as are also the telegraph and railroad post officials. The natives employed in the post and telegraph offices must at once learn the English language, (except those clerks in the post offices in the small cities and in the interior of Japan). The English language is recognized as the commercial language and the stamp collectors can see this in looking over the stamps of that country whenever inscription is in Japanese and in

English. Post offices and telegraph lines are opened in all cities in the different islands, but only in the large cities the mail is delivered at the residences. In all places of less importance the people must call for mail at the post office.

The numerous readers and subscribers of THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST may learn here that Japan has its own post offices established in China (its powerful neighbor) in the cities of Shanghai, Hong-Kong (both English colonies), Amoy and Futchau, and that Japan is the most civilized country in Asia among the Mongolian race.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Eastern Press from Wilmington, Del., was announced to appear on the fifth of this month.

Another new one, *The American Stamp*, is announced to appear January 1, 1889, from Newark, N. J. We wish both success.

Make our Christmas a happy one by sending us *eight cents* for your subscription to begin with the January number. It will be a daisy, and you should take advantage of our offer at once.

Mr. W. S. McLean, of Boston, Mass., informs us that he will publish *The Stamp Collectors' Guide* about February 1, 1889. Besides a directory of stamp collectors it will contain lists of philatelic papers, societies, frauds, etc., and be worth the price, 30 cents.

The Fireside Friend is another new one from Sawens, N. Y.

The Curiosity Collector comes from South Amboy, N. J.

The Alabama Philatelist reaches us from Mobile, Ala. All have our best wishes.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo., was a visitor to our city during last month.

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We have received price lists of stamps from Mr. W. B. Hale, of Williamsville, Mass., for which he has our thanks.

The second edition of *The Stamp Dealers of the United States* has reached us. It presents a very neat appearance, and is a valuable book of reference. We wish to thank publishers for same.

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We wish every *one* of our subscribers a *merry* Christmas. Although we have made efforts to give you an excellent December number, we have failed. This is due entirely to those who neglected to favor us with their subscriptions and advertisements. However, our prospects look bright for the New Year number.

After struggling along for ten long months to increase our paper in size and value, we now find it in a prosperous condition, despite its small size. It has been our earnest desire and aim to increase its size each month, but all our efforts have failed. Now, we have a proposition to make to collectors and dealers alike, and we trust they will appreciate it. Here it is:

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Stamps of the Carlists' Insurrection.

BY S. E. VERN.

FROM a historical point of view, the history of the Carlist uprisings in Spain is highly interesting. From a philatelic standpoint they are interesting to the student of philately, because of the issue of stamps connected with the insurrection of 1873-76.

The representative of the claims of the Carlists at present is a nephew of the original Don Carlos, being a son of Juan. At his instigation Carlist uprisings occurred in the years 1869-70 and 1872, which, although repressed with dispatch, were the means of causing Spain much disquietude. However, the insurrection of 1873, headed by Don Carlos in person, after the abdication of King Amadeo, was quite formidable, especially in the northern provinces, until the early part of the year 1876, when it was quelled.

It was in these northern provinces, especially Catalonia or, in Spanish, Cataluna, that the stamps, of which I will try to give a list, were issued to take the place of the governmental issues of Spain in these provinces.

About the middle of the year 1873 Don Carlos issued a stamp bearing the value of 1 real, which varies in color from light to dark blue. The portrait of Don Carlos occupies the center of the stamp

as in the case of all the subsequent issues of the Carlists.

In the earlier part of 1874 the 16 Ms. Vn. (or *maravedis vellon*) appeared, colored in rose. The maravedi is a Spanish coin found in vellon or copper and silver. Impressions of this stamp may be found showing one letter substituted for another in the lettering around the portrait.

A few months later in the same year the 1 real, having a laureated profile of Don Carlos in a circle for its center, was issued. This stamp is found in various shades of lilac. About a month later a stamp of the value of one-half real appeared, it also having the portrait of Don Carlos in an oval. It is chronicled in rose and vermilion, and as an error, bearing four-halves instead of one-half real. There are several varieties of type differing from each other in minor details, such as a wrong letter being substituted in the lettering around the portrait for a proper one, etc.

In the early part of 1875 occurred the last issue of the Carlists, which issue consisted of two varieties—the 50 cent green and the 1 real brown. They are found in different shades of green and brown respectively, and appear with a laureated profile of Don Carlos in the center. All the stamps issued by the Carlists were perforated and lithographed on white-wove paper. These stamps being lithographed do not make as fine an appearance as do the engraved ones of other countries.

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Fourteenth regular meeting, December 12, 1888.

Present, Messrs. Houston, Kaye, Shindell and Smith, and Messrs. Potts and Reichenbach as visitors.

In the absence of the President the Vice-President presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Smith applied for the admission to membership of Lieut. R. D. Potts, U. S. A.; referred to the Executive Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Exchange Superintendent of the American Philatelic Association, requesting that exchange sheets be sent to this Society.

Mr. Houston moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Smith; carried.

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tion. It takes too long to get one's sheets around the circuit. A remedy is badly needed, and it is hoped that under Mr. Sterling's management it will be made.

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During the holidays we had the pleasure of a visit to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where we spent profitably five days in sight seeing. While there we had but very little time to see philatelists as every spare moment was occupied in other ways. However, we called on Mr. R. C. H. Brock, at his office in the Bullitt Building, and on Messrs. Durbin and Hanes, 128 South Seventh street. We had pleasant chats with both Mr. Brock and Mr. Hanes, but as our time was limited we presume that an opportunity of seeing two excellent collections was missed. However, we will have another chance to see the latter as we intend to visit the Quaker City again. Then we will endeavor to see more philatelists.

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Postal Matters in Africa.

BY

Ph. Heinsberger's International Agency.

THE Cape Colony, that beautiful south African country, has belonged to the English Crown since the year 1806, and formerly belonged to the Netherlands. Collectors of postage stamps look with pride over a set of stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, and, indeed, the design of these stamps is one of the finest to be seen on stamps. But not about these stamps, but about the postal matters and mail delivery system in the interior parts of Cape Colony, I will inform the numerous readers of THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST. Cape Town, the capital, with a population of 40,000, has regular post offices with every improvement. The mail is delivered at every residence by postmen who are partly of white and partly of brown, yellow and black African race.

But things change in the towns in the interior of the country. There is no free delivery of mail, but people must call at the post offices and frequently must stand and await the absent postal clerk, only to hear the words, "Nothing for you." It happens often enough that mail for an inquirer is at the office and the postal clerk is too lazy to look over the letters and see. However, all these

things can be stood without complaint, but it unfortunately happens frequently that mail matter does not reach the post office at all. This may seem strange to some, but it is, nevertheless, possible, and people in Africa do not wonder if they do not receive "all" their mail. In Cape Town and at Fort Elizabeth (landing places for foreign steamers) at the post offices, all the mail for the interior is put in bags in open mail wagons. There are only 1,300 miles of railroad in Cape Colony. The drivers, of these mail wagons, as a rule, are gentlemen of "colored race," Caffrarians, or Hottentots. Slowly the mail wagon with its four wheels, drawn by four horses, begins her trip into the wilderness; over hills, stones, fallen trees, through small rivers, the vehicle has to make its way. The Hottentot driver is singing, and the horses run at full speed, causing the wagon to bounce up and down like a rubber ball. The mail bags also bounce, and so it happens that one or more of them gets lost, and the merry driver does not either notice or care about it.

Recently a business friend of mine was riding from the city of King William's Town (Cape Colony), some 50 miles into the interior of the country, and far ahead, in the road, he noticed a mail car, running at full speed, as usual. Hanging from the rear of the car was *something* which was dragging on the earth. In the air was *something white*, and

the driver did not see it. It was not snow, but it was a letter, and the road before him was lined with letters—business letters, private letters, love letters, with red envelopes, white envelopes, blue envelopes and yellow envelopes—a whole post office was to be seen scattered around, because that *something* hanging out of the mail car was a mail bag which, by the jolting of the wagon, had come open. The driver, a Hottentot, did not notice it, but was driving merrily ahead, leaving the lost bag behind to care for itself until it was found, if found at all. Complaints are of no use, as things seem to remain the same.

With such a state of things, the people in the interior of the country do not wonder when they call for their mail and hear the postal clerk cry out, "Nothing for you" (perhaps it was among the missing mail). The foreign merchants doing business in such parts of the interior often complain, but it is in vain.

At the city of Kimberly, near which are the diamond fields, is a similar state of postal matters, and many a diamond is lost during the handling by post office officials.

By the way, I will give a short sketch of the working in the diamond mines. The workingmen are sent down in these mines in a naked condition so as to prevent the stealing of diamonds. If the diamond searchers come out, every man is thoroughly searched, and often enough hidden gems are found between the toes, in the ear, in the hair and under the tongue. Some workingmen swallow small diamonds, and

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With this number we complete Vol. 1, which has been all we promised and even more. In No. 1 we guaranteed twelve numbers, and to those who have been so kind as to favor us with their subscriptions and advertisements, we wish to extend our sincere thanks. Every philatelist is aware that papers of our size are constantly in danger of discontinuing, either for lack of support or for lack of

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issues. The entire postal issues of our country do not afford many varieties. They are all on the same kind of paper and have very few changes in perforation and color, and no water mark. When we touch Revenues, however, we have a wide field open to us. What with perforated, part perforated, unperforated, rouletted, oddities, old paper, silk paper, pink paper, and water mark paper, the collector has his hands full, and is pretty sure to have more than enough varieties. Then the envelope stamps comprise many varieties. The stationery collector is able to add to his collection every time there is a little more gum on one envelope, or when there is perforation to many in the letter sheets. And, wihal, the stamps of our Republic are about as interesting and valuable as any in the world, besides being very beautiful. A collector of United States stamps wants Tiffany's History, Sterling's Interleaved Catalogue, Meekel's Blank Album. He can then go to work in a systematic manner and thoroughly understand his subject.

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