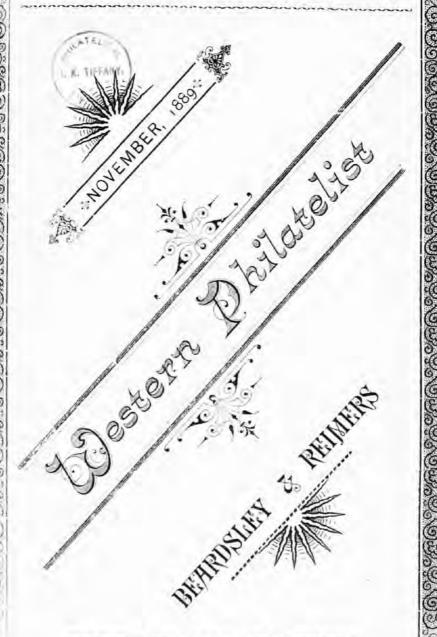
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Notes from the A. P. A. Convention.

By our Special Correspondent.

Owing to the fact that the American Philatelist and other papers will publish the minutes of the convention, we have decided to publish only notes, which, in our opinion, are more readable than the dry proceedings, such as is usually published.

Among the principal changes in the constitution are the following: The addition of a vice president to every county, resident therein, having over fifteen members: Mr. Van Derlip however remaining first vice president. The second purchasing agent has been dropped, and the third is now second, and the fourth is now third. The age limit has been removed entirely. Dues must be paid Sept. 1, instead of half yearly; the Secretary shall collect all dues. Officers can't hold prox-Members can only have exchange books two days each.

The following members were present: C. Beamish, Jr., Phila delphia; H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.; R. R. Bogert, New York City; S. B. Bradt, Chicago; Henry L. Calman, New York; C. B. Corwin, New York; N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.; H. Flackskamm, St. Louis; F. J. Grenny, Brantford, Ont.; W. A. MacCalla, Philadelphia; C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis; W. C. Michaels, Horton, Kan.; W. F. Muenninghaus, St. Louis; W. H. Nienstedt, St. Louis; W. J.

Parrish, Kansas City, Mo.; J. W. Palmer, Chicago; E. T. Baker, Bethlehem, Pa.; Col. T. B. Rodgers, St. Louis; J. W. Scott, New York; C. W. Sparr, Eureka, Kan.; A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati; C. A. Stegmann, St. Louis; E. B. Sterling, Trenton. N. J.; J. K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.; P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill.

Messrs. Beamish, Beardsley, Bogert, Bradt, H. L. Calman, Grenny, MacCalla, Michaels, Parrish, Spencer, Sterling and Wolsieffer were registered at the Laclede; Messsrs. Corwin and Scott at the Southern, and Messrs. Palmer, Parker and Sparr staid with friends.

All the members with G. D. and A. M. Mekeel attended the Veiled Prophets' procession Tuesday night. It was voted immense. The committee had a sign over the seats, "American Philatelic Association."

Monday evening the members accepted the invitation of President Tiffany, and assembled at his residence, where they viewed his magnificent collection and library.

Wednesday night the Exposition was taken in by Messrs. Grenny, Parish, Michaels, Wolsieffer, Spencer, Sparr, Tiffany, Muenninghaus, Rodgers and Beardsley, while Messrs. Corwin, Sterling, MacCalla, Nienstedt and Flackskamm occupied a box at Pope's, seeing "A Parlor Match."

Thursday morning we took in the Anhæuser-Busch Brewery, second largest in the world, and in the af-

ternoon the Fair.

The next convention will be held in New York city.

Messrs. MacCalla and Beardsley were the tallest, Parrish the smallest and lightest, and Corwin the heaviest delegate. It is hard telling who could drink the most beer, but at latest accounts Beardsley was in the lead.

The following committees were appointed:

Credentials—Sterling, Scott and Bradt.

Standing Rules—Bogert, Mac-Calla and Rodgers.

Finance—Scott, Beamish and Parrish.

Library — Wolsieffer, Beardsley and Flackskamm.

Exchange and Purchasing-Sterling, Bogert and Grenny.

Official Organ -- Mekeel, Rodgers and Wolsieffer.

Branch Societies—Sparr, Palmer and Spencer.

Constitution—The President ex officio, Calman, Corwin, Bradt and MacCalla.

The secretary not being present, Mr. Bradt was appointed secretary, but declined to server, and Mr. Parker was appointed secretary protem, but on the second day was unable to serve on account of sickness of his wife, and Mr. Spencer was appointed in his place.

The committee on indexing philatelic literature appointed at last convention was discharged.

There are two committees yet to be appointed; a committee of five on the Chalmers-Hill case, two to be Chalmers men, two to be Hill men, and the other one to be appointed by the four, who will report their proceedings in the June number of the American Philatelist. A committee of seven on incorporating the society: four to be lawyers, of which three have already been appointed—Tiffany, Van Derlip and Mack—and three business men.

The Treasurer's report shows a deficit of over \$300.

A communication was read from a member, who stated that as we now had nearly a thousand members, we should have some grips, signs and pass-words, so a member in a strange city might know his fellow-philatelists. The communication was laid on the table.

The philatelic press was repreresented as follows: Messrs. Mekeel of the P. J. A., Calman of the A. J. P., Bogert of the Philatelic World, MacCalla of the American Philatelist, Wolsieffer of the Philatelic Gazette, and Beardsley of the Western Philatelist. Messrs. Nienstedt represented the Eastern Philatelist, and Parrish the Rhode Island Philatelist.

The thanks of the delegates are due the St. Louis boys for the kind manner in which they were treated.

Ask Beardsley "Where did you get that hat?"

The deaths of Mrs. R. L. Phillips, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Geo. B. Mason, of Lyndhurst, N. J., were announced at the convention.

We had the pleasure of looking through C. H. Mekeel's and Standard Stamp Co's. stocks, which are very fine. Their business is very large, each employing a typewriter.

The National Stamp Dealers Association held a meeting on the 9th with Vice President Sterling in the chair, in the absence of President E. A. Hallon, of Boston. The following members were present: Messrs. C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, secretary; E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J., vice president; Henry L. Calman, New York, treasurer; W. J. Parrish, Kansas City; Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis; R. R. Bogert, New York. This association is now in a flourishing state, and has about forty-five members.

Mr. C. B. Corwin had his fine collection with him.

One of the St. Louis dailies stated that the association was 30 years old, and that John K. Tiffany had been elected president for the third time.

The convention was held in hall No. 7 of Odd Fellows' building, corner of Ninth and Olive streets.

The members began leaving Wednesday evening, and the last one to leave, Mr. Corwin, left the following Monday morning.

Mr. Mekeel had no proxies, but

he got there just the same.

"Who will be the next secretary?" was a question asked by one and all at the convention. May the best man win.

Mr. Corwin was the handsomest member present, and the ugliest was -well, as our life is at present uninsured, we cannot say.

Only three members wore A. P. A. buttons, Messrs. Bradt, Wolsieffer and Beardsley.

The Chicago Philatelic Society badges on ribbon were neat and very few members did not have one.

Proxies were held as follows: R. R. Bogert 14, S. B. Bradt 28, H. L. Calman 34, C. B. Corwin 72, F. J. Grenny 14, W. A. MacCalla 11, J, W. Scott 87, E. B. Sterling 109, J. K. Tiffany 27, P. M. Wolsieffer 44, W. F. Muennenghaus 3, W. C. Michaels 2, E. T. Parker 1, C. W. Sparr 1, A. N. Spencer 1; total 448.

Only a few members had their collections with them.

The Chalmers Hill matter was referred to a committee who will investigate and report in the June, 1890, number of the American Philatelist.

The committee to arrange for an exhibition of stamps at the World's Fair in 1892, is composed of Messrs. Corwin, Gregory, Dejonge, Scott and Rasmus all of New York City. If the fair is held in Chicago, they will appoint a committee of Chicagoans to attend to it. It is to be hoped that a fine exhibit of stamps will be arranged for, no matter where the fair is held.

There wasn't a single non-voting member present at the convention.

Messrs. Corwin, MacCalla, Sterling, Flackskamm, comprised a box party to see "A Parlor Match," at Pope's Wednesday night, and Messrs. Corwin, Flackskamm, Nienstedt and Beardsley one at the Olympic Friday night to see "Corsair."

"Who is Argus," was asked Mr. Wolsieffer by very nearly every member, but he was "mum" on the subject.

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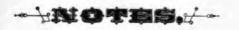
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THE Collector's News is rather poor in typography but is fair in contents. Little heavier quality of paper would improve its appearance wonderfully, Bro. Moore.

THE Old Curiosity Shop has taken a decided jump. Several months ago stampics weren't visible with a microscope, but now Bro. Haight gives us over four of his ten pages, and has filled them with bright, newsy matter. Keep it up.

In the August Philatelic Journal of America, Maj. Evans continues his philatelic catalogue, and this month gives us something very dear to our hearts, viz: a complete description of the stamped envelopes. letter sheets and wrappers of the United States. It occupies over thirty pages, and gives cuts of shapes, sizes and water marks of Maj. Evans has issued a separate supplement to this work in the form of one hundred and one illustrations of all of the principal varieties of types of stamps used in his work. Maj. Evans issues this work so that it will help the inexperienced, and we do not doubt but what it will be a very useful article in the hands of the "professional," too. The price is but 50 cents, and can be obtained of him at Bermuda.

THE Eastern Philatelist continues as neat as ever and as newsy, too, by the way.

In our first issue we gave notice of a "Kickers Kolumn," which we are going to make our feature. We have received but one "kick," and that isn't enough; so if you have a grievance of any sort, why just trot it along, and we will find plenty of room for it. Kick hard and often, too. Please remember, however, that we require your own name, not for publication, unless you so wish it, but just so that we may know where to look in case of libel, that's all.

THE Philatelic Beacon is our most prompt exchange.

THE Curiosity Collector is also one of our regular exchanges, and it is also a good one.

From Nashville, Tenn., do we now hear of Mr. Jas. G. McBride. This time it is in connection with

the Curio Informant, an excellent three-column folio. Hard to keep out of publishing (philatelic) "biz," when once started, isn't it, Jimmy?

THE September number was the first issue of the Quaker City Philatelist that we have had the pleasure of seeing for some time.

There are not mean enough words in Webster to give vent to our feelings towards J. D. Carr, printer (?) of Cincinnati, Ohio. This gentleman of printers' fame (and he'll have lots more before we are done with him), sent us a very fair sample of his work, and guaranteed to do us as good if not better. We took his word, and-well, the world knows the result. In the future we know where we won't get our printing done; and we advise all of our readers, who are in need of printing, to steer clear of Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O., and its professional printer, Mr. J. D. Carr.

Mr. A. Davison still continues his interesting notes in *Plain Talk*.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel has but recently returned from a philatelic tour through France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and England, and readers of the P. J. of A. can now expect some very interesting reminiscences.

THE Stamp Advertiser, of Rock Bottom, Mass., doubles up for July-August, and gives us eight pages of quite interesting matter.

We are indeed sorry to announce to the philatelic fraternity the demise of the *International Collector* with its June number. We have been acquainted with this journal almost from its infancy, and we have carefully noted its advancements from month to month, and just when it seemed most healthful we received the sad news of its death. It was always filled with bright, newsy matter, and its editor. Mr. M. V. Samuels, has shown great ability in the career of his pa-Mr. Samuels, being a senior at the high school this year, may have something to do with its demise, but whate'er the cause, will be missed, and we reverently say, "Peace to its ashes." Mr. Samuels will probably conduct a column in this paper.

THE Curio, though not as well printed as it might be, is quite a readable little sheet.

THE Kent Philatelic Publishing Co., limited, announce the *Peninsular Philatelist*, from Grand Rapids, Mich., to be issued this month.

Lack of space prevents the publication of a report from the Exchange Superintendent of the Philatelic Society of America. Members may expect one in our November number.

Mr. H. C. Beardsley has made arrangements with Mr. H. A. Babb, to publish the third edition of his (Babb's) Stamp Dealers' Directory. It will consist of 16 pages, with cover.

If this applies to you, please remember that we have a huge book in which we keep the names of every collector to whom we have sent sample copies, and that if you wish to see our fine November number, your only remedy will be to subscribe.

→*OUR GOSSIP.*←

THE International Collector, Stamp Collectors' Ledger and Stamp Collector's Figaro have gone to that bourne where no tra——. Chestnuts!

THE Quaker City Philatelist is again its old self, and now contains more and better reading matter. Cause—George Henderson.

We hear that G. J. Luhn, of Charleston, will issue No. 1 of the Southern Philatelist soon. Haven't you had enough of it yet, Gus?

THE Philatelic Journal of America for September is mostly advertisements, but what reading matter there is, is great, especially the European notes by "Chawley" Mekeel, we suppose.

One Dime advises some one to start a 48-page paper, and devote it to Chalmers and Hill. Don't do it, any one, as that would deprive too many of our philatelic papers of something to say.

Was has been declared between H. L. Calman and C. B. Corwin. It is expected it will be waged hot and heavy. Ye editor will sell pools on the winner. All communications strictly private.

THE Philatelic Era, from Portland, Maine, wonders who owns the mill that grinds out the Canadian notes. From latest advices we would say that John R. Hooper has the larger share in said mill.

St. Joseph expects to have the World's Fair in '92, and as Bradt says, Why not have the A. P. A. Convention here then?

THE Stamp Advertiser informs us that the Eastern Collector would soon appear with W. H. Speck as editor. We ex-Speck him to exchange with us.

THE Farrago contains nothing of interest to collectors.

THE Philatelic Messenger has reappeared, and looks quite neat.

KICKERS KOLUMN.

EDITOR WESTERN PHILATELIST:

DEAR SIR: I have your first number to hand, and am very sorry that the effect of such a fine initial number, as you presented, should have been lost through a negligent printer. [It wasn't negligence at all. He couldn't help it. It was his ignorance.-ED.] Among other pleasing things I noticed your intention of having a "Kickers Kolumn," and am glad of it, for I am somewhat of a crank myself; have always had my own way, and am not happy unless I can let myself out once in a while. If you will allow me a little space. I would like to ask what has become of the Philatelic Society of America. Mr. Aldrich is a gentleman much devoted to philately, and has always done good work in our cause, but I do not think he has done very good work for our society. I might add "ditto" also to Secretary Beardsley, although he has done much more than E. R. I doubt that onethird of those who agreed to stick to the P.S. of A. remember anything of it now. What is to be done? These columns are open, so I think, and I anxiously await developments. Respectfully,

CRANK.

New Postage Stamps of Travankur.

By Ph. Heinsberger, New York.

Again the family of "Mother Philatela" has received a new member, and on the last page of her golden book appears the name "Travankur." "What is that?" stamp collectors will ask in surprise. Your numerous subscribers of THE WESTERN PHILATELIST in the U.S. and in foreign countries, listen to me. I bring good news, fresh received from my correspondent in Asia. There is situated on the Malabar coast in British-India (Asia), a small strip of land, having an area of 5,000 square miles, (the size of the state of Connecticut), and a population of 1,500,000 -Travankur, a Rajahnate-is one of the feudatory states, acknowledging the sovereignty of Great Britain. Having seen with delight, that the other native Indian states had issued their own postage stamps the Maharajah of Travankur struck the good idea to follow them, and at the end of 1888, postage stamps and a postal card were issued in Travankur. There are three values of stamps, vide:

1 Chuckram, ultramarine.

2 " red. 4 " green.

The stamps have all the same design. Amid the stamp is, in a horizontal oval, the figure of a "Snail" (a sacred animal of Travankur), toward that horizontal run two lines; inside the inner line are printed the words: "Travankore tuchel," and the value. Inside the outer line are printed the same words in the "Tamule" (native

language). These words are printed on coloied grounds. The corners of the stamps are filled out with arabesques. All stamps are printed on white paper; on each stamp is to be seen a "Waterproof." It is the figure of a "Snail," (the arms of Travankur), but in very large size, and the snail is surrounded by a crown of leaves, artificial printed); above the snail are the words: "Government of Travancore," but the letters are 13 millimeters high, the perforation of the stamp is 12. The postal card of Travankur has the value of "Eight Cash," red on yellow-white. The impression is very poor. Amid the card are two flying knots of ribbons, which are slung in such a way that, in the middle of both is a circle. Inside this circle is the figure of a snail. The upper knot of ribbons contains the words: "Travankore Auckel Card," and the under knot of ribbons contains the same words in the "Tamali." (native language). The value 8 (eight cash) is above and below the knots of ribbons, also in English and in the "Tamli," native language. On the left side of the postal card are the words: "Travankore Auckel Card." address only to be written on this side. On the right side of the postal card is the translation of these words in the "Tamali," native language. The size of the postal card card is 130 by 75 millimeters. The postage stamps and the postal card of Travankur are used only inside the limits of the country. All mail matter from Travankur to foreign countries is forwarded by the British-Indian Postal Agency, established in Travankur.

CONVENTION NOTES.

(Continued from Third Page.)

The work of the convention seems to give general satisfaction; and a number of good changes were made.

Mr. J. W. Scott distributed his pocket size auction sale catalogue for his first auction, which takes place Oct. 21, at Bangs & Co's auction rooms.

Mr. Mekeel had the entire proceedings of the convention in type Thursday evening, but kindly consented to hold his paper and mail simultaneously with the American Philatelist

Mr. Corwin introduced a resolution making all officers electable within a hundred miles of a common centre, so they could hold meetings quarterly. One year they will be elected from the east, the next from the west, taking as a dividing line the boundary between Pennsylvania and Ohio. It will be submitted to a general vote of the association.

One of the more statistically inclined members present said that all the members present wore stiff hats, except one, and all were republicans, except two.

It is to be regretted that an exhibition was not held at this year's convention, same as last.

Messrs. Spencer and Calman were the billiardists of the party—Mr. Calman being the winner in every game.

Although we didn't have a whole brewery reserved for us, we took it in just the same. Mr. MacCalla kicked (after the convention was over) because the convention wasn't held in Anhæuser-Busch's brewery. He was promptly seconded by Mr. Beardsley.

Messrs. Bradt, Mekeel and Sterling have attended all the conventions.

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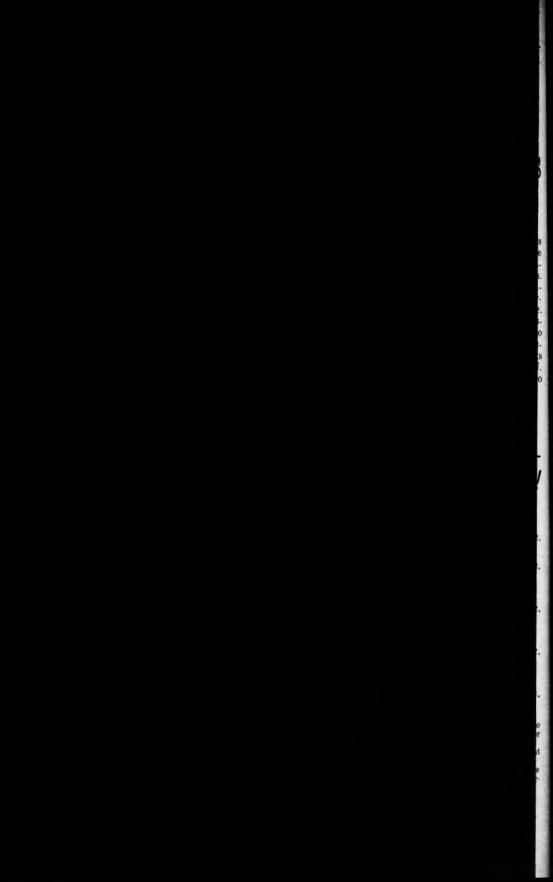
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Now that Brazil has become a republic under the name of The United States of Brazil, we may look for a new issue of stamps soon.

THE report that Mr. E. S. Gibbons intended visiting America is denied.

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→* OUR + TABLE *

Canadensis says in the December number of the Philatelic Beacon. that personal items are all right in other papers, but should not be allowed in an official organ. He also goes on to say, that an official organ is supposed to be advancing the interests of associations, and not to be the quarrel pit for sore heads. Of course, Canadensis don't consider himself a sore head, but just thinks these other quarrelers are. Canadensis has been displaying to much of his sore headedness in journals of late, and if he would but drop his jealous pen and write good common sense, which he can, he will find that his notes will be much more acceptable to the ever watchful eye of Philately.

Spain's new issue containing the head of the baby king consists of thirteen varieties. A very unlucky number indeed.

The Philatelic Era says that on account of its increased circulation their advertising rates have been necessarily raised. Unless our eyes deceived us, we think your rates were too high before sustis, otherwise patronage might not have been so scarce, or was it that you feared low rates would make dealers wary of you? Explain.

Mr. E. B. Hanes announces that his revised edition of Horner's stamped envelopes will soon be on sale. The seventeenth edition of Durbin's catalogue is said to be out.

JAS C. JAY must have laughed when he noticed the printer had changed the name of his paper to *Philatlic Dwarf*, and how mad Tiffany must have been.

THE Amateur World, claiming relationship with stamps and coins, has reached us. It contains about as much of interest to both of those classes of collectors as the paper itself would to a corpse.

SAY, you editors and publishers of ye *Philatelic Beacon*, don't you think that you could afford to add a few more pages of reading matter to your paper? When a paper can't afford to give its readers a little more than four pages of reading matter when it is backed by seven of advertisements. Suggest a contribution.

Perrine Bros & Co., Water Valley, N. Y., present to the collecting fraternity this month the Empire State Exchange in twelve page form. Its appearance is neat, and contains some very readable matter in its line. They desire a competent editor for their Philatelic department. You might apply to Canadensis Bros. if you wish to make a success of your paper.

The Rhode Island Philatelist comes to us as regular as clockwork. Its September number contains an article from the able pen of Alvah Davison, on the advisability of an exchange department in the American Philatelist. Why not. The October number contains the first of a number of p. p. p's. (prominent philatelist's "phizs,") Mr. Wm. H. Bratt, of New York.

MR. N. E. CARTER, editor and publisher of the *Badger State Philatelist*, is at present touring in Europe.

The Philatelic Beacon was never known to be late, and what's more always contains good reading matter.

The Post Card is still with us, coming with its old time regularity. It announces in the number of Oct. 21, that Mr. George H. Watson will issue a catalogue of Post cards of Europe. Its price will be 50c., and only 300 copies issued.

ALVAH DAVISON states in Oct. number of *Plain Talk*, that *The American Stamp* will be resuscitated in November. We hope it will be, that is, if future numbers will be anything like No. 1.

The Golden Weekly, a sensational boy's story paper, of New York, are now publishing a serial called "Bob Baxter, the Young Stamp Collector, or a Thousand Dollars from One." The publishers give away a packet of fifty varieties of foreign stamps for ten coupons, one coupon going with each number, and with every twenty-fifth packet a rare stamp valued at from 25c. to \$2. The recepient's name and picture will be published, if so desired. We would like the job of supplying these fifty variety packets at 5c. each.

The Southern Philatelist, Essex County Philatelist, and all other philatelic papers, will consider this an invitation to exchange.

THE catalogue for advanced collectors, now running in American

Journal of Philately, is a gem; it not only gives a description of every stamp, but also tells how to distinguish the counterfeit from the original.

THE Golden Weekly of Nov. 28, 1889, contains an article by Frank W. Doughty, entitled, "Facts about Stamps," in which the writer states that he sold a local for \$500. Oh, my!

THE Philatelic News has added a cover. The illustrated article, on watermarks, by T. J. Mitchell, is good.

The Dominion Philatelist comes to us enlarged and with a cover. That's good; keep it up.

Who should happen to drop into our St. Joseph office one morning but Roy D. Hassler, of Pawnee City. Neb., with a copy of No. 4 of the Nedraska Philatelist. We were glad to meet two Nebraskans at once, and extend our invitation to call again when you can stay longer.

The Stamp Collector's Figaro has been consolidated with the Hoosier Philatelist, and Mr. Voute is once more in the ring this time as associate editor.

THE Peninsular Philatelist, Geo. B. Ward, Grand Rapids, Mich., The American Stamp Journal, Portsmouth, N. H., and Ye Boodle Philatelist, N. Y., are new papers issued since our No. 2. The first two are real neat specimens of the printer's art, while the latter will pass.

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+ OUR × GOSSIP 4.

What has become of Bro. J. C. Jay, and what opinion have ye Bro. Philatelists arrived upon?

We received a postal card not long since, from a member of the Philatelic Society of America, begging to know the names and addresses of the present Official Board of the Association (if there were any). What answer could we give?

The following note was unavoidably crowded out of our November number:

Mr. M. V. Samuels, editor and publisher of the late International

Collector, wishes us to state to his many former supporters that he desires all holding debts against him, contracted while publishing his paper, to inform him at once. Mr. Samuels was unfortunate with the books of his journal, and all subscribers, who did not receive all of the subscription due them, please notify him at once. Debts owed him might also be acceptable.

During the past month we have addressed, to many of the leading Philatelists of the country, letters requesting their opinions on the Reprint Question. We have now several replies which we will, together with all others received between now and then, present to our readers in our January number. If you have not received one of these letters yet, and have an opinion of any kind, let us hear from you.

"What's the matter with our Secretary, President and Exchange Superintendent?" Voice in the rear: "Can you tell me, mister, who they be?" (He probably wasn't a member of the Association.)

MR. M. V. Samuels, of San Francisco, Col., Vice President of the Philatelic Society of America, has changed his residence number from 713 Post St., to 1624 Octavia St., where all communications should be addressed him.

MAYOR E. B. Evans has returned to England on account of poor health. His address is London, England, in care of Messrs. Cox & Co., Craigs Court.

THE contract for the new series of stamps has been let by Postmaster Wanamaker, and which calls for a selection of about one-eighth of the present size. We look forward with a great deal of anticipation to the manner in which they will be received by the public. comic papers will, undoubtedly, revive the hunt for stamps with microscope, and the newspapers and the press in general, will make all manner of fun of them, and while we will sit back in our seats and smile at the jokes and cuts, yet we will thank our good Postmaster General for giving us this new addition to our already long list of stamps, while it will be placed under his administration as a memorabilia.

The stamp exhibit of the Buffalo Philatelic Society at Buffalo, N. Y., was indeed a success, as far as the society was concerned. Mr. Manning reports an increase in membership of twenty-five. The list of stamps in the American Philatelist shows that some very fine ones must have been exhibited.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer and John R. Hooper are having a red hot fight. Hooper says Wolsieffer has done more to injure philately than any other man on the continent. He is way off. We are personally acquainted with Mr. Wolsieffer, having met him at the St. Louis convention and have had several years of correspondence with him, and think he is a perfect gentleman.

Mr. Bogert is right when he says several members made a mistake when voting on the Seebeek

resolution. I also know several, and if they had voted the way they intended, it would have been laid on the table.

Our thanks are due, Major F. J. Grenny, of Brantford, Ont., for fine engraving sent us. The title is the sequel to, "Oh, Where Did You Get That Hat."

We have before us catalogues of Scott's (Stamp & Coin Co.) ninety-third sale, Nov. 20, and Bogert's 15th sale, Dec. 23.

As we stated last month, we have a large book in which we keep a list of those to whom we send sample copies, and we never send two copies to the same person. So if you want to see our next number, you had better subscribe at once. Twelve numbers guaranteed for 15 cents.

WITH the January number, the subscription price will probably be raised to 25c., owing to some additions which we intend to make in the way of——well, wait and see.

The delay in issuing our last number was caused by the tailure of our A. P. A. correspondent to send in his reports in time to make up the October number.

THE Kent Philatelic Publishing Co. Ltd., gave special pains that we received a copy of their circular which announced the appearance of the *Peninsular Philatelist*, but when it came to mailing us a copy of their first number, they completely overlooked us. No. 2 is very neat, and with its fearless outspoken manner, we do not doubt its success.

→* OUR TABLE *

MAYOR EVANS' list in the Philatelic Journal of America for Nov., consisted of the stamped envelopes, letter sheets, and wrappers of the United States.

THE New England Philatelist blossoms forth under the auspices of the Golden Hours Stamp Exchange. The printing could be improved upon.

THE Fitchburg Philatelist, with its November issue, closes its first year of existence, and from appearance, we should judge in a very good way.

THE Stamp World comes to us two months behind time. Come, Bro. Hubbard, get a move on yourself.

LUHN and Hadre come out in fine style with the Southern Philatelist. It resembles the old Charleston in a very marked degree, and as we always held the C. P. an interesting and newsy journal, conclusions may be drawn accordingly.

Mr. W. F. BISHOP, of La Grange, Ill., has again entered the ranks as a stamp dealer and publisher. His *Monthly Circular* was re-established in October. See his ad elsewhere.

THE Nebraska Philatelist for November was an excellent number, and we earnestly hope you will keep it so. Paste or stitch your pages, Bro. Weber, and there will be little room for improvement.

THE November Quaker City Philatelist contains some interesting matter. Give us a little more "Facts and Fancies," Bro. Henderson.

The "Franked Envelopes of the Wells, Fargo & Co.," was the November American Philatelist's leading article.

YE Boodle Philatelist hails from New York City and starts its journalistic career with the October number. We wish it a long life, and contrary to its name "no boodleism."

THE Philatelic Gazette still continues its regular issues and keeps up its standard excellence. The November number was mainly conventional.

We have before us the prospectus of the *Progressive Philatelist*, to hail from Merrimac, Miss., with the Stamp and Coin Exchange as publishers. They promise a circulation of 10,000 copies. Something fine is anticipated.

The Southern Philatelist promises to, henceforth, give each month a portrait of some leading philatelist. Good, but don't run in any of those which have already made the rounds. We expect, in the near future, to add this feature to our columns also, and we promise to abide with our own suggestions.

Messrs Theodore Buhl & Co., of London, Eng., are out with a circular announcing the intention of resurrecting the old *Stamp News*. It will appear sometime this month in much larger form than its former self, and so they say, in much finer form.

We have before us the October number of Curios, New Chester, Pa., the smallest stamp paper published. Size, 1½x3 inches. The name will be changed to American Collector with the December number.

THE Badger State Stamp Company's card for the Directory, was received too late for classification. It appears elsewhere.

ERE this number salies forth into philatelic world, the special election called for by the resignation of Mr. S. B. Bradford as secretary of the A. P. A., will have taken place: and although we have received no "tips," the general indication of affairs seemed to point to Mr. Walton's election. He is our only choice, and we hope for his election. We have no doubt of Mr. Harris' ability to conduct the affairs of that responsible position, and that Mr. Bradt's capability of doing so is doubted. Far from it. We have had dealings with both, and we doubt it better men could be obtained; still, we have carefully thought over our choice, and we have cast our vote for Walton and the success of our association. for the amendment, we only hope that its defeat will speak for its unpopularity. The only ones who are in favor of it are the members in those cities where a large number of members reside. This would place the handling of affairs in too much of a form of "monopoly." We hope for its crushing defeat.

Curio states that there is an A. P. A. ticket out for the '90 election, with Van Derlip for President and Bradt for Vice-President. A little too early, we think, to begin springing tickets on us.

YES, the Figaro is again with us, but Jumping-Jack-Casey-pull-thestring Voute isn't at its helm, but Bro. Massoth, who had such hard work making philatelists believe his paper was a paper, is running it combined with his *Hoosier Philatelist*; and if appearance counts for anything, we predict that a feeling of jealously will soon be aroused among some of the older and established journals.

Costa Rica's already very pretty set of stamps has been improved upon, for the *Philatelic Monthly* chronicles a new set of nine varieties in, to our minds, colors of a very harmonizing nature.

THE Philatelic Era is a bright and newsy little journal, which comes to us regularly. It's "pointers" are spicy and readable. Unlike notes in most journals, a pin could be stuck through that paner, and yet it would not be the only point there, and we haven't reference to "more pointers" either.

We have received Jewett & Lyons' Stamp Collectors Dictionary and Guide. It is of convenient pocket form; contains sixty-four pages and cover, with a Philatelical Dictionary, Collector's Directory and a valuable list of Water-marked Stamps and the Devices on Postage Stamps, together with a few notes. It is an invaluable work, and all collectors should possess a copy. It sells for ten cents of the publishers at Portland, Me.

Common Sense, with its November number, completed its second year of existence. Although not completely philatelical, it is a very interesting journal, and we shall always be glad to number it as one of our exchanges. By the way, Bro. Thomas, do you remember

that little squabble you and I had over my editorial "Charity begins at home," about two years ago, in one of the early numbers of the Philatelic Review?

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THE Philatelic Monthly, with its December number, completes its fifteenth volume. In the history of philatelic journals, which we shall publish ere long, we shall give special care to have this journal properly classed.

The Philatelic Nonpariel is a new one from Boston with Edwin A. Durgin, editor. It is a four-pager, contained several good advertisements, and typographically, is a "looloo." (Excuse the word.) We wish you success.

"THE June (No. 1) number of the WESTERN PHILATELIST stated that our list of philatelic papers which have been published in Massachusetts (see May and June numbers) contained a large number of mistakes and omissions. Up to date, (Sept. 2) we have been unable to find the mistakes or omissions, and if the editor of the W. P. will be kind enough to point them out, we shall be greatly obliged to him. It would pay him to look over his list of U.S. stamp publications of 1889 in No. 1 of his paper."—Fitchburg Philatelist.

When the article was written in No. 1, we had not received the July number of the Fitchburg Philatelist (the editor says June), but had

only received the May number, and there were and are yet, some mistakes and omissions in it. In the first place, the Postage Stamp Collectors' Hand-Book was not a philatelic paper; the Eastern Philatelist and your own paper has been left out under the Fitchburg heading, the Agassiz Journal and Peerless Review were neither philatelic papers, but had only philatelic departments, and there are other mistakes, which we have neither time nor space to tell. The article you mention is reprinted in this number.

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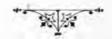
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On another page we mention the fact that we had been compelled to make what we intended should be a supplement, part of our paper proper. When the twelve pages were all made up we found we had considerable matter still on hand which could not be left out, so we issue this two-page supplement.

The Philatelic Era issues a most excellent January number. The notes are bright, crisp and newsy, and have not the see-saw motion which usually accompanies the smaller journals. For a journal of its size, it is the best upon our list, without a single exception. The "phiz" of Mr. Chas. Beamish is given a conspicuous place on its first page. Last month Mr. Walton's photograph held fall sway.

WE have Mr. George Watson to thank for a bound volume of his most excellent journal, the Post This little paper started out with the intentions of being a monthly, and so it did—for five numbers—and then it took to appearing twice a month, and then three times, and in September four numbers appeared, one on the 13th, one on the 20th, another the 24th, and still another two days latter, the 26th. If this does not beat anything ever before attempted in the philatelic line, we'll eat our shirt. Such grit and perseverance demands patronage, and we wish Bro. Watson immense success for the new year.

The Staten Island Philatelic Society are dissatisfied with the turn of affairs which the abolition of the printing of reports of the branch societies of the A. P. A. in the official organ has made. Mekeel is right in saying, let them pay at regular advertising rates if they want their minutes published.

Corwin is swimming high. He is now the president of the New York Society.

The Alabama Philatelist, after taking a header into the soup and remaining there for ten months, has succeeded in issuing an October number in January. It contains an account of one of the meetings of Bumble-Bee Philatelic Society. It is rumored that one of the reasons McGinty (Dan) took his famous plunge into the river, was that he was defeated for the presidency of the B. B. P. S. We cannot vouch for the truthfulness of the statement, however.

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- Reprint stamps that fill the purses of the dealers rich and bold,
- Then who dare to incur dishonor if but thus reprints are sold!
- Many an evening, 'neath the gaslight, have I seen the reprints glare,
- Filling me with deepest anger, filling me with dark idspair;
- Off in stamp stores have I wandered, for great bargains spending cash,
- That I now do see right clearly nothing other is than trash.
- And as "rarities" unto me, have such very oft been sold,
- Oftimes by false protestations, was I cleverly cajoled.
- Ignorant that they are "bogus" long to reprints have I clung,
- And if true friends called them worthless, I would bid each hold his tongue.
- Falser than all phantom fancy, falser than all friends have sold!
- Made by dealers, sold by dealers!—no, I should say I was "sold."
- Is it that I now am happy, knowing better to de-
- Reprints, "N. G's and et cetera of some wonderful design.
- Yes, it is so! They deceive me less and less each day and week,
- Till those who once dared to offer, now no longer have the cheek.
- As the reprint is the seller, they do make a worthy pair,
- But some day he'll suffer for it, surely, that is only fair
- Yet I hold it, now I see it, false and counterfeit, (unreal),
- As a thing that should destruction, e'en immediately feel.
- What is this! can'st be thou doubtest, yet an honest course to take,
- When e'er more than reputation, now is fairly up at stake!
- Surely now, your conscience aches you, turn you to a cleaner page,
- While life is, yet hope survivest, though you've reached the lowest stage.

- It will answer to the purpose, easy things to understand,
- Better give it up, the business or leave it in a fitter hand.
- Curse be the bold reprinter that dares the stuff to print!
- Cursed be the rascal daring, thus make money by the mint!
- Well, 'tis well, that I should bluster, had they less unworthy proved,
- Would philately! for I loved them more than e'er "O. K's" were loved.
- Am I mad that I preserve thus such as is but worthless trash,
- Such as may defraud the tyro, rich and confident and rash!
- Where is comfort? Nowhere, nowhere, reprints flourish everywhere,
- And those that I now discard, may be cherished by my heir.
- I remember one, 'twas "genuine!" beautiful and rare did seem,
- Now I know it was much falser, false than a fleeting dream.
- I can write no more of reprints, for my mind and heart are sone.
- Following the old "Reliable," ragged, dirty, black and torn,
- Yet not "bogus," as the "beauties" that I now see all around,
- Accurately executed, so the expert to confound.
- Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers, still the reprints do we buy,
- Purchasing, without a question. having purchased then we cry;
- But I see the crescent promise, of our "antis" hath not set,
- Ancient founts of inspiration, well through all their fancies yet.
- Howsoever these things be, a long farewell to to Reprints All!
- Now for me the ink may thicken, now the wearied pen may fall.
- Comes a murmer o'er the nation, starting at the near convention.
- Coming stronger, louder, fiercer, seeking round it for attention.
- Let it fall upon the Reprint, with fire or pen or blade,
- Till these pests of this our ages with the counterfeit is laid.

THE Essex County Philatelist is also a very neat and readable little journal.

THE PAST YEAR.

(Dixey.)

The year just past is one which has been remarkably favorable to philately. The American Philatelic Association has over 200 more members added to its rolls during the year, while the Canadian Association has added forty. The Philatelic Society of America and Western Philatelic Union, two National societies, have been formed, and both seem to be prospering. During the past year we have had more philatelic papers, directories, etc., published, than ever before. and some of the best, too. Take especially the January number of the Philatelic Journal of America, McLean's Directory, Mekeel's Address Book, and a great many others.

Below we give a brief summary of philatelic events of the year, by the month.

January — Philatelic Society of America organized and officers elected for two years. The Philatelic Journal of America's last Janunumber, the largest single number of any philatelic paper ever The Rhode Island Philatelissued. ist. Hoosier Philatelist, Flour City Philatelist, Dominion Philatelist, and American Stamp, issue their first. and Charleston Philatelist. Stamp Collector, and International Philatelic Advertiser their last num-Fitchburg Philatelic Society reorganized; Cincinnati Philatelic Society, Philatelic Association of Iowa, and New Brunswick Philatelic Association organized. Part I, of Scott's Fiftieth Edition Stamp 15-16, Scott Catalogue appears. S. & C. Co's. 89th Auction Sale; 16, I. P. V. D. Phila. and Q. C. P. S. 2d Auction Sale; 19, Bull's (London) 2nd Auction Sale; 24, Chicago P. S. 2d Auction Sale; 28, R. R. Bogert's 10th Auction Sale.

February.—Tiffany's Stamp Col-

lectors Library Companion issue Pennsylvania Stamp Collector League formed. A. P. A. Consti tution issued. A. L. Holman an pointed Third Purchasing Agent A. P. A. Curio, Stamp Advertise, Oceanic, and Buffalo Philatelist is sue their first, and United State Philatelist its last number. 4 Rhode Island Philatelic Society holds their 4th annual meeting and banquet: 16, Casey's 18th Auctim Sale; 16, Bull's (London) 3d Sale: 21, Chicago P. S. 3d Sale; 23, 6 W. Massamore's 37th Sale; 24 Nova Scotia Philatelic Association 1st Auction Sale: 25-26, R. R. Bo gert's 11th Sale.

March.—T. J. McMinn resigns as Secretary of C. P. A. Bogert's Post Card Catalogue appears. Part II Scott's 50th Edition Stamp Catalogue appears. Major Edward El Evans (Bermada) visits the United Morion, a Roumanian swindler arrested for and convicted making counterfeit stamps. First number of New Jersey Phile telist, Texas Philatelic Journal, Phil lately, Philatelic Leader, and Ting Philatelist, and the last number of Stamp Collector's Figaro, Park City Collector, and Collector's Ledger. 4 C. H. Mekeel's 7th Auction Sale; 4, Barrie Branch C. P. A. formed; 5-6, Scott Stamp and Coin Co's. 90th Sole; 11 to April 16, great exhibit of National Staten Island Philatelic Societies and Brooklyn Philatelic Club, at Eden Musee, New York City; 18, R. R. Bogert's 12th Sale; 20, Bull's (London) 4th Sale; 21, Chicago P. S. 4th Sale; 25, Scott Stamp and Coin Co's. 91st Sale; 25, rare stamps stolen from C. A. Burger; 30, Ed. Frossard's 91st Sale.

April.—Donald A. King appointed Secretary of C. P. A. J. W. Palmer (London) issues his first Edition Catalogue. Durbin and Hanes issue 17th Edition of Durbin's Stamp Catalogue; American Phiatelic Publisher's Association hold their first election; W. Sellschopp appointed First Purchasing Agent of A. P. A; Scott Stamp and Coin Co. remove to 12 E. 23d St. from 721 Broadway; List of A. P. A. members issued. Name of Philatelic Midget changed to Tiny Philatelist. The Nederlandsch Tjidschrift voor Postzegelkunde issue Jubilee number. Stamp issues its last number; 13 J. J. Casey's 19th Auction Sale; 13, Bull's (London) 5th Sale; 15, Western Philatelic Union organization and election takes place; 18, Chicago P. S. 5th Sale; 20-23, International Stamp Exhibition at Amsterdam, Holland; 29, Mova Scotia Philatelic Association 2d Sale; 30, Golden Hours Philatelic Association formed at Pottsville, Pa.

May .- McLeans' Stamp Collectors Guide appears; H. B. Seagrave resigns the Treasureship of A.P. A. The J. W. Scott Stamp Co., Ltd., starts in the stamp business. First number of Philatelic Express and Nebraska Philatelist issued, and last numbers of Philatelic Express, National Philatelist and Canadian Stamp and Coin Journal. W.S. Kinzer expelled from C. P. Castle's fine A; 2-3-4, M. P. stamp collection sold at auction at London; 6, R. R. Bogert's 19th Auction Sale; 7, Portsmouth (N. H.) Philatelic Society organized; 13, James Beebe Smith, City Editor of Springfield (Mass.) Republican, and a well-known Philatelist mistaken for a burglar and shot by his brother-in-law; 15, Staten Island Philatelic Society celebrate their 5th anniversary; 16, Chicago P. S. 6th Sale; 20-21, R. R. Bogert's 14th sale; 27, Scott Stamp and Coin Co's. 92d Sale.

June.—Postmaster General Wanamaker advertises for bids to supply the United States with postage

1, 1890. Brooklyn Philatelic Club incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. Fred Gockel, Urban and August Schmitt of Carlsruhe, Germany, convicted of making counterfeits of the stamps of Baden. First number of Western Philatelist and New York Philatelist appear and the last number of Ohio Philatelist, Buffalo Phelatelist and International Collector; 6, Death of Geo. Walker, of Peterborough, Ont.; 10-11, R. R. Bogert's 15th Auction Sale; 20, Chicago P. S. 7th Sale; 21-22, J. J. Casey's 20th Sale.

July.— Mekeel's Catalogue of American Stamps appears. Chas. Gregory elected Treasurer of A. P. A. Last number of Tiny Philatleist (Jay) appears; 16, Death of S. J. M. Eaton of Franklin, Pa., well known collector and member of A. P. A.; 18, Chicago Philatelic Society 8th Auction Sale; 31 and Aug. 1 and 2, Canadian Philatelic Association convention at Halifax,

Nova Scotia.

August.—Stanton and Hooper's Canadian Revenue Catalogue issued. Postmaster General Wanamaker awards contract of furnishing the U.S. with postal cards to Alfred Daggett. First number of Curios (New Chester, Pa.) issued. Philatelic News (H.B. Wilber, Cambridgeboro, Pa.) resuscitated. 15, Chicago P.S. 9th Auction Sale.

September—Postmaster General Wanamaker advertises for designs for postal cards. The Hoosier Philatelist consolidates with Stamp Collector's Figaro. First number of Philatelic Era and Essex County Philatelist appear and last number of Philately. 2, Death of Mrs. R. L. Phillips, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., member of A. P. A. and well known stamp collector; 3 to 13, Buffalo Philatelic Society stamp exhibit at Buffalo Fair; 19, Chicago P. S. 10th Auction Sale; 29 to Oct. 9,

Bavarian Philatelic Society hold an exhibition of stamps, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the introduction of stamps in Bavaria.

October.—The Hoosier Philatelist changes name to Stamp Collector's Figaro. Southern Philatelist, Peninsular Philatelist. Ye Boodle Philatelist, Philatelic Star, and Yankee Philatelist appear for the first time, and Bishop's Monthly Circular and Alabama Philatelist appear after an absence of about five and one year respectively. 3, Death of Geo. B. Mason, of Lyndhurst, N. J., an old and well known Philatelist and member of A. P. A.; 5, Bull's (London) 10th Auction Sale; 7-8-9, Convention of American Philatelic Association at St. Louis, Mo.; 17, Chicago P. S. 11th Sale; 17-18-19, Convention and exhibit of Pennsylvania Stamp Collector's League at Cambridgeboro, Pa.; 21, The J. W. Scott Co's. 1st Sale; 28, R. R. Bogert's 16th Sale.

November—Durbin & Hanes is-

sue the third edition of Horner's Stamped Envelopes of the United States. Jewett & Lyons, Portland, Me., issue Number 1 of The Philatelic Library, entitled The Stamp Collector's Vest Pocket Dictionary and Guide. Philatelic Gem, issued by Dworak & Co., Geneva, Wis.; Nebraska Philatelic League organized and hold their first election. Constitution of A. P. A. issued. Nebraska Philatelist appears under new management. New England Philatelist, American Stamp Journal, Philatelic Nonpariel, P. A. of I. Bulletin and Union Chronicle issued their first number. 1-2, Bull's (London) 11th Auction Sale: 6-7. H. E. Woodward's Sale; 12-13, Cheveley & Co's. (London) 4th Sale; 16, J. J. Casey's 21st Sale; 20, Scott Stamp and Coin Co's, 98d Sale.

December.—C. H. Mekeel's Address Book appears. Millard F. Walton elected Secretary of A. P.

A. International Philatelic Union (England) election takes place. Western Reserve Philatelic Society organized. Stamp News (England) re-appears after several years absence. Stamp Advertiser and Auction Record (England) issues its first number; 2-3, R. R. Bogert's 17th Auction Sale; 14, Bull's (London) 12th Sale; 19, Chicago P. S. 12th Sale.

Orden your exchange sheets at once. Fill them up and let us begin work in earnest.

THE Rhode Island Philatelist with its December number completes its first year of existence. Our hand on the new volume.

Our smallest exchange comes to us in an envelope $2\frac{1}{4}x8\frac{1}{2}$. It contains eight pages and cover, and hails from Chester, Pa. Its name is the American Collector.

Although not devoted to philately we cannot refrain from noticing the holiday number of the Amateur Journalist, which consisted of sixteen pages and cover, containing some of the finest reading matter we have ever had the pleasure of pursuing in an amateur journal.

The Stamp Collector's Figaro for November changed printers. It is very neat and contains some very interesting matter. Voute has opened up his column, and as yet hasn't given any one "fits", but we may look for it soon.

THE Philatelic News, from Cambridgeboro, Pa., is very neat; typographical and otherwise.

Do We Owe An Apology?

That's what has been bothering us the last week or two. Of course. nobody knows better than we, that this number is somewhat late, but the question is, do we owe an apology? The cause? Need we say? Hardly. But to the gentlemen, (and ladies as well, for we have not a few.) readers of the WESTERN PHILATELIST who haven't heard of that bone aching malady which has been making so many of the M. D's, and "P. C's." (pill compounders) rich, we whisper the short words, "La Grippe," small in number of letters, but, oh, how large in significance! Both editors of the W. P. have been laid up for two weeks. We know not what Bro. Beardsley had the grip upon, but we do know (oh, how well) that the junior editor had a firm grip upon blankets and feather ticks for six days, and has swallowed no less than one hundred or so of 3 gr. quinine pills. These simple reasons, coupled with those of our printer, whose entire force was down at once, are all that we can offer. And if they are sufficient to our Bro. Philatelists, we promise to harry up February number and agree to have it out by Feb. 20; if they are not, why we'll get it out on time any way.

We also have a few words to say in regard to this supplement. It had been our first intention of having only an eight page and cover paper, but we saw that our advertising patronage, which, by the way, has grown to such an extent, that we are almost tempted to make our journal a twelve page permanent, was too great to admit of an eight page and give our readers our regular amount of reading matter, so we left orders with our printer for an extra two page supplement. Advertisements again began to rush in on us, so we again changed our order and here you find us with a twelve page edition with cover.

Thanking our kind patrons who have been so liberal to us within the last two months, we are,

Respectfully, The Editors.

We have lately received several communications concerning the advisability of collecting the Reprint, and we have determined upon the following course as a

reply:

Every philatelist in this country, as well as those in others, too, must have some kind of an opinion upon this ever all important subject, THE REPRINT, and in order to satisfy the hesitating philatelic fraternity, we desire the honest opinion of all. Tell us just why you wish the Reprint collected or just why not, and your opinion as to its future welfare. Make your reply brief and to the point. This is important, so do not delay, as we wish to publish some of the letters in the February Western Phi-This interesting LATELIST. course will be published throughout this entire volume, and we herewith also warn philatelists to subscribe at once as our low rates of 15 cents per annum will be increased ere long.

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We have seen samples of the new P. S. of A. sheets. They resemble those of the A. P. A., but, of course, are much neater and nicer. Forward your name for the circuit at once.

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P. S. OF A.

Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 5, 1890. To the members of the Philatelic Society of America:

GENTLEMEN: -- I know not whether I owe you an apology or not for not having presented a report of my department months ago, but the suspension of the official organ can partly account for this long When the Alabama Philadelay. telist was appointed to the official journalship I thought it would not be long ere we would soon have made up this set back, but it seems that we are doomed to disappointment, for that sheet has not as yet made its appearance, and so I have decided to use the columes of the WESTERN PHILATELIST for this report.

I am, indeed, happy to state that

the exchange department is now fully organized and ready for work.

Of course, in order to make this important factor of our Association a complete success I must have the hearty co-operation of ALL of you.

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Very truly, C. D. Reimers, Supt. of Exchange.

present our readers this month with a report of the Exchange Superintendent of the Phi-Society of America. latelic though this paper does not hold the journalship, yet we awake to the interests of the association, and as the Alabama Philatelist has not appeared, we have taken it upon ourselves to publish this report, owing also to the fact that Mr. Reimers is very anxious to begin work. Let all lend their aid and make this great feature a grand success.

We desire to state that hereafter those papers which cannot afford two copies of their paper in exchange for the same number of ours will be dropped from our list. Please remember to always send one copy to each of the editors.

THE American Philatelist shows quite a difference in its cut down.

PARKER'S December price list contains the prices of some fine stamps.

THE

WESTERN PHILATELIC UNION.

Organized April 15, 1889.

President, LIEUT. J. M. T. PARTELLO, Fort Davis, Tex.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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No. 30. J. W. Scott, 240 Jeffer-

son Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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No. 32. C. B. Corwin, 108 Water

St., N. Y. City, N. Y.

No. 33. A. P. Hosmer, 44 Belle-

vue Place, Chicago, Ill.

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3036 Los Angeles, Cal.

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Alfred Raas, 517 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.

Mr. S. C. Scott has resigned.

It will possibly be a surprise to some of our members to see the W. P. U. reports in this number of the Western Philatelist, but the Board have been forced to discontinue the *Union - Chronicle* for a period, the duration of which depends wholly on the future prosperity of the Union.

Now, that the WESTERN PHILA-

TELIST has been chosen our official journal, our reports will appear monthly instead of quarterly, which, of itself, is a decided improvement. At present we have no printed forms of application blanks, a simple request for membership accompanied by dues and references (members of the leading societies need only give their official numbers), is all that will be required. If any of our members failed to receive their November Chronicle or membership cards, they will please notify me immediately. We have a list, of over thirty names, of parties who have expressed a desire to join us, but, although they have all been written to and kept posted as to our actions, they have failed to come forward and pay their dues. The reason their names have not appeared on our rolls, is because we will not list any one as member who is not willing to conform with our rule of paying his dnes in advance. Too many names appear on the rolls of some of our philatelic societies, as members, that have no place there, never having paid their dues. We don't care to make a show of a large membership by admitting this class.

W. H. KANE, Sec. and Treas. Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 1, 1890. EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

During the last quarter the Ex-

change Department has received filled sheets to the value of \$534.54. a large majority of which contained good salable stamps, although one or two members sent in some of the lowest grade, evidently under the impression that most of our members were beginners.

I wish to reiterate what was said in my first report, that there is no demand for common stamps, i. e., such as one can buy for about 25 cents per hundred, and it is only a waste of time to circulate such in the Exchange Department, while there is always a good demand for the higher grades, provided they are priced reasonably.

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K. Brewster Cox, Ex-Supt. Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 1, 1890.

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ne Secretary's report, uary 1st, would by the time this reaches its readers, be quite , and to write him and await a report would take no little time. e have clipped several notes h may interest some of the

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Why is it that more do not avail themselves of the use of this Department? I addressed a circular to each member, and fully expected that all would make a response in some form or another, and I was somewhat surprised at the very few replies I did receive.

Several members who where once most active and desirious of having the Exchange Department organized at the earliest possible moment, have seemed now to have entirely forgotten it. If you have no duplicates, let me place you on the circuit. Do something to promote the welfare of this department, and help

us try to make this all important feature of our association a complete success. At this writing I have just received the name of one more for the circuit, thus completing the first route.

I shall now loose no time in forwarding sheets at once. Remember sheets can be kept two days and no longer, under a penalty of a fine of five cents for each day kept over time, and all books must be sent post paid and registered to the person next on the circuit. Failure to register makes person failing to do so responsible.

By the time I am ready to make my next report I hope to be able to have several separate circuits in

good working order.

Respectfully, C. D. Reimers, Superintendent.

THE Association has had no few set backs on account of the numerous suspensions of our official organs. We haven't had the best of luck and no doubt members lay most of the blame upon officers, but this is erroneous, for, we know all the officers have worked incessantly for the good of our cause, and when not having an organ through which to make known progresses, trials and tribulations, members are not very fully informed as to their movements. We hope to soon see a firmly established journal, chosen as our official sheet, and then we predict the rapid success of the Philatelic Society of America.

Upon another page we give notice of our decision to suspend temporarily until September, but since said notice was printed we have decided to issue a four page monthly until September. We do this mainly on account of our contract with the Western Philatelic Union.

But 500 copies will be printed of each number and they will be circulated among subscribers, exchanges and friends. On account of the small circulation no effort will made to obtain advertisements though a few will be inserted at the rate of forty cents per inch. A vertisements from this number we not be inserted except by reque

Members of the Philatelic Societof America and the Western Platelic Union will receive our mont ly visits just the same as before Our next number will follow the one in a very short time and we will therefore be on time with our Apnumber.

Mr. D. J. McLain of Persia, Ter seems to be having trouble with Postmaster in regard to the entry the Tennessee Philatelist as seed class mail matter. "We've be there before, many a time, many time," and we know all about McLain says his February num was ready for mailing February We have a copy of it before us a it is quite neat, though not relarge.

THE Nebraska Philatelist gave a welcome suprise, when we for sixteen rages of interesting mat in the March number. Surprise real often in a like manner, Broth Weber.

THE Secretary reports almost members enrolled. There are not ever quite a few who have not yet paid up their dues. Pay up once, or suffer the consequences being expelled.

Benjamin Rosenfield.

It is with regret that we solliged to chronicle, this month to death of one of our friends a readers, Mr. Benjamin Rosense of Galveston, Texas., who died the 24th of January, and but in eighteenth year. He has been enthusiast over stamps for so years or more.

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ROCK ISLAND, ILL., FEBRUARY, 1890.

No. 5

A. P. A. Ticket.

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We present the above ticket to our readers, and, although being out a little ahead of time, it gives every person time for reflection. Our ticket is the first in the field and we doubt not but what it will be the best too.

Many of our friends are believers in rotation and we are also advocates of such a course, that is, when we cannot find any better one for the office. But we are in favor of keeping a man in office when we find he is the right one for the place.

In the case of President Tiffany no one can dispute that he has not been a most able and efficient officer and no better appreciation of his noble work can be shown him than to re-elect him to his third successive

term.

The office of Vice-President, although not requiring so much attention as that of the President is none the less no unimportant position and Mr. Van Derlip is just the person we want there.

Now as to Mr. M. F. Walton as Secretary, we entertain high hopes for his success. He has been in his position a very short time, but he has already demonstrated what he can perform, and in a very creditable manner at that. He was elected

through the resignation of Mr. Bradford. Between now and election time Mr. Walton will no doubt gain many new friends and we predict for him a flattering re-election.

Mr. Gregory was also elected by a special election, and, as all will vouch, has made a thoroughly efficient officer. His popularity bespeakes for him his re-election.

Mr. Rechert, another of our friends, has also been working hard for the success of the Association and de-

serves re-election.

Think well over what the present board of officers have done for the Association and rest well assured that the re-election of this entire ticket means a thorough success of our Association.

Of course there are others who might do just as good work as any of the foregoing, but as true merit receives its just reward we should reward those who have been faithful to our cause.

THE Fitchburg Philatelist continues its visits at regular intervals.

THE Old Curiosity Shop for January is before us. Not enough philatelics.

Come, come, Mekeel, nine pages of reading matter in thirty-six will never do for such a journal as yours.

THE Stamp Collectors' Journal is a small sheet of four pages, hailing from Bro. Hubbard's village in New Hampshire.

PROSPECTUS of Keystone Stamp News is before us. It promises twelve numbers, and is to be an eight-pager and to be published at Richland Center, Pa.

DIXEY'S COLUMN.

THAT \$100,000 advertising privilege chestnut has just about made the rounds.

We are glad to see the American Stamp Journal prosper. The February number consists of twelve pages.

"Ithuriel," in Stamp World, don't like "Argus" of Philatelic Gazette, because he is too one-sided. Shake. "Ith," I'm with you.

We were agreeably surprised to receive a copy of the Progressive Philatelist, twenty-four pages. Don't like those five pages of coin matter, though.

Ye Boodle Philatelist for January and February contains the opening chapter of "A Band of Philatelic Boodlers," illustrated with a "jackknife" engraving.

Mr. G. B. WARD writes us that the reason of delay in publishing No. 3 of Peninsular Philatelist is that he is having trouble in obtaining second-class rates.

Mr. E. R. HASBROUCK, of Newburgh, N. Y., is, after being out of "stamps" for about three years, again in the dealers ranks with as many bargains as formerly.

Hubbard is to change the name of Stamp World to Hubbard's Magazine for Young America, and it will be partially devoted to philately—a sort of a Plain Talk.

The January number of the Nebraska Stamp News informs us that the Stamp of Denver has suspended publication. We are sorry to hear this, because this makes about the twelfth time we have heard it.

Recently, while in a news stand, I picked up a copy of a paper called the Boys' Holiday, and was astonished to read in an article headed. "Curiosities of the Postage Stamp," that M. de Ferrari, of Paris, sold one single little stamp to a collector of Paris for \$50,000. The fellow that wrote this must have added about three ciphers too many.

regard to the Chalmers. Hill discussion, I am as yet undecided as to whom the honor belongs, and am waiting for June to roll around and to read the A. P. A. committee report. think if some of Mr. Hill's adherents on this side of the pond would use less bluster and more common sense, he would stand a better show.

Heinsberger has an original (?) article in the Stamp Collectors Figaro for January entitled "Etymology of the Names of Stamp-Issuing Countries of the Globe. The A. J. P. contains a translation of a similar (if not the same) article from a German paper. bugs have begun to settle at H's article, the first one landing at the end of the first part of the article. Is it original, old man, or a translation?

How is this: "The last monarchy on American sail is 8,000. No more Superio do Brazil stamps, but we may expect an issue in the near future bearing the Jegeno of Estados Unidos do Brazil"—One Dime. We are glad you told us this, as we certainly never heard it before. By the way, if the last monarchy on American "sail" is 8,000, what is Portugal? A stamp valued at 99c will be presented to the person sending us the correct answer.

DIXEY.

Young's Handbook is announced.

THE Eureka Philatelist has given up the ghost.

THE Nebraska Philatelist still continues to be bright and newsy.

THE Central Philatelist is neat and

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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No. 34-Mrs. Wm. Dunn, 594 E.

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No. 35—Jas. F. Byram, 113 N. Main St. Los Angeles, California.

The Board have decided to refuse membership to one applicant.

The resignation of A. J. Craig is

accepted, with regret.

We have three applications on file this month of parties who, although they enclosed dues, omitted to give references, consequently there is unavoidable delay in admitting them.

This rule, regarding references, must be observed, we cannot be too careful whom we admit to the Union, our motto being "quality not quan-

tity."

Any member failing to receive the official Journal, or desirous of purchasing back numbers of the same, containing the W. P. U. reports will please write to the publisher regarding the matter, not to the Secretay.

W. H. KANE, Feb. 1st. 1890. Sec. and Treas.

THE Farrage, in its puzzle department, offers Beadle's novels as prizes. Awfully sorry, Bro. Freeman, that we are not skilled in the art of puzzledom.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The month of January has been an exceptionally quiet one in this department on account of there being little mail connection with the outside world for nearly three weeks out of four, owing to extensive floods. Filled sheets have been received to the value of but \$47.49. One or two members who have had statements of account rendered them over two months ago, have failed to settle the same up to date. All accounts due this department must be paid promptly, so as to facilitate the department in settling its accounts in a like manner. Members failing to observe this rule. will be dropped from exchange circuits, until back accounts have been paid in full.

Members will please send in as many sheets as they can at one time, as it is desireable to have as few sheets from different owners as

possible, in one book.

K. Brewster Cox, Feb. 1st. 1890. Ex. Supt.

Does Bro. Rice expect to succeed on the support of cigarrette card collectors? If so, we will bet a toothpick against a hair pin that the New Jersey Collector fills an early grave.

THE Philatelic Nonpareil sports a new blood-red cover. January number very good.

THE Philatelic News prints the well worn out cut of Chalmers in its January number.

Look out for our September number. If you wish a copy drop us a card. There will be some grand surprises in it also.

Have you seen our A. P. A. Ticket and what think you of it? Early? Oh no. "The early bird catches," etc. you know.

Why is the *Philatelic Beacon* like Hill? Of course you could easily guess that their respective pamphlets contain nothing but bluster.

THE New York Philatelist announces a change. Mr. Gustav Ane is to be sole editor, and with the March number it will change its form to an 5x8, twenty or more pages. Something fine is anticipated.

THE Eastern Philatelist is always newsy. Bro. Goodrich says he received twenty-four subscriptions to the E. P. in four days. That's nothing! We received twenty-five in nine weeks, and we didn't say a word either.

What is the matter with Bro. Parrish and his Rhode Island Philatelist now? With a finely engraved cover and twelve of the neatest of typographical pages, it makes its bow before its friends as a new volume and a new paper in general. Congratulations. Mr. G. F. Heath's handsome features is the feature of this number.

THE Philatelic Beacon now declares that they shall only send one copy of their paper to exchanges.

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two of us, and we want two copies, or none at all. Please remember, and act accordingly. It is immaterial to us how it is. If it is, that you haven't more than enough to go around, i. e., one for each of your subscribers, ditto to advertisers and exchanges, why you are excusable. Let us know what it costs and we will let you have an extra copy printed for us.

The Bavarian Society of Philately is already preparing for a grand exhibition of postage stamps to be held in Magdebourg, Germany, May 1, 1890. This event commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of the postage stamp. According to one of our contemporaries, thirty-six prizes are to be distributed. A lottery of stamps is also to be held. There is no doubt but what this exhibition will be made one of the finest and grandest ever held. We hope some of our philatelists will be represented.

We have Mr. Watson to thank for an interesting clipping taken from the London Standard entitled, "Penny Postage," giving a short account of the changes within the last fifty years. We appreciate it very much, Mr. Watson, but we cannot publish it, for we are of the Chalmer's stamp, and this clipping supports the Hill fake.

Errata.

Several errors appeared in the article "The Past Year," last month namely:

January—Number 1 of Post Card was issued. (Omitted.)

February — The Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors' League was not organized this month, but in October, 1888.

November—Watson's "Post Card and Letter Card Catalogue," published. (Omitted.) Dixey.

Notice to Members of W. P. U.

During the months of March, April, May, June, July and August we will issue your report monthly in a two page form, which will be. mailed to you regular. This of course will not be a decided finan-This of cial success to us, as we only receive a small sum monthly for printing reports, and it will cost twice as much more to print than what we receive, but inasmuch as we have made a contract we have no desire to break it. As these numbers will contain nothing but W. P. U. reports, the members will be the only ones to receive it. EDITORS.

Our Offers.

We offer some special inducements to advertisers and collectors on another page, and it would be well for you to read them carefully.

Our advertising rates have been advanced considerably, and which will go into effect April 15th, until then we offer our space at the old rates, provided you make a contract for your space. Make them now and

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Remember our September number will have a circulation of 5,000 copies and each succeeding number 2,500 copies, and an advertisement placed in three numbers will be read by no less than 25,000 collectors. Make your contract now, and if the space you desire is not taken we will let you have it. Collectors should take advantage of the present low subscription rates and subscribe now. Remember our rates and subscribe Remember our rate advances to twenty-five cents afrer April 15th. You save 40 per Subscribe now. cent. by doing so.

Is Bro. Davison's article, "The Beauties of Stamp Collecting," in the January Progressive Philatelist, to be considered strictly original? If our memory serves us correctly we

have an idea that something which reads very similiar to that of the experience of the elderly school inspector, appeared in the Youths' Companion some years ago. We beg pardon for mentioning this, however, for Mr. Davison may perhaps have been one of the students who afterwards became interested in the collection of stamps.

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To Our Many Friends.

No DOUBT our many readers will be somewhat suprised to know that, with this issue, we are compelled, for the time being, to give up the publication of the WESTERN PHILATE-We are indeed sorry that we are compelled to take this step. for the W. P. has been our source of greatest pleasure, and although may not have been it has become friend to us. Do not look upon this as an obituary notice, however, for we have no intentions whatever of making the philatelic grave our permanent abiding place, but intend, however, to only occupy a portion of its space for the short period of four months.

Of course we expect to hear "Chest-

nuts," "I told you so," etc., when we say that lack of time is our cause.

Ye junior editor is just entering upon the last term of his school life and finds it no easy task to mail from 1500 to 2500 copies each month, (Mr Beardsley not having the time to attend to the mailing). We see no other alternative than to make a temporary suspension, until we have the time to properly conduct a journal that will be a pride and a credit to Philately. Our temporary demise will cease in July and we promise then to put the Western Philatelyst right in the front ranks.

Do we hear the whisper "Financial cause?" Surely not. For a glance at the well filled advertising columns in our December, January and February numbers should surely be sufficient to quiet such an idea. We say nothing of the 165 subscribers we now have on our books, either.

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Again, thanking ALL who have aided us in attaining the high favor with which the Western Philate-LIST has been received, and hoping to again meet all of our friends in the fall,

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N. B.—Look out for our surprise. We shall open your eyes.

The Philatelic Journal of America for January begins the sixth year of its existence. Mr. Mekeel shows what it takes to run a philatelic paper when he places the figures of printing alone for five years at the round numbers of \$10,865.50. This includes neither postage nor literary renumeratives, to say nothing of the time and labor required to get out these sixty numbers. That the next sixty numbers may repay you in as round a number of dollars as the first sixty cost you, is our earnest wish.

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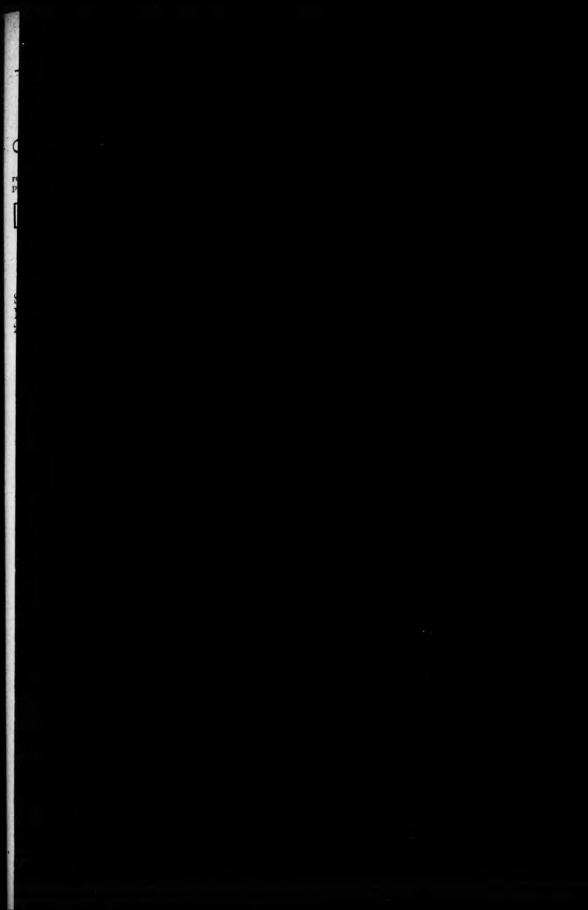
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Organized April 15, 1889.

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Vice-President, E. L. RAISH, Vermillion, South Dakota.

Secretary and Treasurer. W. H. KANE, Bellevue Terrace, Los Angeles Cal. Exchange Superintendent.

Official Editor, H. C. BEARDSLEY, Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.

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Secretary's Report.

During the month just past, we are sorry to say, no new members have been added to our society, although we have received numerous inquiries, &c. The resignation of E C. Buskirk has been accepted.

Owing to Exchange Superintendent, K. B. Cox, leaving this part of the country for a prolonged absence, he has thought best to resign his office, which will be filled by vote, time and manner of holding same will have to be given in our next months report, as no instructions have been received from our President, regarding same, to date. Until this office is filled in the usual manner, Mr. A. W. Dunning, Drawer 3036, Los Angeles, Cal., will fill the office.

Candidates, regulary endorsed by one or more members of the Union, should send in name to the Editor of the official journal before next issue. Only members residing west of the Mississippi River are eligible for any office.

Please notice change of address. W. H. KANE, Sec. & Treas. "Bellevue Terrace."

March 15, '90. Los Angeles, Cal.

Exchange Superintendent's REPORT.

Sheets to the value of \$92.12 have been received by this office during the past month. New members will please take notice that our accounts are rendered about every three months, and until such account is received it is not necessary to settle for stamps taken. Stamps on sheets sent out are priced from twenty-five per cent to seventyfive per cent below catalogue prices. with few exceptions, this being the principle inducement offered to parties to join us, who have no duplicate to exchange and want to purchase. We can place a few more good sheets on satisfactory circuit if sent in shortly.

K. BREWSTER COX, March 15, 1890. Ex. Supt.

Nominations.

I hereby nominate Mr. A. W. Dunning, of Los Angeles, California. as candidate for the office of Exchange Superintendent.

K. BREWSTER COX.

W. P. U., No 1.

For neatness the Empire State Journal is our ideal.

BEARDSLEY'S COLUMN.

Post Card has so far this month (March) issued five numbers. you keep up this way your second volume will be twice as large as your first. Hope it will.

After a philosophical scrutiny of Philatelic Era, I am forced to concede that the symmetry of its anatomical contour is not marred by the superposition of obnoxious members of the genus muscae domesticae.

The March Rhode Island Philatelist contains a good portrait of my old friend Mr. W. J. Parrish, of Kansas City. Kaigen Tenki is

in the soup.

Well, Chieago has got the World's Fair and the A. P. A. convention in '92. Chicago should feel proud to have two such great honors conferred upon her. We'll be with you, Wolseiffer, Gadsden, Bradt, and the rest of you une, if we can raise the fare (not the World's Fair). Please see that the Breweries run night and day between now and then, also see that the hat stores have a large stock on hand.

The Eastern Philatelist, with F. H. Pinkham as editor, publisher and printer, has arrived. Its usual delightful contents are not changed by the change in publishers.

What "measley" little stamps are the new ones. A Native Indian state can give us pointers on designs.

McGinty Heinsberger's article, in American Stamp Journal on Philatelic Overcoats is great.

Our A. P. A. Ticket.

President-John K. Tiffany, St. Louis.

· Vice-President—Willard C. Van-Derlip, Boston.

General Secretary - Millard F.

Walton, Philadelphia.

Treasurer-Chas. Gregory, New York.

International Secretary-Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

THE Central Philatelist continues its visits at regular intervales.

We were the first ones to spring an A. P. A. ticket on the public.

THE Philatelic News is as neat as any of them, and we are happy to note its evident success.

Voute dishes out more hash in March Figaro. For refinement of language Voute takes the cake.

We are a little late this month. but will catch up with the April number, which will be mailed by the 25th.

THE National Collector is the latest from Plainfield, N. J. Four pages and devoted to all branches of collecting.

WE have before us the Ninth Edition of the wholesale and Retail Price Catalogue of Wm. Brown, Salisbury, Eng.

THE C. P. S. Bulletin is a thing of the past. Not admissible to second class rates. Too many ads we Sorry to loose it though. presume.

THE Canadian Philatelic Association now numbers 224 members. The March list of applications shows the names of eight Philatelists, four from the U.S.

THE Universal Philatelic Advertiser has at length appeared and truly represents what its name implies. Thirty-two pages advertising and three pages of reading matter makes up the number.

Hubbard's Magazine is at hand. Considerable space is still devoted to philately and as long as Bro. Hubbard gives us as much in the collecting line as he does in this number we will not begrudge the change of name.

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will be read by at least 6000 collectors. Our present rates for a one inch advertisement in these five numbers would be \$1.50, and a two inch advertisement \$2.50. we are confident that all the advertisers, that we now receive, will afterwards remain with us so we can afford to cut our rates a little. and offer a one inch advertisement in the five numbers for only \$1.00 or two inches for \$2.00. rates are good only until our next issue appears. Engage your space now for our grand September num-Rates will soon be advanced 50 per cent.

Messus. Scott & Co. have issued their 98th auction sale catalogue, the sale of which takes place April 21st and 22nd inst. It is the collection of the late Mr. G. B. Mason.

The great and only Philatelic Beacon has dropped us from their exchange list. No comments are necessary upon their notice of the Western Philatelist, except, that we wish to say that we are a pretty lively corpse.

Several errors occurred in our last issue, namely, in our A. P. A. ticket, Mr. Gregory's name was made William when it should have been Charles. Also on page six second column, the fourteenth line should read "will cease in September and we promise."

THE Stamp Collector's Journal contains an interesting sketch by a Boston correspondent upon counterfeits, and aptly accompanies it with one of the many imitations which deceive so many of the youthful collectors. It is one of the 5c. blue Confederate States, surcharged, however, by the editors, "Forgery." Other contents newsy.

THE Dominion Philatelist is well worthy the official organship of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

ARCADIA in the March Dominion Philatelist, makes note of the slow progress of the Philatelist Society of America. Rome was not built in one day, and we beg Arcadia to tax his patience a little while, and when we have an established journal of our own, then watch us. By the way, Arcadia goes about his comments in a manner indicating that he has our science at heart. Ditto, Philatelic Beacon. Draw the comparison.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This department has not been overburdened with work this month. A number of letters of inquiry have been received, but no new members We intend getting out some circulars relative to the merits of the W. P. U., which will be ready about the last of this month, copies of which will be mailed, to all interested, on application. The temporary vacancy in the office of the Exchange Superintendent is again filled by Mr. Cox, who will serve out this term, consequently the call for an election in last month's report, is hereby cancelled.

W. H. KANE, Secretary and Treasurer. Long Beach, Cal., April 1st, 1890.

Our A. P. A. Ticket.

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Derlip, Boston.

General Secretary — Millard F. Walton, Philadelphia.

Treasurer—Chas. Gregory, New York

International Secretary—Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

Exchange Superintendent's Report.

Circumstances have occurred which have decided me to remain in California indefinately, therefore I will serve out the balance of my term in this office, if acceptable to our members. Filled sheets have been received this month, to the value of \$132.09, all being of a very good quality and exceptionally low price.

At the request of several members, I am about to start a circuit that will average two books a month, so any members wishing to participate therein, and not having already notified me to that effect, will please do so immediately, otherwise they will receive books as formerly. Please do not fold books when mailing them, as many valuable stamps are creased thereby.

Stationers envelopes, of exactly the right size, can be procured at any book store, at about a cent apeice.

K. Brewster Cox, Exchange Sup't.

Long Beach, Cal., Apr. 1, 1890.

⇒DIXEY'S COLUMN ←

Brother Aldrich springs A. P. A. ticket No. 2 on the public:

VanDerlip for President. Bradt for Vice-President, etc. The *Philatelic Era's* ticket is: Corwin for President.

Wolsieffer for International Secretary. (How's this P. M., we thought you we're versed in English

only).

The Philatelic Monthly's list is the same as our own with the exception of Corwin for Vice-President. Bogert is with us, as his ticket is the same as ours.

The American Stamp Journal's ticket is headed by VanDerlip and Bradt, while the other three are the

present incumbents.

This makes six tickets now in the field. Of these Tiffany has three, VanDerlip two and Corwin one vote for President; VanDerlip three, Bradt two and Corwin one for Vice-President; Walton six for Secretary (the universal choice); Gregory five and Mekeel one for Treasurer; Rechert four, Clotz one and Wolsieffer one for International Secretary.

This shows that our ticket is the most popular. Bring on your

tickets, gentlemen!

Bro. Watson, of the *Post card*, regrets that the W. P. is reduced in size. Well, Bro. W. wait until September and we will give you a paper from then on, which will make up for the six four-page numbers.

Voute, shake, we're with you, in re Hooper-Wolsieffer.

We have before us a copy of "Aldrich's Philatelic Almanac." It is printed neatly, but contains a great many typographical errors.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Company hold their one-hundreth sale

on May 26. The cover of the catalogue is printed in gilt. The sale is part of Mr. Corwin's fine collections, this being part second, the ninety-ninth sale being part first.

NOTICE.

We desire to call the attention of a certain western philatelist to the fact that the collection of stamps which he purchased of Mr M. L. Case of this city has not yet been paid for. He probably is aware of that fact, but a gentle reminder, in this manner, sometimes does a great deal of good. We are compelled to take this course for letters to him receive no answer. We also have a small account of \$2.12 for advertising which must be settled at once.

If the above both mentioned accounts are settled by June 5, 1890, all's well, if not, we shall not hesitate in acquainting the philatelic fraternity with his name and his loose manner of doing business.

The Exchange Department of the Philatelic Society of America is progressing finely. Three circuits are now enroute and a fourth almost ready. The first circuit has been returned and the sales, although not as great as they might have been, are very satisfactory considering the class of stamps. The fourth circuit will circulate \$150.00 worth of stamps and those on the circuit will find some fine bargains, especially in U. S. Revenues.

"Come now, Eustis, don't get so excited over that obituary notice." Were we the N. Y. Philatelist we'd accept that page "ad"

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Our June number will have 2,000 circulation. Each A. P. A. member will receive a copy. Our rates for this number only will be 50c. per inch, 90c. for two inches, \$1.50 half column, \$2.75 per column and \$5.00 per page. All our ads, now under contract, from No. 5 will be

inserted.

Quite a welcome surprise reached us about the middle of this month. It was in the shape of a twenty-four page journal bearing the title Southern Philatelist. Although four-teen pages are filled with advertisements the remaining ten contain some very interesting reading. We notice this paper supports the entire present efficient staff of A. P. A. officers for re-election. Correct.

We would say to those papers, which have been so liberal in their obituary notices of this journal, that we are very thankful for their kindness but will have to add that we are yet a pretty lively corpse.

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THE U.S. Philatelist is the latest. "By the way, Mr. Rice, who told you we had suspended"?

Whose heard from the Philatelic Beacon. Is it still alive and jubilant over its "Justice Triumphart."

The Nebraska Philatelist has been cut down in size and in the usual bright and newsy editorials notes.

"What's up, Eustis;" perchance its "down"

Another stab at the youthful collector. We clip the following from an exchange. "Cards of Admission to the Postage Stamp Exchange at Vienna will not be delivered, under any conditions whatever, to collectors under eighteen years of age."

I Want

A large number of philatelic papers, books, price lists, etc., to complete my library. If you will send lists I will let you know which ones I can use. Also stating what I will give for them in cash or exchange, as you prefer. I not only want the papers, etc., from the United States but from all over

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MEMBERS

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

In December, 1888, I was appointed to the office of Superintendent of Literary Exchange, which was created at the third annual convention at Boston in 1888. As you have probably noticed my report, which I read before the fourth annual convention at St. Louis in 1889, my department did not show up to be a "howling" success. I have almost monthly had notices published in the American Philatelist, asking for patrons for my department, but with poor result. I now, for the first time, direct a circular to the members, with a hope that I can by this "boom" my department. It was asked for by many members, but when it became a reality, the aforesaid members did not take advantage of what they had asked for. I have received a few letters asking how my department was "worked?" It is run in almost the same order as the Stamp Exchange Department, of which Mr. Sterling has made such a grand success. I will describe the modus operandi as near as possible. The first thing, of course, is the lists which are to be made out and forwarded to me. They should be made out on foolscap or legal cap paper, or paper of same size. I here show you a sample of how the list should be made out, supposing I have the papers, etc., mentioned.

MEMBER NUMBER 95.

List

Tiffany No.	Vol.	NUMBERS.	Price Each,
60	7	3, 4, 5, 6, 7,	\$ 08
60	8	4, 7, 9, 12,	.07
60	9	4, 7 (10-11) (this signifies double number)	.07
194	2	7, 9, 12,	.12
200	1	8.	.20
202	2	1 (3) (signifies 3 of that number).	.04
		Aldrich's Philatelic Almanac.	.12
1		Scott's 90th Sale, priced,	.50

I receive say eight lists. I fill out the blank after list with a letter to designate the list, List A, List B, C, etc. The eight lists are then bound together at the top into a book and started on a circuit, the same manner as the Stamp Exchange. Each member is allowed to keep the book three days. Each member fills out a blank in begining of book like this:

Tiffany No.	Vol.	NUMBER.	From List	Price each.	Price for All.
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			Total,		59

And he crosses out the number that he wants on the list, unless a number follows in paren-And he crosses out the number that he wasts on the list, unless a number follows in parenthesis (3), which means there are that many of the number which it follows. When the lists are returned to me, i immediately notify the members who have the papers to send them, to say, ifr. Jones, and notify me if they have sent them all to him. As soon as I have received advices that he has received all the papers, or all they can send that he asked for, I send him bill for same, which he should immediately remit. I only charge three per cent which hardly covers postage. The modus operandi before mentioned is very simple and every one can certainly understand now how this department is run. Why not give this department a trial, it would pay you for the trouble. I shall be pleased to hear from any person in regard to my department.

Yours Philatelically,

H. C. Beardslee, Superintendent Literary Exchange, Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following party has applied for membership and been admitted to the Union.

No. 36—J. W. Lowry, Tombstone,

Arizona.

References-C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo., C. H. Bogart, Francisco, Cal.

Hereafter, all applications for membership will be published with references, 30 days before being Anyone desiring appliadmitted. cation blanks, can have them sent, post free, by dropping a postal card to that effect to this office. membership cards are dated from the first of the nearest quarter to the receipt of dues, not from date of receipt of same.

W. H. KANE, Secretary and Treasurer. Long Beach, Cal., May 1st, 1890.

We understand the English Syndicate, who were negotiating for the purchase of One Dime have returned to their homes without purchasing. It is rumored however that Mr. Peugh will form a stock company with a capital of \$1.00, shares one cent each, to publish his journal.

The Philatelic Journal of America for June continues its Philatelic Catalogue.

Exchange Superintendent's REPORT.

The past month has been quite a busy one in this office. sheets have been received to the value of \$213.78. During the present month I shall send out statements of account to most of the members indebted to the department, and will be obliged if the parties will remit promptly, whether they still have any of their own sheets out on circuits or not, as in some cases members have more or less sheets continually in circulation. and if the above rule was not observed, the accounts would never be balanced. Members having credit balances on the books can have checks sent them for amounts due, on application. I am glad to notice that all but three of our members participate in this department, yet all should, as the Exchange Department is the life of the Union. placing their duplicates on sheets, members will find it to their advantage to place only the used and commener varieties on the outside rows, as stamps in these positions are sure to be more or less fingered when on circuits, and are consequently liable to be damaged.

K. Brewster Cox. Exchange Sup't. Long Beach, Cal. May 1st, 1890.

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Our present rates for a one tors. inch advertisement in these three numbers would be \$1.00, and a two advertisement \$2.00. we are confident that all the advertisers, that we now receive, will afterwards remain with us so we can afford to cut our rates a little. and offer a one inch advertisement in the three numbers for only 75c. or two inches for \$1.25. rates are good only until our next issue appears. Engage your space now for our grand September number. Rates will soon be advanced to 75 cents per inch.

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We notice in the late numbers of several papers, advertisements starting out "McGinty," etc. Isn't it about time this stale expression was being retired. Its a wonder some one don't head an advertisement with "Sweet Violets" or some other chestnut. We call the attention of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Old and Infirm Chestnuts to the aforesaid advertisers.

THE Dominion Philatelist takes the cake as the official organ of the C. P. A. Its May number consisted of but 15 pages of advertisements and not even one line of reading matter.

THE Stamp News for June is a valuable issue, containing as it does a full account of the great Philatelic exhibition. It also contains quite a number of photo-engravings.

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Exchange Superintendent's Report.

During the month of May, filled sheets were received to the value of \$149.52. I must thank the majority of our members, who patronize this department, for the promptness with which they have settled the accounts recently rendered them, as this enables me to balance all sales accounts at the same time I return the owners their sheets, which is a matter of general satisfaction and is a step ahead of the modus operandi of our older North America brothers. Members who are expecting to spend the summer months away from home, will please notify promptly of their change of address, so that no unneccessary delays will be caused on circuits. I shall probably be at my present address all summer, but if any temporary change is made, will see that this department is kept running as satisfactorily as usual.

K. Brewster Cox, Ex-Supt., Long Beach, Cal., May 31, 1890.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following parties have made application for membership during the month:

Capt. J. E. Pilcher, U. S. A., Fort Clark, Brackettsville, Texas.

References—Lieut, J. M. T. Partello, K. Brewster Cox, C. H. Holden, Agent S. B. Co., Orland, Cal. W. C. Skinner, K. Brewster Cox.

Over a thousand circulars, setting forth the benefits of member-ship in the Union, have been sent to philatelists within the last week. and more will follow, as we do not intend that our light shall be hidden under a bushel. As many of our members are also members of the A. P. A., I do not think it out of place for me to suggest that when we see the name of a union man among the nominees for A. P A. officers this fall, that we vote for him "early and often," as we can be sure he is the right man for that office. W. H. KANE.

Secretary and Treasurer, Long Beach, Cal., May 31, 1890.

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REMEMBER

That in September we will be out in enlarged form; larger than our February number—16 or more pages, 5000 copies will be circulated. vertising rates on application. Our subscription price will be raised to 25 cents. Each number will contain two portraits of prominent philatelists. An exchange department will also be added. A new feature (wait and see). Subscribe now. Until our next issue we will accept 15 cents for one year's subscription and date same from September 1st. thereby giving free all numbers from now until then. To advertisers we would say that we will publish 750 copies each of Nos. 10 and 11, or of two numbers after this one there will be circulated 1,500 copies and an advertisement placed with us for these numbers will be read by at least 2500 collec-

Our present rates for a one tors. inch advertisement in these two numbers would be 75 cts. and a two inch advertisement \$1.15. Now. we are confident that all the advertisers, that we now receive, will afterwards remain with us so we can afford to cut our rates a little. and offer a one inch advertisement in the two numbers for only 50c. two inches for 75c. rates are good only until our next issue appears. Engage your space now for our grand September number. Rates will soon be advanced to 75 cents per inch.

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International Secretary—Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

THE Antisurcharge Association now numbers 123 members, and its membership is rapidly increasing. Send in your name at once, for the sooner you do so the better position you will receive on the roll. All that is required is to agree not to collect any surcharged stamps issued since Jan. 1, 1890. Our advice is to "shun them entirely."

THE notice in our May number, concerning the debt owed Mr. Case. of our city, and also ourselves, has elicited two separate responses, one to the former and one to the latter, in which the gentleman in question acknowledges the debt and agrees to settle as soon as he returned home (the usual cause you know.) The date of the letter was July 6. The present date is July 10, and it seems to us that his visit is quite extended. If it is Mr. A's intention to pay as soon as he returns home. we command his visit to cease at once, for we shall not extend the time again. July 25 we expect both of these debts to be paid; if not, we shall hesitate no longer, and there will, no doubt, be some surprise in the Western Post of the United States. We have no doubt, however, that Mr. A. holds too high an opinion of his own integrity to allow such a paltry sum to degrade his name. July 25, however.

THE Metropolitan Philatelistbrings an impossible ticket on us 1. e. two members of official board from New York, Messrs. Corwin and Gregory, both of whom are connected with the M. P., the former as editor, the latter as Brooklyn manager. I am an admirer of Mr. Corwin, his views are a great deal the same as mine, and I should like to have seen him have a place on the official board: I understood several months ago that he would accept no office, or his name would have occupied the second place on our ticket, but it is too late now for us to do this. We'll see you later (in '92). C. B.

"The public seem to be satisfied with the post card Mr. Daggett is now furnishing." * * * Post Card, we are sort of modest creatures, Bro. Watson, and have here-

tofore ne'r uttered complaint, but we must sa; now that the quality now on sale at our post-office is far inferior to former issues; furthermore, we find it quite a task to write a few words on one, and not splatter it all over with ink.

THE Post Card still continues its list of post cards. We notice in the list of new issues that little San Marino has issued a new card. We might contrast our new card with those of little San Marino, but we know ours are much the prettier.

It seems that Lot No. 2, of the Exchange Department of the Philatelic Society of America, is missing. It was valued at \$50.00, and the circuit consisted of nine members. Somebody's carelessness.

Young Folks at Home is an excellent publication for the youth published at Dixon, Ill. Mr. Butterfield, of Belvidere, Ill., with the June issue, assumed charge of the Collectors Corner.

Mr. Will F. Weber, of Pawnee City, Neb., writes us that he will make an extended tour throughout the east. He may attend the A. P. A. convention. Stop over and see us, Will.

The summer months seem to have a bad effect upon the P. S. of A. The Exchange Superintendent reports business slow and interest laging. Wake up, people!

What's the matter with Translater Heinsberger, of New York? He seems to have retired, or, perhaps, the German and French papers cease to visit him.

PLAIN Talk has indeed made rapid strides in the last year. The June number is a marvel.

HAVE you seen our A. P. A. ticket? Vote for it and the success of our Association.

THE Philatelic Era, though cut down in size, still continues to be bright and newsy.

THE Post Card celebrated the 4th ahead of time. It issued two numbers, on the 1st and 2nd of July, respectively.

THE Amateur Press has enlarged.

I Want

A large number of philatelic papers, books, price lists, etc., to complete my library. If you will send lists I will let you know which ones I can use. Also stating what I will give for them in cash or exchange, as you prefer. I not only want the papers, etc., from the United States but from all over

The Earth !

Remember now to send the list to

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1. Coffin's Black List, sells for

10 cents.

Clemens Standard Historical Revenue Catalogue, sells cents.

Stamp Collector's Companion 8. sells for 15 cents. Total value 35 A sixteen page and cover (after September, 1890, four pages until then), paper one year and 35 cents worth of literature for only 25 cents. Beside the above we will give to-

Every 5th subscriber, a complete file of Stamp Record, Denver, four

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Every 15th subscriber, a complete file of Arizona Pride of Philately, four numbers, sells for 25 cents, and a complete file of Texas Philatelic Journal, four numbers, sells for 25 cents; total value 50 cents.

Every 25th subscriber, a copy of Mekeel's Address book, sells for

\$1.00.

Every 50th subscriber will receive a bound copy of the Philatelic Catalogue, sells for \$2.50,

Take advantage of this offer.

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At 33½ per cent, commission, to sell stamps from my fine approval sheets. No catalogue issued.

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U. S. Postage Stamps of all kinds, send for list giving prices. I pay cash or will give good at change for all kinds of U. S. Stamps.

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Exchange Superintendent's Report.

Filled sheets have been received the past month to the value of \$523.56.

I must ask all members to be particularly careful when writing their names in the exchange books in ink, as I have received two complaints from parties who have had valuable unused stamps ruined by members writing their names on the opposite pages and then failing to blot them before closing the book. Books have also come in that have had over a dozen stamps loose in them, owing to the owners using poor hinges. The Union cannot be held responsible for stamps lost on circuits where it is proven that it was from this cause alone.

First-class hinges can be procured from nearly all stamp dealers at but ten cents a thousand.

K. Brewster Cox, Ex-Supt., Long Beach, Cal., May 31, 1890.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New members—No. 37, Capt. J. E. Pilcher, Fort Clark, Bracketville, Texas; No. 38, C. H. Holden, Orland, Cal.; No. 39, G. Folte, 526 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Folte's name I have entered under the above heading this month as through an oversight it was omitted from the last list of applications in my May report, and as the board has appointed this gentleman to fill the office of purchasing agent, it is desirable he should be admitted to membership as speedily as possible.

Applications—J. Frank Read, 9 Custom House Street, Providence, R. I.

As mentioned above, the office of purchasing agent is now filled by a gentleman in every way qualified to conduct it as it should be, and all members intending to participate in this important branch of the union should send in a list of the countries they desire, the new issues of, along with a deposit of from \$5 up, as speedily as possible, so that little delay will be caused in sending for the first invoices of new issues. For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the working of this department, I would say that it is formed for the purchasing of the unused new issues of any, or all, foreign postage stamps, in lots of from one to five specimens of each variety, of any country or denomination, at a trifle over face value, and is one, if not the, most important departments of the Union.

W. H. KANE,

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THE American Stamp Journal keeps up its general neat and newsy appearance.

WE'LL get there with both feet with our convention issue. Watch us.

Mr. Watson has our thanks for a bound volume of his excellent little journal the *Post Card*.

What paper is more interesting than the *Post Card*. More especially so do we find it now, with a complete volume of thirty numbers hefore us.

Not a little anxiety is felt over the coming A. P. A election. Not by aspirants however.

THE American League of Philatelists publishes a list of ten officers offices to be filled, besides three Board of Trustees. That's right. We believe in giving everybody an office.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have catalogued their 101st sale to take place during the convention of the A. P. A. Of course we all understand that their motive in having it, just at that time is as they say: "To afford an opportunity to visitors to see how it is done." Not for any pecuniary gains whatever! Not a bit!!

THE Philatelic Era presents this month a cut of Mr. W. H. Bratt's features. An interesting feature to be sure, and a handsome one too.

Who says Pinkham doesn't know how to run a paper? The Eastern Philatelist is a model of excellence.

Vote our A, P. A. ticket and then watch the progress of the Association.

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Willard C. Van Delip, Vice-President of A. P. A. was elected a Trustee of the Grand Lodge of Elks at their annual convention in June.

There are several unconstitutional A. P. A. tickets in the fild, those on which Corwin and Gregory's name appears.

The A. P. A. convention will take place August 4, 5 and 6th, at the rooms of the Lincoln Club, New York City. Sorry I can't be with you boys, but I will be east in September.

We have had a book of stamps from the Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors League, and though the quality of stamps are somewhat varied and a little common, we succeeded in adding several new varieties to our collection.

Give us, oh, give us, those new post cards or else give us a rest about them.

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1	Clemen's Historical Revenue Catalogue, sells for 10c. each, 1081 copies
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4	Same-10 copies
5	Same- 5 copies
6	Same- 1 copy
7	Coffin's Black List, sells for 10c. each,
	100 copies
8	Same-50 copies
9	Same—25 copies
10	Same—10 copies
11	Same- 5 copies
12	Same— 1 copy
13	Stamp Collector's Companion, 1882.
	sells for 15c., 50 copies
14	Same-25 copies
15	Same—10 copies
16	Same- 5 copies
17	Same- 1 copy
18	Stamp Record, complete file, 4 numb'rs
19	Arizona Pride of Philately, complete
	file, 4 numbers
20	Texas Philatelist, comp'e file, 5 num'rs
21	Texas Philatelic Journal, " 4 num'rs
22	Black List, 1883, complete file, 1 num'r
23	Stamp Collector's Figaro, (Voute). Vol.
	1, complete, 12 numbers
24	" Vol. 2, 14 numbers
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27	Handford's Directory, 1881-2-3, sells for
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Van Derlip,	24
Scattering,	4
Blank,	1
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VICE-PRESIDENT.	
Corwin,	248
Wolsieffer,	161
Van Derlip,	20
Scattering,	4
Blank,	6
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SECRETARY.	
Walton,	422
Scattering,	2
Blank	15
TREASURER.	
Gregory,	434
Scattering,	1
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INTERNATIONAL SECRET	
Rechert,	337
Clotz,	64
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As the association will probably be incorporated new officers may have to be elected.

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During July this office has received filled sheets to the value of All circuits have been unusually slow, owing to many of our members being away from their homes on their vacations, but from the present outlook we are likely to have a lively business this fall. If Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles members would persuade one or two extra members to join them, so as to bring their local membership up to six, they would be entitled to an exchange branch, which would give them more exchange books per quarter, and greatly reduce their individual postage and registration fees. For the benefit of new members I will have to reiterate what I said in my first report, namely, that if those using this department would mark their stamps at about 25 per cent. off catalogue rates, they will find it will pay them better than marking them at FULL rates, as many BUY from our sheets, having no duplicates to exchange, but can do better outside the Union unless some such inducement is offered them.

If ALL members would adopt this rule, those who simply exchange would be at no personal loss, this rate being a regular standard.

K. Brewster Cox, July 31, 1890. Ex. Sup't.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New members—No. 40, J. Frank Read, 9 Custom House St., Providence, R. I.

Applications—Wm. F. Greany, 827 Brannan St., San Francisco, Cal. Reference, American Philatelic Association.

The following resignations have been accepted with regret: A. A. Brinsmade and H. L. Bixby, both parties having retired from philately.

Numbers 7, 11, 19 and 28, have been dropped for failing to pay their dues for the current year.

Change of address—Wm. J. Pillig, 194 North Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Let each of our present members do a little missionary work for the Union, while on their vacation, and see if we cannot pass "No. 100," by Jan. 1, 1891. W. H. KANE, July 31, 1890. Sec. and Treas.

PURCHASING AGENT'S REPORT.

Gentlemen: Having received my appointment as first purchasing agent of the W. P. U., I wish to report that I have now received two members into this branch, and while the proper workings of this branch have not been fully concluded, I have made all connections necessary, and I hope by my next report I shall have the first distribution of stamps on hand. Yours truly,

G. Folter,
526 California St., San Francisco.

August 5, 1890.

TO OUR EXCHANGES.

In the future send two copies of your publications to Philatelic Publishing Co., box 616, St. Joseph, Mo., (not one to St. Joseph and one to Rock Island as formerly) and we will reciprocate.

The Philatelic Record for June announces that they have a new editor, a well known philatelist who prefers to remain incog for the present. Chas. J. Phillips, probably.

Mr. Gustave Aue has retired from philately and requests that no communications of a philatelic character whatever be sent him.

J. T. Jelf, Atchison, Kan., advertises counterfeit stamps in the Golden Weekly, 3 var. triangular Capes, 10c, etc.

SPECIAL.

Send us your list of Approval Sheet Frauds, together with net amount due. We will publish same and endeavor to collect. Our charges are 20 per cent. on all sums less than Ten Dollars, and 10 per cent. on more than that amount. If we do not succeed in collecting there will be no charge.

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The Stamp News claims the largest subscription list of philatelic magazines. How about One Dime, Messrs. Buhl & Co?

The Anti-Surcharge Association is booming and now has 186 members. The Stamp News calls it a fad. Oh, my!

Give us, oh, give us, those new post cards or else give us a rest about them.

THE American Stamp Journal is always interesting. We entertain a high opinion of our eastern contemporary.

Although the Stamp Collector's Journal is small it is by far much more interesting than some of our larger exchanges. It is a sort of multum in parvo.

Plain Talk is rapidly striding toward the goal of perfection. It is a model youth's magazine. Mr. Daveson's crisp notes are always interesting as is the entire journal.

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THE A. P. A. CONVENTION.

The Fifth Annual Convention was held at the Lincoln Club, New York City, August 4th, 5th and 6th. Our extra, issued August 8th, gave the result of the election.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

R. Ackerman. plius Adenaw. lustav Aue. heo. C. Bacon, D. Bartlett. . A. Burger. . B. Calman. . L. Calman. enry Clotz. De Coppet. B. Corwin. lvah Davison. . E. Deats. ng. De Jonge. acar De Jonge. . Doeblin. jok Enequist. . C. Fagan. . Flachskamm. has. Gregory. enry Gremmel.
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W. B. Ogden.
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W. C. Stone.
H. N. Terrett.
J. K. Tiffany.
A. W. Turner.
A. E. Tuttle.
J. V. B. Vreeland.
M. F. Walton.
A. H. Wightman.
R. Wueshoff.
George Watson.

PROCEEDINGS.

The following committees were prointed:

Credentials-Calman, Scott, Sterl-

Standing Rules—Deats, Hobbs,

Finance—Mekeel, Holmes, Scott.
Exchange and Purchasing Deartment—Sterling, Clotz, Grenny.
Official Journal—Davison, Hart.
Branch Societies—Doeblin, Fagan Letcheson.

Constitution and By-Laws— Tiffany, ex-officio, Calman, Mac-Calla, Stone, Corwin.

The President's annual address, given on Monday evening, was 40 minutes long, and fully equal to his previous ones.

The reading of the list of delinquent advertisers in the American Philatelist, occasioned considerable merriment.

With the September number of the American Philatelist it will cease to exist. Mr. Corwin made a proposition, as editor of the Metropolitan Philatelist, to publish all official matter free, and furnish each member a copy at a cost of 50 cents per member, to be paid out of the treasury.

As Corwin, Calman, Scott and Sterling could cast nearly 300 votes, the proposition was accepted. We trust that the *Metropolitan* will not follow the example of the *Western Philatelist* (Chicago) and die before its career is ended. The death of the *American Philatelist* may only prove to be a case of suspended animation.

The entire session on Tuesday afternoon was taken up in revising the rules of the exchange department. Sterling declines a reappointment as Superintendent. H. L. Calman is mentioned as his probable successor.

The convention held a secret

session on Wednesday morning. G. C. Lubitz was expelled. The Secretary was instructed to strike the name of E. P. Fellows from the list.

J. A. Pierce, of Chicago, was expelled for forging names on exchange sheets.

No elective officer or trustee can hold proxies at any convention

The balance in treasurer's hand Aug. 4th, was \$109.64. The indebtedness of the Association was not stated at the same time, but later in the report of the Finance Committee. The deficit is about the same as last year.

Joseph J. Casey was refused the privilege of advertising in the *American Philatelist* bereafter.

A committee consisting of L. C. Richardson, Lawrence, Mass.: N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Illinois, and W. A. Haldy, Lancaster, Pa., was appointed to present resolutions to the Postoffice Department asking that the present exorbitant registration fee be reduced.

Hereafter all elections will be by ballots cast in sealed envelopes.

Another year has passed and now the A. P. A. has climbed up on the fence in the matter of the Chalmers-Hill controversy.

Mr. Stone acted as assistant secretary during the convention.

The next convention will be held in New York City on the third Monday in August, 1891. Niagara Falls loomed up in the rear with 92 votes, while various members proposed and voted for their own cities.

The thanks of the Association

were voted to the Lincoln Club, the Metropolitan Press and to President Tiffany.

The words "and shall be chosen from different states" in Sec. 2. Art 4 of the Constitution were stricken out, thus legalizing the recent election.

The members of the Staten Island Society wore ribbon badges of their color, blue, at the banquet.

THE EXHIBITION.

The exhibition was not a great success. The stamps were good, but there were not enough of them.

Mr. Gregory had one frame containing a few rarities from his albums. A John J. Macklin match stamp, an entire sheet of Providence locals, some very rare Mexican revenues, and a number of the scarcer stamps comprised his exhibit. Mr. Scott had an entire sheet of New Orleans 5c and the unique 5c red of the same issue.

Mr. A. R. Rogers exhibited unused U. S. adhesives, artistically arranged.

Mr. Berlepsch exhibited one frame containing a complete set of U. S. abhesives, including also a block of four 24 cts. 1869, with inverted medallion.

Mr. Deats exhibited six frames of proofs, one of caricatures of the Mulready Envelopes, and one containing twenty-seven varieties of Cotton Tax Stamps, including the recently discovered one on canvass.

As the average collector is not yet educated to an appreciation of Proofs, this exhibit was interesting only to a few, although the most valuable of all.

THE BANQUET.

The panquet tendered to the Association by the Philatelists of New York and vicinity, was held at Manhattan Beach Hotel on Wednesday evening, Aug. 6th. The members assembled at the Club rooms at 3.15 and took the elevated road down to the ferry. The steamer "River Queen" conveyed the party to Bay Ridge, where the train was taken for the beach. Two hours were spent in looking the place over, and promptly at seven all assembled in the banquet ball at the hotel. Nearly 80, including reporters of the Times and Tribune, were present. dinner committee was J. W. Scott, E. L. Schumann and A. Dejonge. The menu card was characteristic, bearing as a centerpiece, out of compliment to the Lincoln Club, a copy of the New Lincoln four cent stamp. Each guest found his place at the table by a Travancore (India) postal card with his name upon it.

The following was the

MENU:

Little Neck Clams.

Bisque of Lobster.

Printaniere Diplomate. Baked Bluefish, (fines herbes). Potatoes Croquettes. Cucumbers. Beef, filled, larded, Mushrooms. Corn. Spaghetti. Fried Soft Shell Crabs, Tartare. Siberian Punch.

Reed Birds on toast.

Lettuce and Tomato Salad. Richelien Pudding. Oriental Jelly. Mottoes Piraminde.

Neapolitan Ice Cream.

Petits Fours-Coffee. Fruit. Cheese.

After this part of the programme was concluded, President Tiffany

responded to the toast. P. A." Corwin presided, and when he smiled upon St. Julian, tongue was loosened and the summit of his fiery eloquence pierced the sky.

After Tiffany, came Corwin, who replied to the toast, "The A. P. A.

Our venerable De Jonge answered for the Staten Island Society and President Chas. Gregory spoke for the Brooklyn Philatelic Club.

In honor of the Lincoln Club which gave us such a hearty welcome to its rooms, Alderman George Gregory was called upon.

Postmaster Van Cott of New York City was expected, but being absent from the city sent his regrets, which were read by Mr Tiffany.

Then Sterling toasted "the Ladies" Doeblin spouted in German, on his own hook, as no subject given him. But he made an excellent speech, as all who understood German were agreed.

The President had discovered that it took two Canadians to make one speech, so Grenny and Ketcheson went in partnership.

"Great Scott", the "Papa of Philately" then aired his views, but he did it so quietly that someone at the other end of the table was asking "when they were going to give Scott a chance."

Henry L. Calman defended "the East against the West," as represented by Mekeel.

Julius Adenaw could not make a speech, (at least he said so) so he gave a Song in German instead.

And finally De Jonge proposed a toast to, "the departed ones", which all drank in silence, and the banquet was over.

New York was reached at 11.30 and nearly all at once separated.

NOTES.

The Monday evening session was held in the front room at the Club House on account of the heat, and a motion prevailed to allow members to take off their coats. MacCalla, with unloosed collar and suspenders trailing, acted as sentinel that no ladies might enter.

Some one mentioned the "Grand Army of American Philatelists."

The 101st sale of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. on Tuesday evening, Aug. 5th, was very well attended, and brought good prices.

Providence 10cts., \$12.50 to E. A. Holton. Four Afghanistan stamps sold for over \$10 each. Dominican Republic ½ real green, 1865, \$22, to the Scott Co. A Nova Scotia Shilling went for \$21.

Less than half a dozen A. P. A. buttons could be seen.

One of those irrepressible "small boys" of the metropolis yelled out, as he saw the party wending their way to the elevated R. R. depot, "Say is that a baseball club!"

The National Stamp Dealer's Association was mysteriously quiet. They had planned for a meeting after the Convention adjourned, but we could not find a member who knew when or where it was to be held.

Mr W. H. Bodine was unable to attend, owing to the sudden death of his brother-in-law at Cresson Springs, Penn.

Mr. Tiffany and Mr. Ketcheson registered at the Sinclair House, Messrs. Grenny and Hart at the Metropolitan, Messrs, Walton, Deats, Bruce, MacCalla, Parker and several others at the Grand Central Hotel.

Mr. Corwin brought two "Staten Island" Albums, filled with choice specimens, to the convention one afternoon.

Mr. Stone had plenty of stamps there, but he held off so long that many failed to get a sight of his treasures.

An auction sale was held in connection with the C. P. A. Convention on Aug. 13th, Mr. Ketcheson had the stamps on exhibition at his room at the Sinclair House in New York during his stay there, attending the A. P. A. Convention. The sale was particularly rich in Canadian provincial stamps, including an N. S. shilling.

Philatelic editors were not plentiful at the Convention. H. E. Deats was there to represent the Western Philatelist; Alvah Davison, Plain Talk; H. L. Calman, The American Journal of Philately; F. W. Pickard The Philatelic Era; C. H. Mekeel. the P. J. of A.; A. E. Tuttle, The Philatelic World; C. B. Corwin, The Metropolitan Philatelist; W. C. Stone and W. A. MacCalla, the Liberary Board of the A. P. A.

The daily papers, of New York City treated the subject in a serious manner, and so far as we noticed published nothing that any member could object to. Nearly all the papers published items each day. The *Tribune* and *Times* reporters were present at each session.

H. E. DEATS,

Special Correspondent.

UNFINISHED INFORMATION. BY FICTITIOUS.

Whilst "airing myself" at the docks the other day and viewing whatever grandeur the lower portion of the Hudson may possess, my eye rested upon the most prominent Philatelist (in literary circles) of the Metropolis, upon an incoming ferry boat. Upon alighting, he proceeded in the direction to where I was standing, and stopped short not more than two feet to my right, and glared with fierce glare upon the waters deep.

Two minutes passed and at this point, a boy, a real specimen of a thoroughbred Yankee came up to him, and touching his arm with one hand, and pointing to an incoming steamer with the other, said, "Say, what is that, mister?"

Our hero responded:

"Das ist ein Dampfschiff, Es ist der Nord Deutscher Lloyd Postdampfschiff und ———"

But further information was not required, the lad had taken a fit.

C. P. A. Convention Notes. By Our Special Correspondent.

The C. P. A. convention took place in the New Academy Rooms, St. Catherine Street, Montreal, on August 13th and 14th, and was well attended; among those in attendance were Messrs. H. L. Hart, R. A. B. Harte, H. F. Ketcheson, Beamish, Dr. Cameron, J. R. Heoper, R. F. McRae, Reynolds, Smith, Lionais, Warren, Sicotte, Thapman, J. S. Robertson and

The Chalmers claim, on motion of

number of others.

Mr. Hooper seconded by Mr. Robertson, were thrown overboard and a resolution carried unanimously, endorsing the decision of the London Philatelic Society's decision in favor of Rowland Hill.

Bellville was chosen as the next place of meeting; the other places proposed were Niagara Falls, Toronto and Halifax. The convention will meet the fourth week in August.

There was a grand display of British North American stamps, including a dozen "shillings."

The auction sale was a feature. A fair specimen of the Nova Scotia shilling brought \$21.75.

The Librarian's report showed over two thousand pieces in the Library.

Mr. Hooper had part of his collection which contained three "shilings," Connell and an unequalled lot of New Foundland provisionals. This collection we believe will be sold shortly at auction.

Hart, of Halifax, and Beamish, of Philadelphia, were the ones who showed most interest in C. P. A. by traveling long distances. Cameron, of Hartford, and Robertson, of St. Thomas, were next, followed by Ketcheson, of Belleville, and Hooper of Ottawa.

Mr. Gibb, a member of the London, (Eng.) Society was present. His collection is valued at \$15,000.

The boys were feted at the 65th Rifles Armory where the auction sale was held. All had a splendid time.

The C. P. A. will affiliate with the Dresden for exchange purposes This will make it the best society for exchanging.

Among some of the prices at the auction sale were the following: Canada, 1851, 3d. ribbed paper un-

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" white paper	3.50
" " 10c. env. nnused entire	4.75
" 1859, 5c. on close ribbed	
paper	3.20
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ered pair, perf. 12	1: 00
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used pair	14.00
Nova Scotia, 6d. light green	2.60
" " 6d. dark green	2.85
Prince Edward Isl. 2d. perf. 9	1.50
· " " 3d. " 9	1.50
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used	5.25
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Bahamas, 1884, 1 pound unused	6.00
Canada, 3d. perf. used	1.25
· 1868 lc. watermarked	2.00
Confederate States, 1861, 10c. blue	-2.00
" 1862, 10c. rose	-2.00
Mauritius, 1d. postpaid, pair	15.00
New South Wales, Id. Sydney View	•
no clouds	-6.00
" " 1851, 2d. "stars"	
unused, unsevered pair	10.00
New South Wales 1851, 8d. vellow	
unused, unsevered pair	15.00
Nova Scotia, 85c. green, used	1.25
" provisional, 3d.	10.00
" " 7½d.	15.00
New Brunswick, set of 4 Law	2.00
Nova Scotia, 3 served 1d. used	5.00
" pair unsevered 1d.	3.95
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portion original envelope	0.50
(Registered stamps)	3,50
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There are not words enough in our language to express my disgust at some of the proceedings of the A. P. A. convention, especially the changing of the constitution so permit the election of more than one member of the official board from one state, which practically shuts the west out, and the adoption of the Metropolitan Philatelist as official organ. latter move will be snowed under think, as I have yet to hear of member (with exception of Corwin "gang,") who will not protest agains it at the proper time.

Clipping from the Metropolitan Philatelist July, 1890:

OUR A. P. A. TICKET.

For President—C. B. Corwin, of New York.

For Vice-President—C. B. Corwin, of New Jersey.

For Secretary—C. B. Corwin, New York City.

For Treasurer—C. B. Corwin, O Plainfield, N. J.

For International Secretary— B. Corwin, of Water Street, N. Y.

Henry L. Calman has been appointed Superintendent of Sak Department, formerly Exchang Department of the A. P. A.

THE

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President, LAEUT. J. M. T. PARTELLO, Fort Davis, Tex.

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Exchange Superintendent's Report.

Filled sheets have been received this month to the value of \$107.06. The average sales of this department are very good, take, for example, book No. 48, valued at \$87.26 which is just in from a circuit of but nine persons (owing to error in forwarding,) from which the sales mounted to \$41.35, or nearly 50 percent of the entire value. This is the rule, rather than exception, in learly all cases where stamps are marked reasonably.

There is one point some of our nembers should bear in mind, namely, that mutilated, or very leavily cancelled stamps, if put on heet at all, should be priced according to their condition, as it is only waste of time to send them out therwise, as few collectors will take uch specimens at any price.

K. Brewster Cox, Aug. 31, 1880 Ex. Sup't. Long Beach, Cal.

The *Philatelic What-is-it* will be sued from Podunk, N. Y., next both, so it is rumored.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

No. 41. Wm. F. Greany, 827 Brannan St., San Francisco, Cal.

APPLICATIONS.

James A. Lyman, Long Beach, Cal. References: K. B. Cox, W. H. Kane.

HENRY CLOTZ, Box 3489, New York, N. Y.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

C. H. HOLDEN, Box 49, Oakland, Cal.

Now that the summer vacations are about over I hope philatelists will make things a little more lively for me in this office.

W. H. Kane, Sec. and Treas. Long Beach. Cal. Aug. 31, 1890.

C. B. Corwin says in a speech at the A. P. A. convention: "I have got along three years without office, and can get along two years longer." We wonder why he made such bids for the office of Exchange Superintendent, when he and Sterling were at outs, if he did want the office. It must have been for that clerk he could employ for \$500 a year to do work.

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707, Chicago, Ill.

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No. 100. S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Illinois.

No. 101. A. E. Fritz, 100 Michigan Street, Chicago, Ill.

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APPLICATIONS.

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W. C. Kurzeweg, 334 Washington Fd. Chicago, Ill. References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B Bradt.

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References: E. R. Aldrich, S. B. Bradt W. W. JEWETT, 502 Congress Street Portland, Maine.

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GUSTAV AUE, New York, N. Y.

Am pleased to see the society progressing so well.

We have not decided official organ since the suspension of The Philatelist, but have several offers under consideration.

Morgan, Wolsieffer, Messrs. Beardsley, Samuels and Aldrich have been appointed by the official board a committee to revise the constitution.

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press this month without them, but we guarantee them next month. The victims next month will be K. Brewster Cox, the well-known western philatelist, and H. C. Beardsley, the well-kno—.

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The Philatelic Publishers should have an Association by all means, the dealers have one, which is very successful, and is not a publisher as liable to be swindled as a dealer or a collector, and have they not taken measures to protect themselves?

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Cause—Tiffany was not in the rebel army during the late war.

Full reports of the A. P. A. convention did not reach us until September 17th, almost a month and a half after the convention took place.

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Detecting Counterfeits

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

In this age of numerous counterfeits, bogus surcharges and "doctored" stamps of all kinds, philatelists are inquiring how they can learn to detect counterfeits, and by what methods and means they can distinguish the

genuine from the spurious.

Despite all the hand-books describing the minute difference existing between the genuine and bogus stamps philatelists of great experience are often deceived. We need cite no cases as they happen every day and the philatelist who has been taken in is often looked upon with contempt by his brother philatelist. Stamp papers are full of accounts of dealers who sell counterfeit stamps, and nothing can be too severe for their punishment in their estimation; but a great deal of the trouble lies with the collector himself. We do not uphold counterfeits, but we do know that if philatelists would study their stamps more their would be fewer counterfeits in existence to-day.

That sentence "Study your stamps" as E. L. Pemberton, that philatelic authority of old said it, seems to have a different meaning to the collector of this generation. If we could only impress the majority of collectors with the necessity of being a student of Philately, there would be fewer philatelists deceived in purchasing stamps.

The counterfeits are here. logus surcharges and grills are here. What are we going to do about it? Perchance some one says, them:" another says, "Send them to Counterfeit Detector of your Society." and another says "Stamp them with the word" "Counterfeit." The great question in disposing of this problem is to ask ourselves, which of the above methods would aid philatelists the lost in distinguishing what are and what are not counterfeits.

The above plans have been tried and with what success? Are philatelists any the wiser since their plans have been adopted? The plan of the collec- standard catalogue.

tors sending their counterfeits to the Counterfeit Detector of their national society is very good in some respects. but take a case like this: You receive a sheet of stamps on approval and you are in grave doubts as to the genuineness of some of the stamps. just allowed to keep the sheet tendays and have not time to send it to your Counterfeit Detector for his opinion as he probably lives a thousand miles away. What are you to do? do not want the stamps if they are bogus, but would take them if you knew them to be gennine, here are the two blank spaces in your album for these two stamps. There are the stamps on the sheet: the temptation is too great and the collector shuts his eyes and removes the stamps, places them in his album, and for years and years regards them as genuine until he wishes to sell his collection, when the dealer points out the counterfeits and these two stamps are among them. This is not a sketch of fancy, but it happens every day.

Is it possible for a collector to have a Counterfeit Detector with him at all times and one that never fails? We answer "Yes"! This can only be 6'itained by making a careful study of your stamps and by making collecttion of counterfeits to be kept separate from your other collection and having the aid of a small magifying glass in examining specimens and in detecting the difference between the genuine and counterfeit. Canadensis in the May number of the "Eastern Philatelists" says he thinks this collecting of counterfeits by collectors is going too far and suggest that the collectors might be tempted to dispose of their counterfeits as genuine specimens. I have no fears on this score and would just as soon trust the average philatelist with counterfeits as some of the Counterfeits Detectors of our societies,

The time is coming when a philatelist will consider it as essential for him to have a collection of counterfeits for study and comparison with the genuine stamps, as it is to have a

Iowa Notes.

P. K. Chamberlain, of Wyoming, is transferring his fine collection to one of Mekeel's Blank Albums. Chamberlain is book-keeper for the First National Bank of Wyoming and is very enthusiastic on stamp matters.

One cannot travel very far in any direction in Iowa now without meeting members of the State Association. We now have members in nearly all the large cities, including Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Mar-shalltown, Muscatine, Keokuk, Fort Dodge, Waterloo, Davenport, Sioux City, Iowa City.

In reply to numerous inquiries we will state that the present Iowa society has not or never did have any connection whatever with the old P. S. of Iowa, organized in 1888, and which has been dead about three The present association is being organized by an entirely different class of men, who are "hustlers" and intend to run the new association on an entirely new basis and new plan. Most of the members of the old association have joined the new and all are welcome.

From present indications our first convention will beat anything ever before attempted by Hawkeye boys. The following have already promised to attend: Roy Greene, of Kansas; E. Marshall, of Wyoming: C. Reimers, of Iowa City; J. R. Dolle, of Rodney; H. L. Ilgenfritz, of Clarksville; C. M. Jackson, of Harper; C. L. Stanley, of Indianola.

That the young men and the old, the rich and the poor alike yield to the fascination of Philately could not have been better shown than in the experience of the past week. Iowa Philatelic Association has been honored in receiving application of one of Iowa's wealthiest men. refer to Mr. S. G. Stein, of Muscatine, Vice-President of the First National Bank, and President of the Muscatine Oat Meal Mill. Mr. Stein's collection is not a very large one but contains many rarities.

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The stamps of this sale were all the property of Mr. Henry Clotz and was as fine a collection as ever went under the auctioneer's hammer.

Correspondence.

We present below several communications for the consideration of our readers and to Mr. Wolsieffer's letter we would call special attention. plans and suggestions are such as should set all true philatelists to thinking. Space prevents the publication of several other comunications, none the less interesting and varied in their remarks. We would be pleased to hear from every one interested in or opposed to amalgamation.

Спіслоо, May 28th., 1892 Mr. C. D. REIMERS,

Dear Sir:

IOWA CITY, IOWA. Your request to write a letter on the all important amalgamation question

for publication in your new journal is received, and though I have nothing new to offer, the subject having been thoroughly discussed in all its bearings, yet, there is much that

will bear repetition.

My plan of the consolidation of all societies is different from that advocated by Mr. Alva Davison, although we are both striving for the same end. Mr. Davison would first amalgamate the A. P. A., the Philatelic Society of America, and the Western Philatelic Union, while I had in mind a plan to hand together all the existing societies in the United States in one fraternal circle if possible under one head or jurisdiction, National, State and Local.

This plan is copied from many organizations that seem to work in perfect harmony. The National or A. P. A. would be the supreme or highest authority, while the State Associations would have control of the societies in the respective States and the highest authority in the State, yet be subordinate to the National or supreme body. The local societies would be subordinate to the State Associa-Each society or branch would be perfectly independent working under the laws of National and State bodies.

One of the best features of this plan would be the abolition of the obnoxious proxy system. The local societies would send delegates or instructors to the State Associations and the State Associations would in turn send delegates to the National body in Annual

Convention assembled

I have been told that this scheme is too visionary and not practicable at the present time because Philately is not sufficiently advanced, but I don't agree on this point and think such a a plan is a solution to the amalgama-

tion question..

Societies now existing would still exist under this plan. Branches could be turned into local societies and have representation in the State and National bodies by duly elected delegates In regular form. One section of the fountry could not rule another section because it happened to capture a few more proxies.

If this plan is not clear or fully understood by any of your readers, I would refer them to the adminstration of Odd Fellows, Royal Arcauum, Philatelic Association.

National Union or any other of the

large fraternal orders.

There will of course be some found who would not listen to any plan, these that have axes to grind and leading offices to vacate, but their opinion is of little value, for it is rank and file There is that make the majority. an impression abroad among the stamp collectors of this country that something must be done, and that impression is becoming more apparent daily.

The more the subject is discussed the sooner we will arrive at some definite conclusion and I give you my

idea for what it is worth.

Wishing you unbounded sucess in the re-establishment of your journal I remain yours truly,

P. M. WOLSIFFER.

A. P. A. No. 6.

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The above, written by one of America's most prominent philatelists, and contributed to Mekeel's Weekly is indeed very gratifying to those who have labored in the organization of the Iowa Association, and clearly manifests the opinion of one who has the cause of philately at heart. As ours is but a purely local, as far as other states are concerned, we look forward to the view of others, who can only look upon, and appreciate or criticize us. As a copy of this issue will fall into the hands of every Iowa Collector, we earnestly request a careful perusal of the above. The dues have been fixed at \$1 per year with an admission fee of 25 cents. Let every Iowan join, and make this association well worthy of and meriting the name Iowa

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In presenting this, the first issue of a new volume of the old Western Philatelist, we do not do so with any misgivings, apologies or promises to fill any especially long felt want. We expect to furnish the Philatelist with fresh news and healthy reading. be our aim to inculcate a greater love for our cause, and to impress upon all the necessity of the closer study of our stamps. As an exponent of the scheme of amalgamation our readers may always look for all of the latest news. Our subscription rates have been made very small and we hope to merit an early response from all who receive copies of this issue.

The Eagle Philatelist and the Detroit Philatelist are two magazines we are pleased to number among our exchanges. Both are always interesting and newsy though we would suggest that the appearance of the latter might be materially strengthened by a change in quality of paper.

York Stamp although The Newslightly leaning toward amalgamation, is not very firm in its belief. Mr. Spooner evidently thinks that a greater society cannot be formulated to meet the requirements of all. It greatly depends on what requirements Mr. Spooner demands. A national organization with 1200 members will surely be able to offer all the inducements of a minor association. Mr. Spooner says the official organ is expensive. Granted, but make the membership 1200, thereby increasing the circulation and then members will appreciate a good advertising medium, and thus make up this deficiency of the past. Is Mr. Spooner using the fact that he is a member of several societies and only receiving benefits from one, as an argument against or for amalgamation? We too are members of a number of national and state associations and as an illustration. point to one which we were urged to join because of its unexcelled exchange department. The first circuit contained our name and three books were forwarded and to our surprise, when we, in anticipation of gens from the Justice and Executive department, found not even a War. We would be pleased to hear from Mr. Spooner concerning the benefits of the A. Pa., in its corporated condition.

President Tiffany has appointed the World's Fair Exhibit committee, and we find among its number such men as Tiffany, Rogers, Holman Walton, Rechert, Bradt, Gregory, Deats, Holton, VanDerlip, Stone, Brock, Hanes, Rothfuchs, Cohen, Spencer, Mekcel, Sellschoop and many others. If the names speak for anything vistors at the World's Fair will be astonished and bewildered by the magnificent scope of our hobby philately. Let everybody co-operate.

This paper is on file with Mr. H. P. Boyle, 1719, Q Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. where subscriptions and advertisements will be received at regular rates.

The New York Stamp is a very healthy looking individual and is exactly what it claims to be, fearless and independent. It is a pleasure to read editorials and notes containing some snap and vim.

Guido Fawkes in the *Weekly Stamp News*, echoes our sentiments regarding amalgamation.

We would be pleased to exchange with every paper devoted fully or in part to Philately. Two copies, please.

Indiana is the first state to follow the example set by Iowa in confining the membership of its Association to the state alone.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the popular Chicago philatelist, has taken charge of S. B. Bradt & Co.'s Music department. Mr. Wolsieffer will also have charge of the local stamp trade.

Sons of Philatelia still continues its remarkable growth. Its May applicants number about fifty. A large number will probably be in attendance at the convention at Getysburg, July 4.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer continues his interesting column of Chicago Notes in the Weekly Stamp News. Mr. Wolsieffer is an ardent enthusiast on the amalgamation subject and to every philatelist we commend his letter published elsewhere.

During the past few weeks the editor has had the pleasure of meeting a number of correspondents and philatelists at Cedar Rapids. found Mr. E. P. Newcomer bolstered up in an invalid's chair. He has been a sufferer from rheumatism for some time, and at present is unable to be about at all. We enjoyed a two hour's clest with him, and now congratulate him on his election to the office of President of the lowa Association At bes Moines the I. P. A. librarian was found in Risser's large dry goods Mr. Newsome has a very respinsible position as cashier link-keeper. We thoroughly appreciatd Mr. Newsome's kindness, and With the lepe we may meet again. University of Minnesota ball team came Mr. Geo. Achard, our old correspindent at Minneapolis. Achard puyed third base, and we are sorry our chat on our favorite theme could not have been longer.

The may issue of the Post Office contains a fac-simile of the new stock certificates of the A. P. A. which was recently incorporated under the laws of West Virginia. This last feature now places the association on a financial base and every participant in the exchange department will now feel secure and need have no fear in the circulation of his pet duplicates.

New Catalogue.

We have Mr. A. Rogers to thank for a copy his Priced Catalogue received just before going to press. We have made mention of it elsewhere in these columns and all our expectations have been more than fully realized. It is gotten up in convenient pocket size and neatly bound in leather.

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CONSOLIDATION—THE OUTLOOK.

This movement has now been widely discussed for several months, and it is not out of place for us to now look over the field and see what, if anything, has been accomplished during the period of agita-

Any individual or party who is striving or trying to accomplish any desired result, must look not only to the votes cast for or against the object, but beyond that. should use his faculties in discerning if possible, if his movement meets with the hearty spoutaneous approval of those interested, or whether the votes cast for it have been obtained only through persuasion, or by the solicitation of parties interested through holding office, or in some like manner.

These are the points which I have watched in the discussion regarding consolidation, and happy indeed have I been to see scores of members of the various national societies, not only vote voluntarily in favor, but at the same time offer to do all in their power to forward the movement.

These are the votes which have been cast in favor of consolidation, against—and there has been some were cast in what manner? Through the personal solicitation of an office holder in one of the societies, and tinuing its separate existance, irrebe derived, or the fact that the must be a stock holder in the incor-

many collectors whose names are household words are all on the side of consolidation.

The question presents itself: "Will intelligent collectors allow themselves to be led in this way?

For myself I have too much confidence in the average philatelist, to believe for one moment that he will. and I feel, perfectly assured, that if the members of the societies will act on their own, unbiased judgment, that they will vote for consolidation every time.

ALVAH DAVISON.

THE A. P. A.

The all-absorbing topic in philatelic circles just at present is the approaching A. P. A. convention. Peace apparently reigns and the usual clamor for proxies the wire pulling, etc., is very conspicuous this year by its absence. The element of discord has left ourranks and though a few ruffles are yet to be smoothed out, one cannot help but contrast the ease and facility with which every one looks upon the approaching convention, with the filibustering and impolitic schemes of those of former years. This will be the first meeting under the new incorporated while those which have been cast laws and therefore the first meeting of a new organization. The June American Philatelist contains an excellent address by President J. K. Tiffany upon the subject and to all one interested in every way in con- Philatelists in general, and not members of the A. P. A. alone, spective of the growth of our favor- we recommend its thorough perusal. ite pursuit, the greater benefits to Under the new rules every member

poration, to have any privileges, and as the shares are limited to one each and cost but \$1.00 it should be the duty of every member to pay up at once. Many of our readers are undoubtedly not readers of the American Philatelist and to those who are we beg permission to clip a few lines from our able president's address.

"Owing to the change that has been taking place, the A. P. A. has been asleep during the past year. With our experience and advantage of incorporation we should awake and start anew. The members of many other organizations are ready to join us; there are many collectors desirous of seeing us so organized that they may seek admission. Though old we shall be after our next convention in reality the newest of associations, and our laws and regulations should be put in such shape as to attend all."

15 just as President fany says, preparatory for the change has caused a re-action in the inner circles and the association has been asleep, but now that it has awaked and in a position to respond to the requirements of members, let every philatelist in the country, put his shoulder to the wheel and join hands in the re-organization of the grandest union in existence. One of the first steps should be the immediate ammalgamation of the various na-Let those who are tional societies. agitating consolidation, who have not yet joined, first send in their own applications and then be in a position to better define their own The A. P. A. can and will offer to its members the inducements of any and all other societies, and in making up and revising the old constitution let us incorporate everything that will prove of some benefit. For our part we would suggest the office of official Collector, a lawyer could fill this position with but little waste of time and yet do a wonder-

of dues is an all-important subject and if any possible means can be devised whereby they may be slightly decreased, the results would be manifold. But we see no remedy unless it lies in the abolition of the official organ. The latter has indeed, been the millstone about the association's neck but would it be advisable to cast it off? A subject worthy of second thought. Once more let us urge the importance of an early membership in the A. P. A. and the payment of incorporation dues.

The editor's city address is Room 600 Rialto building, where he would be pleased to make the acquaintance of all philatelists.

THE FIRST STEP.

The following resolution was presented at the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society last Thursday evening and if passed will be a great step towards amalgamation.

CHICAGO, July 7th, 1892.

WHEREAS, there having been considerable agitation upon the advisability of consolidating all Philatelic societies in the United States which are *National* in character, and

WHEREAS, such consolidation would in our opinion be of the greatest service to the cause of Philately,

therefore be it

Resolved, that the Chicago Philatelic Society, being one of the largest societies to be effected by such action, hereby appoint the Governing Board a committee, to so revise and amend the Constitution as to eliminate all features which tend to make the Society National in its aims, and to place the society on a purely local basis, and be it further

office of official Collector, a lawyer could fill this position with but little waste of time and yet do a wonderful amount of good. The matter of the solutions be sent to each passive member with a recommendation that they identify themselves with the

typical society, the American Philatelic Association, which will give them all the benefits they have enjoyed in the Chicago Philatelic Society and many others. The resolution was signed before presentation to the society by the following active members:

P. M. Wolsieffer. S. B. Bradt. Samuel Leland. John W. Palmer. Geo. L. Toppan. Altred L. Holman.

After one month's notice a vote will be taken and if it is in favor of the resolution it means that the second largest local society, which is also national in character, has voluntarily come out strongly in favor of amlagamation and become purely a local society. The Chicago P. S. is greater in numbers than either the Western Philatelic Union or the Philatelic Society of America. Exchange Department of the Chicago P. S. is one of the features and is highly spoken of everywhere. The passive members will be sorry to lose it, but it requires more attention than a business man can devote Dropping the National character of the Chicago P. S. will reduce the work of the Secretary and Exchange Manager, and give those two officers a better chance to devote a little more time to local affairs and The Secretary and local members. Exchange Manager have both been overworked in the past and it is about time to relieve them of some of their arduous duties. Under the present constitution the passive members receive almost the same benefits for \$1.00 per annum that the active members pay \$3.00 for, and not long ago were paying \$12.00 for. This later figure however, was owing to the society having a downtown permanent headquarters.

P. M. WOLSIEPPER.

NOTES.

WE have been asked to announce the organization of the Philatelic Knights of America with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn., and New Orleans, La. This is all the information at our hands and the only comment we have to make, is that we hope it may have an early death, if it is but to be an imitation of the many minor organizations already extant. Our advice to philatelist is to let it alone and perhaps teach the office seeking organizers a lesson.

THE Chicago Philatelic Society held a well attended meeting on July 7, in spite of the heat, sixteen members answering the roll call. Some business was transacted, and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$92. in the Treasury. After adjournment the A. P. A. branch No. 1 was called to order by Mr. A. L. Holman, in the absence of resident Vice President Palmer, with nine members present. The following ticket was endorsed.

President, J. K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

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NOTES.

"THE Philatelic Journal of America for June comes to us in a new cover. Mr. Tiffany contributes an interesting and valuable article on the Spanish counterfeits issue of 1850 with illustrations, enlarged to three times, of the genuine and counterfeits. The subscription rate has been increased to \$1.00 and to advanced collectors is probably well worth the price.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found a resolution presented to the Chicago Philatelic Society at its regular meeting July 7th. ing to the constitution one months notice must be given before action can be taken, and in the meantime members will have ample time for This step. its consideration. adopted, will be one of great importance, and members should give it more than a passing glance, be giving up our franchise, virtually to the A. P. A., but we should be more than willing to surrender these rights, if in so doing we are furthering the interests of that great body.

THE Eagle Philatelist for June is considerably enlarged and its new dress looks very fine. We understand Mr. Swanbeck has given up his interest in the paper.

Some queer arguments are deducted by mountaineer in the defence of philately upon the subject of Coin vs. Stamp Collecting in the May American Philatelist and Collector. This journal is newsy though nearly two months in the rear of father Time.

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MR. NIENSTADT formerly of St. Louis, was a visitor at the meeting of the C. P. S. July 7th.

MESSRS. S. B. BRADT and P. M. Wolseiffer are the subjects of a joint sketch in the June-July issue of *Plain Talk*. Honor well merited.

THE Philatelic Era visits us with its usual regularity. The July number is interesting to the extreme and we cannot help but admire the breezy. independence of Bro. Jewett. Lieut. Chandler contributes an exhaustive paper on a good Library, and J. Bernstein, Jr., on the old theme. "Is Philately a Science?" What's the difference? We shall collect Space prevents a futher any way. review of this interesting journal, but in the future we expect to have space enough to review, and comment to our hearts content. atelic critics, take warning.

ALTHOUGH the Long Island Philatelist may have just cause for grievance we condemn such editorials as we read on page 50 in the June number. This journal is a model of neatness and value and we trust Uncle Sam will appreciate its efforts and bestow upon it well deserved second class rates.

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Another branch of philately seems to be opening up, but whether it has devoloped to any great extent, we are not prepared to say. We refer to the Collection Agencies. There are a number of small concerns who advertise their readiness and ability in collecting all bad We doubt some, aye, a great deal of this ability, but there are exceptions however and we notice in a late issue of a philatelic journal the advertisements of two lawyers (and philatelists) who devote some of their time to these pests of philately. A lawyer's letter head may sometimes go along way.

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ECHOES FROM NIAGARA.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was called to order by President Tiffany in the Parlor of the International Hotel, Niagara Falls, shortly after 10 A. M. on Monday August 15th. Nineteen members and a few visitors were present. The only business transacted was the appointment on the committees necessary to set the wheels in motion, after which a recess was taken to 3 P. M.

The afternoon session was spent in listening to the reports of the various officers. An evening session was also held, at which President Tiffany delivered his annual address. The address was in Mr. Tiffany's happiest style and was a source of much pleasure to those who were for-

tunate enough to be present.

The second day's proceedings were uneventful, although much business was transacted. Most of the committees' reports were presented and acted upon and the business of the Convention was all accomplished except the matters relating to the Constitution and Official Journal.

But one session was held on the third day, and that from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. The final work of the convention was concluded and what many had feared would be a stormy session passed off as quietly and harmoniously as any one could desire.

During the various sessions of the Convention the following members were present: Albrecht, Bogert, Bradt, Burt, Campbell, Davison, Deats, Doeblin, Grenny, Houston, Ketcheson, Luhn, C. H. Mekeel, I. A. Mekeel, E. Y. Parker. Rice, Rode, Rogers, Scott, Slater, Stone, Tiffany, Walton and Wuesthoff. A number of the members were accompanied by their wives.

On Tuesday afternoon the delegates visited the various places of interest at the Falls and vicinity. There were five carriage loads, and it took about five hours to see the sights. On the Canadian side most of the party made the trip under the falls. Arrayed in the rubber clothing provided for such excursions the party was a regular "sight." They resembled a party of Esquimaux more than anything else. While in this custume the party was photographed. Mr. Mekeel has promised to reproduce the picture in the "Weekly News."

After the carriage ride the entire convention party were photographed in a group. Copies of the pictures were ordered by most of those present.

The town was brilliantly decorated in red, white and blue, the business houses seeming to vie with each other in their efforts to welcome the visitors. And on the evening of our last day there, a brilliant display of fire works was given from Goat Island and Luna Island. Thousands of visitors crowed Prospect Park and both banks of the river to witness the sport.

But we were doomed to disappointment. All these fire works, and all

this bunting, was not for us, but for the Convention of New York State Firemen, which occurred the same week with ours.

On Tuesday night a banquet was held at the International Hotel. There were 38 guests present and a most enjoyable time was had. Toasts and responses interlarded the attacks on the viands spread before us, and it was midnight when the party broke up.

Incidental to the banquet I must relate a good joke on Charlie Mekeel. He was sitting near the head of the table, and in the midst of a thirsty crowd. Calling the head waiter, he ordered a round of claret for the party and at the same time said that some Champaign had better be put on ice. The claret responded promptly to the order, and almost before there was time to put it away the waiters were serving champaign all around. Charley and his immediate neighbors wondered who was "doing the wine," and finally concluded that the boys further down the table were responsible for it. At any rate the wine kept coming and there was no opportunity to order, so the situation was accepted with resignation. The solution was reached the next day when Mekeel want to settle his bill at the hotel office. They had him charged with all the wine served, eight bottles of Champaign at \$5. a bottle and a dozen of claret!!

It is not my intention to report the actual work of the convention. That will be reported in full in the Official Journal. At no time was there any considerable difference of opinion among the delegates except on the question of continuing the American Philatelist, and the final outcome of that matter was such as to please both factions. There was but one call of the roll during the convention, and that was on the recommendation to discontinue the American Philatelist. This recommendation was defeated by a vate of 78 ayes, 86 nays.

I observe that *Mekeel's Weekly* reverses, the above figures in reporting the Convention. That is incorrect. The vote was as stated above.

It required a two-thirds vote to carry the matter and it failed to even get a majority.

Mr. Rogers created considerable amusement by moving the appointment of a counterfeiter. He intended to have said a counterfeit detector.

At the last session we came very near getting into a very disagreeable situation. Mr. Mekeel called on the Credential Committees to report on a lot of proxies handed in the evening before. Mr. Scott, Chairman of the Committee disclaimed all knowledge of the proxies, and Mr. Davison, secretary of the Committee, claimed he had handed them to Mr. Scott. Just as things were looking very stormy indeed, Mr. Scott, discovered the documents in his coat tail pocket!

Mr. Rogers held an auction sale Monday night, at the conclusion of President Tiffanys' address. Although there were many good stamps offered the sale was far from being a success. Very few lots were sold to the buyers present, most of the lots being either unsold or bought by Mr. Rogers himself.

Next year's Convention will be held in Chicago. This was generally expected and the question was settled without resort to a calling of the

roll. The date of the Convention will be determined by the President but it must occur during the months of July or August, the exact date to be announced thirty days in advance.

Mr. H. L. Calman, who has attended each Convention prior to this, was absent. Mr. Mekeel maintains an unbroken record, and is the only member who has attended every meeting.

As a result of this Convention many new members can be expected, as well as the re-instatement of many old ones who had dropped out. The Association is now on a firm basis, financially and otherwise, and there is nothing whatever to deter any philatelist from joining its ranks. This meeting showed a membership of 220 stock holders, it is our prediction that by the time our next meeting occurs we will have at least 600.

OUR GOSSIP.

A writer in the July London *Philatelic Monthly* has made a wonderful discovery. He finds that our Newspaper stamps are 'not put on the papers posted at all, but in a book where they are obliterated.' Our friend across the water surely hasn't examined the wrappers of even his philatelic exchanges.

Roy F. Greene in the July number of his Eagle Philatelist strikes a chord which sends a vibrating thrill of the keenest pleasure through the heart of our editor. It is what he says regarding correspondence. Nothing is more nearer our heart and nothing more dearer than that old pile of philatelic correspondence which has been accumulating, aye even for years. Like the acervation of all material it becomes unwieldy and in the way. Shall we burn it? We pick up a few letters. The first chances to be from, one whom Mr. Greene also mentions, the genial President of the Iowa Philatelic Association. To us what thoughts arise! Of the two hours we spent at Mr. Newcomers side. How patient he was, never uttering one word of complaint, though scarcely able to move a muscle. Rheumatism is the dire which has stricken him and left him entirely helpless. His pen is silent and what little contributing he does at present is dictated. A recent letter tells of a contemplated visit to some sulphus springs and it is our earnest wish and hope that he may be alleviated at a very early date.

An enterprizing advertiser realizing the future prospects of the Western Philatelist has entered into a yearly contract with us for two pages of advertising per issue. This firm is none other than the Philatelic and Subscription agency by Howard P. Boyle, 1719 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

How many of our brother philatelists are members of the various greek letter societies. Vast preparations are being made for a complete and joint exhibition of all matters of interest pretaining to the fraternaties at the Columbian Exposition and general headquarters established. We hope the present project will be successfully terminated and that we may have the pleasure of meeting some philatelists who are brothers in the band as well.

We have a small collection of used postal cards, three in number, that could not be purchased for love or gummed hinges. They are all written in the same hand, signed by the same person, and each dated one month apart. Each ask kindly for a sample copy.

Mr. Spooner of the *Stamp* is dabbling in politics. He is a republican, we take it, yet he advises all true philatelists to vote for Grover and Adlai. Now friend Spooner you wouldn't turn traitor to the g.o.p. because Wanamaker did not look upon your *Stamp* as we philatelists do. We know you deserved second class rates but suppose John should see your spiteful sentiment, he might use that axe Grover and Adlia wielded so well in 1884.

Verily, verily, Mekeel must have a *pull* some place. The advertising columns of the P. J. of A. have been deserted by all, but for every foreign ad. that Mekeel loses, he puts in three of his own, and continues to fill one-third of his journal thusly.

We suggest the names of Grover Cleveland and Adlai Stevenson for the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter's* Substitute List. What's our number friend Greene? Of course offences against these gentlemen date back a number of years about 1861 or 1863 we believe and their infancy then will be the only cause of our leniency.

We are sorry to note the fact that the ad. and sub. announced by H. P. Boyle at Washington, D. C. is to be given up. Mr. Boyle expects to begin a preparatory law course at the University of Pennsylvania this fall and feels that his time will not admit of editorial work. He will. however, continue the agency, now being so ably conducted.

The Chicago Branch No. 1 of the incorpated A. P. A. met at Cobb's Library on the evening of August 25th. Owing to the absence of so many from the city, but few were present. A resolution was offered and prepared for the signature of all members, petitioning for a charter under the new regime and requesting the appointment of P. M. Wolsieffer as resident Vice-President. It is to be hoped that the present low dues, will add a large number of new members to Branch 1. We have plenty of A. P. A. application blanks and would be pleased to sign any for parties known to us.

Owing to the large amount of other matter in our hands requiring publication, we present nothing new this month on the amalgamation scheme. It still rolls merrily on and we look forward to the announcement of the vote in the P. S. of A. and W. P. U. Whatever the result may be, let us abide by the decision. If a majority favoramalgamation then let it be so. If not, let us continue in our best efforts for the A. P. A. and if some are still not satisfied then see that these new collectors become members of one of the good minor associations. Get them into some society at all events. Interest them and during this season, which has opened so auspiciously let us all strive to advance our cause further and further into the highways of public opinion.

The Chicago Philatelic Society convened in regular meeting August

18th with fourteen members present. When the resolutions for changing the C. P. S. to a purely local society were brought up, it was decided, owing to the absence of several of the prominent agitators and opponents of this measure, to postpone action until some later date and the last meeting in October was fixed as the date and although some time distant C. P. S. members would do well to earnestly consider this move. Passive members are no more taking the prominent interest they once did and now that the A. P. A. dues have been made equal to and virtually the same as those of the C. P. S., with much better benefits, this fact will become more noticable.

Dire rumors of the future permanent headquarters of the Chicago Philatelic Society being located at the Ætna House have reached our ears, and this sprightly Dame says P. M. lingered long at that open door. Even nature smiles.

Exchanges and Correspondents are requested to direct all mail to Auburn Park, Chicago.

The list of alleged frauds published in the Philatelic Fraud Reporter still continues to grow. The June issue devoting six entire pages to the publication of the names of these pests of philately. It was somewhat of a surprise to us however, to note that the entire list was supplied by one firm and that the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo., and the aggregate sum of this alleged fraudulency reaching the enormous figure of something like \$1.500. That so large a sum in small amounts, should fall to the lot of one firm is almost a revelation to us and at first thought one would suggest loose or careless management. It is our private opinion however, that a great deal more discretion should be used in the publication of these alleged frauds for in the same issue of the above journal an editorial rectifies an error in the insertion of a name as a substituter, one of the vilest kinds of fraud. Such carelessness should not be tolerated for indeed how many dealers would find this correction several months later. To publish an innocent name is far worse than the loss of the entire account in our opinion. Sheets have been, and will continue to be, lost in the mails collectors will change their residence, sheets have been inislaid and forgotten, and many other circumstances may intervene and prevent the collector from making proper returns. It is justice then, after one or two requests for returns, to immediately rush into print and perhaps blast the life of some poor and innocent collector? Take time and reflect.

We still notice the name of John J. Morgan advertised in various journals, as publisher of the *Columbian Philatelist*, at Camden, N. J. Box 28. We were notified that his present whereabouts were unknown and to discontinue sending him mail matter directed at that place.

Roy F. Greene contributes a short poem entitled "Striking Paying Dirt" in a recent number of the western mining paper *Great Divide*.

Messrs. S. B. Bradt & Co's eighth sale which will be held sometime during October will consist of the collection, duplicates and papers of the well known collector and popular dealer Mr. Chas. Townsend, Akron, O.

We have recently received communications asking our opinion upon the advisability of organizing a state philatelic society. Mr. Wolsieffer mentions it in his notes in Mekeel's Weekly and although we know of no special efforts that have yet been expended upon this subject there seems to be some inward feeling among our philatelists that Illinois, the pride of the Union, and the center of the universe, should not be behind in the aiding and furthering the interests of our pursuit. For our part we would like to see a state society organized and have no doubt that an exchange department operated within our boundaries would be a grand We might organize with an object to bring into more prominence our younger generation, and to inculcate a greater love for our We have a large field and with the right sort of organization we could make a powerful campaign and add many new aspirants to the roll of Philately. We would be pleased to receive the opinion of philatelists located in Illinois.

Owing to some misunderstanding we are unable to present any report whatever from the convention of the Iowa Philatelists in convention at Des Moines. We withheld our copy from the printer with the hopes that our correspondent would respond immediately, but we are disappointed as well as delayed over a week in the publication of this number.

CANADIAN NOTES.

BY COLONALIUS.

Several of the Canadian Post Offices have adopted those old fashioned red postmarks. They are assuredly neither a "thing of beauty nor a joy forever."

Some Montreal Philatelists are endeavoring to start a Philatelic Journal. They have the money, the neccessary knowledge but they want a good lively dealer to take hold of the management, but *he* can't be found.

The *Dominion Philatelist* we are glad to say is showing signs of improvement. A little original matter is badly needed.

The Exchange Department of the Philatelic Society of Canada is a dead affair.

The Canadian Philatelist is steadily improving, in my opinion it publishes more original matter than any other journal of its size in America. It has one serious fault;—it contains too many of the publishers advertisements. It is published in London, Canada.

A new die of the Canadian 1 cent wrapper has appeared, it corresponds with the new Post Card.

A strange collector is making the round of the small Canadian Post Offices buying up everything in the shape of old Canadian Stamps, he can find. Who is he?

A collector here recently found a large number of 6d perforated among some old correspondence. He immediately sold the lot to a leading dealer for \$200!

The Annual Convention of the C. P. A. was held on August the 16th. After the A. P. A.

The C. P. A. is talking of doing away with its exchange department.

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Besides all these fine offers we will also give absolutely free, the following received after September 15th.

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Dealers are respectfully requested to investigate our claims for a good circulation and as the fall trade has now earnestly begun let us make you an estimate on your advertising. Remember also that next month will be a grand time to be represented in a Chicago journal. The Dedicatory services of the WORLD'S FAIR will bring many strangers and philatelists to our city, and every one of the latter will receive copies of our October number.

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The Philatelic Society of Canada held their first annual convention at Ottawa on August 18, 19 and 20th.

SEPARATE NOTES OF S. B. BRADT & CO.

With the August issue of that bright and welcome visitor, the *Chicago Stamp News* came the S. B. Bradt Co's. seventh auction sale catalogue. This consisting of 821 lots will occur September 14 and any of our friends desiring us to execute bids, will always find us willing and ready to do so. We can supply copies of the catalogue to all who desire same.

LITERARY REVIEWS.

Our most frequent visitor is Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, and this, upon the whole, is very natural as the News is the only weekly stamp paper published. Mr. I A. Mekeel, who fills the important position of editor of this paper, has managed to supply the collecting world with an extremely interesting newspaper. Newspaper it is, and newspaper it claims to be. No long, heavy articles are published in its pages but instead are filled with the doings of the Philatelic World. With such correspondents as P. M. Wolsiester ond "Canadensis," the freshness of whose styles are so well known, it is little wonder that the paper has been such a success. Every part of the country is represented by a good reporter so that the News is by far the best paper for "notes," and being published weekly the news given is always fresh. A. P. A. matters have had a prominent place in its columns in the last sew numbers which is very natural, as the Convention of the Association was about the most important philatelic event last month. [C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co., 1007-9-11 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. \$1.]

Published by the same company and edited by C. H. Mckeel is the Philatelic Journal of America. In the August number Mr. Mekeel has given us a paper first class in every particular. The Chronicle of New Issues is one of the best published in any country. It is one of the two illustrated chronicles published in this country and in completeness and accuracy may be fully relied upon. One fault however we have to find with it. The cuts used for illustrating are somewhat rough and do not bring out clearly the minor points in the stamps. Editorially Mr. Mekeel speaks of the "U. S. Jubilee Stamps," "The Paris Exposition" and other matters of interest. The eighth installment of Mr. Tidany's Calendar occupies a page in the most satisfactory manner. The author deserves a great deal of credit for the number of philatelic events he chronicles, having left but six vacancies in this dullest of months. A. P. A. matters in more than five pages and will, be found interesting reading by the majority of collectors. The "Notes and Clippings, Concerning Counterfeits, Reprints, Oddities and New Discoveries," are, as may be expected, of the greatest value and interest to the collector. As promised in the notice at the beginning the latest information is given "regarding counterfeits, reprints and fakes that may turn up." In fact every matter of importance concerning any stamp which cannot be placed in the Chronicle of New Issues goes here. We don't attempt to give a a list of the information contained in this department but simply say that, as usual, several pages are de-The circulars relating to the Paris Stamp Exposition are printed in full. They include all the Regulations, etc. It is to be hoped that the Exposition will be a success. A great many medals and diplomas are offered for good exhibits and we hope that the collectors of this country will obtain their share. A reprint of "Some Remarks on the Triangular Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope," by Emil Tamsen, from the London Philatelist is most excellent. The author evidently understands his subject as the reader also will upon reading the paper. A short consignment of a translation of Moens' "History of Spanish Stamps" and a biograph of M. Philbrick, Q. C., the ex-president of the London Philatelic Society, with other matters of general interest make several interesting pages. Mr. Tiffany is treating the Spanish counterfeits, lately captured in St. Louis, in a manner that will put them upon the The Journal is valuable for this serial alone. [\$1 per year.]

The Metropolitan Philatelist for August gives a large amount of valuable information. Otto Rommel's "The Stamps of Bergedorf" is interesting, it gives the history

of each stamp and issue. Mr. Stone has a good Chronicle but with only one illustration. Mr. M. P. Castle containues to explain the surcharges of the South Australian official stamps. We are glad to see the notice of a special issue of U.S. stamps for the World's Fair and hope that the designs and workmanship will do the country credit. The 1892-3 series of Mexican Revenues are treated at length by Chas. Gregory. Reviews, Correspondence, etc., with the reports of the New York Philatelic Societies complete the number. [J. W. Scott, 163 Fulton St., New York City.

The American Philatelist for August is at hand. It contains the conclusion of the "Epitome of the American Philatelic Auction Sales." Mr. Beardsley has a very good idea in this epitome but it is not carried out fast enough. The prices given are all a year old now so that although it is still, in a great measure, a guide to the present market value of the stamps listed, it would be still more so if it was all published at one time within a short time of the last sale included. However we can't expect everything at once and the epitome in its present manner of publication is rather superior to none. The "Chronicle of New Issues," etc., by Mr. Stone, is first rate in every particular except illustration, which it lacks entirely. The "Reports of Local Societies" and "Reviews and Exchanges" are followed by an excellent "Editorial Comment." The editorials of this paper are always good and are a most intertaining feature. Most philatelic editors confine themselves almost entirely to announcements relating to the paper instead of discussing interesting questions, and while, in many cases, this is a great blessing, in others, where the editorial chair is filled by an intelligent and experienced man, this is a great pity. The rest of the paper is made up of A. P. A. reports, etc., which show that the Association is flourishing.

The Quaker City Philatelist, edited by Millard F. Walton is the great society paper. The August number contains an article on "The Postage Stamps of Newfoundland," by Lt. H. M. T. Chandler, of some value. It is one of a series of articles, by this author, though usually short are interesting and valuable and are a very good feature The old style chronicle of new issues by R. R. Bogert is short and we fear but little read. M. G. Folte makes a short argument against amalgamation but advocates union of the philatelic societies. Mr. Folte should look into Mr. Wolsieffer's theory for amalgamation or rathed for union and re-construction. Society reports occupy a great deal of space but some of them are rather good reading even to nonmembers." "A Journalistic Bird's Eye View," by "Canadensis," is simply a list of some of the best philatelic papers of America. [Quaker City Philatelic Pub. Co., Lt'd., Box 38, Philadelphia, Pa. 25 cents.]

The Canadian Philatelist completes Vol. 1 with the July number. The "Literary Review," occupies the first page and is followed by a fantasy, of small, value called "A Philatelist's Looking Backward," by "Nemo." "The Collecting of Oddities," by C. E. Range gives some idea of how far that may be carried with U. S. stamps alone and is enough to discourage any one from attempting a collection of the kind. Interesting notes from Montreal, The World's Fair City and England are followed by a correspondence column. P. S. of C. matters take two pages, and as many more are occupied by editorials on "The P. S. of C. convention," "Mutual Protection," and other subjects. [L. M. Staebler, 185½, Dundas St., London, Ont. Canada. 15 cents.]

The Sons of Philatelia have a great deal of space in four papers for July. The first is the Southern Philatelist. "Gussie" Luhn was at the S. of P. convention on the 4th of July and reports it in his own style. "Philatelic Visits" is also by the editor and is an account of his doings just after the convention. Under the heading of "San Antonia Notes," some of the collectors of that city are introduced to the outside world. Mr. Luhn gives the A. P. A. members a little talk and ends the number with two pages of "Editorial Chat Etc." Southern Stamp & Pub. C., 25 Broad St.,

25 cents. Charleston, S. C.

The second paper held by the S. of P. is the Collector, official organ of that society. "An Open Letter," by "Chic" is a comparison of the advantages derived from the S. of P. as compared with those from the A. P. A. He is rather bitter against the A. P. A. with more or less reason perhaps. The official account of the Convention fills one page. It seems strange that in a society of "over 350" members but 181 should be interested enough to be represented in person or by proxy. Reports follow, after which the editor gives us a few notes and concludes a, rather limited, number. (The Collector Publishing Co., New Chester, Adams Co., Pa. 15 cents.)

The S. of P. are also in Mr. A. H. Crittenden's paper, the Detroit Philatelist, No.

4 as a whole is quite a readable paper. The S. of P. Convention and Michigan Philatelic Association matters come first and are followed by general "Notes," and review "On Contemporaries." All the editorials refer to the paper but Cleve Scott gives a long collection of "Grills and Surcharges," which are quite in teresting. Under "Why Not Join?" the A. P. A. rereives a good horn blowing begun by a cut of the stock certificates. (A. H. Crittenden, 169 12th St., Detroit, Mich. 25 cents.)

Mr. D. E. Hazen has brarely sent out No. 1, Vol. I of the Florida Philatelist in the heat of July. Published as announced on the cover, in the "Land of Flowers," perhaps the paper will thrive in this season. It starts with three pages of philatelic fiction in a poem, "A Philatelic Wail," by Roy F. Greene and a story, "Howard's Stamp Case," by Guy W. Green. E. P. Newcomer "Sees" some very good points, as usual. The S. of P. Convention is reported and from some of the remarks made upon the subject we fear that it was not as harmonious as some of the other reports would make out. Mr. H. Gremmel conducts a chronicle of "New Issues and Discoveries," and a Literary review completes the number. [D. E. Hazen, Stamp & Pub. Co., Thouctosassa, Florida. 25 cents.

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The Postal Card for July is a very good paper. Notes on the "World's Fair Exhibition, "Jamaica Provisionals of 1876," "U. S. Reply Cards," etc. are followed by a chronicle of "New Issues," etc. The Canada 1x1c card, stamp at left, is proved to be an error of printing by a communication from the Dominion authorities. Notes and reports of the "Postal Card Society of America" occupy a prominent place and show the Society to be in a prosperous condition. [The Post Card, 223 W. Grand St., Elizabeth, N. J. 25 cents.]

The Curio for July announces a new departure, namely, that with the August number the entire space will be devoted to U. S. stamps alone. This we think is a good move for specialism. "U. S. Notes" and "Stamps in Cases," with the advertisements make up the little four page number. [Curio Co., Benson, Minn. 25 cents.]

The Dominion Philatelist for July opens with a good, but unillustrated, "Chronicle of New Issues," etc. by Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone's chronicles are very good indeed and if the publishers would illustrate his work this paper would have one of the finest chronicles published. As it is now published it is rather dry and uninteresting reading and of but small value to most collectors. As Official Organ of the C. P. A. the Dominion Philatelist states that: "In spite of all rumors to the contrary, the C. P. A. has had a prosperous year." The Secretary reports 89 members and incorporation is spoken of as a probability. Notes, "Correspondence" and "Postal Information," fill four pages while an installment of "Stamp Collecting in Italy" occupies the last page. [Dom. Philateiic Pub. Co., Peterborough, Ont., Canada. 50 cents.]

One of the first papers to turn up each month is the Stamp Collectors' Journal

[England.] The July number is mostly advertisements. The History of the British Post Office, by G. Burrow is still continued and has reached the period from •1765 to It is rather interesting to study the condition of the P. O. in those early days. As usual, the Editorials are good and one in relation to philately and charity shows some ways in which stamp collecting may be turned to very good purposes by one who understands the subject. "Incog" in his "London Notes" advocates an annual exhibition of stamps in that city. The Journal concludes with notes of society do-

ings. [C. H. Nunn, Bury S. Edmund's, England. 36 cents.]

Our review this month is not as good as we hope to make it in the future. The object we have in mind is to give an outline of the contents of each publication with sketches and criticisms of the leading articles. And although this sounds like a very little the work required notwithstanding is great. The one underlieing cause for our failure to accomplish our object this month is the absence from home of our reviewer and as a consequence his failure to receive many of the July and August publications. Those that did come to hand before the time for his copy to be sent in came so late that he was unable to give the time required for their proper perusal. This will not happen again and our subscribers may depend upon something very fine in this department of the paper.

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