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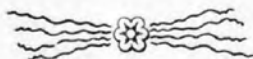
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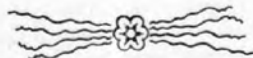


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SALUTATORY.

"There is room for one more," says the conductor. There is always room for one more from the time the family ranks open to receive one more young stranger into their midst, to the time when Mother Earth parts to make room for one more who has yielded up his place among the bustling throngs of humanity.

Thus the PENTUCKET PHILATELIST appears and now that you have seen it, we might as well say a few frank words with you, regarding it, and the object.

The PENTUCKET PHILATELIST will contain articles of interest to all who have at any time collected or handled postage stamps. But the paper will be of interest to others also. Hints on collecting, stories of collectors, reminiscences, anecdotes, current news at various centres of philately and other points too numerous to mention, will fill its columns.

If you are not now a collector of postage stamps but desire to collect, you will get information in the body of the paper, and learn where to obtain bargains in stamps from the advertising portion of the paper. We will say here, that it is our intention to allow only firms whom we believe reliable, to advertise in our columns.

For old collectors we shall strive to publish notes and articles each month from the favorite and most able writers on the subject. The PENTUCKET PHILATELIST will appear promptly the first of each month, containing eight pages and cover, and will be sent to your address for one year on the receipt of twenty-five cents. We hope every reader of this will become a subscriber, and assist us in making this a progressive publication. We, on our part, will endeavor in every feasible way to increase its value and efficiency.

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AN UNDESIRABLE PHILATELIC TENDENCY.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

All nature, including man, is in a constant state of transition. We change almost imperceptibly, we know not how. This rule applies to philatelists as well as to every other class of humanity.

There is a certain sort of change among stamp collectors, however, which I have been led to question the benefit of, and which I verily believe is for the worse instead of for the better. We are taught that all change should properly be in the nature of a progression. It seems to me that the tendency on the part of philatelists, of which I am about to speak, partakes rather of the qualities of a retrogression. I allude to the tendency, which some of our collectors show, to pass from the study and pursuit of stamps themselves to those of some of the objects growing out of stamps, philatelic literature for instance.

We may safely say that every young philatelist is a "stamp collector," pure and simple. He does not seek to amass a library. He is not anxious to publish a paper, or to be able to exhibit complete files of philatelic literature. The thing, which to him is most desirable is a good collection of postage stamps, and these he seeks to obtain, devoting all his energies to their acquisition.

As the collector grows older certain other philatelic influences steal into his life. His monthly paper becomes of more importance in his eyes. Unconsciously he notices the numbers of old periodicals which are missing from his shelves, and from which observation comes a desire to complete broken volumes. Perhaps the search entered upon is a difficult one. If so, this quality gives it added zest. The effort becomes more arduous, the hunt more keen; stamps are forgotten, and almost before we know what has happened we have a collector of philatelic literature instead of a collector of stamps. Is the change a desirable one? Who is there dares reply in the affirmative?

Let us suppose another case. We have here a collector who is thoroughly interested in his stamps, and one who is a pillar in society and an authority on his specialties. But somehow or other he is seized with the desire to publish a paper. Success is apparently certain and so he embarks on his enterprise. To the wonder and surprise of everyone he *is* successful, and his paper grows on his hands. It requires an increasing amount of his time and finally the point is reached where he must choose one of two masters, his collection or his paper. He cleaves to his paper and we have no longer a philatelist, but a philatelic publisher. Is this a transition to be sought after? In my opinion, it is not.

Perhaps there has been a collector of your acquaintance who has been endowed with some literary ability, and who has written successfully for the philatelic press. His productions have met with favorable comment and he is besieged by requests from editors for copy. He endeavors to make the supply of work from his pen equal the demand, and in the effort he drops his collection altogether. You can see the inevitable result as well as I. There comes a time at last when his supply of philatelic knowledge is exhausted. He has long since ceased to study his collection and so his well-spring of learning is dry. The philatelist becomes a philatelist author, and now the author has collapsed and we have a miserable failure. That the change has been a lamentable one no one will deny.

Among your friends, let us suppose you numbered one who had a capacity for organization. He was a "pusher". When anything in the society line was to be done he was always the individual to do it. He would sit up half the night writing letters to out-of-town collectors in order to get them interested in some popular movement. The seal of his approval once set on anything it was bound to go through. So, on account of his success in whatever work he undertook more work was heaped upon him. And he, great, broad shouldered, good hearted soul, undertook each new responsibility without a murmur. In time the burden became too great and his collection was dropped. He could manage the exchange department of a growing society. He could act as secretary of a powerful organization. But he could not get sufficient time to devote to his own collection. His fellows were gainers. He alone was looser. Is such a course as the one just described, commendable? Perhaps so, but my face shall forever be set against it.

The above examples are not imaginary ones. They can be observed personally by any thoughtful philatelist. The question now arises, does all this pay? Should we study stamps or should we devote our energies to those things of less importance which result from stamps? Each must answer for himself, but as for me I prefer the study of stamps themselves.

I do not affirm that philatelic literature collecting is an injury. I would not say that the publication of stamp periodicals should cease, or that philatelic authorship should receive less recognition than is accorded it at present. The society organizer is an indispensable individual and we need him, and need him bad.

What I say is that we should not follow the devious windings of their lesser paths and forsake the broad highway of our hobby. In this opinion I feel that all must concur.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The Sons of Philatelia held their first convention in the parlors of the Globe Inn, Gettysburg, Pa., on July 4 and 5, 1892. One hundred and sixty-five members were represented by proxy, and eighteen were present in person as follows:—

President J. D. Bartlett, South Amboy, N. J.

Secretary, R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.

Exchange Superintendent, William H. Emmert, New Oxford, Pa.

Trustee, R. P. Spooner, New York City.

C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.; Gus Luhn, Charlestown, S. C.; Phil L. Messer, Baltimore, Md.; H. F. Kautner, Reading, Pa.; R. W. Ashcroft, Brooklyn, N. J.; Dr. R. J. Russell, Hanover, Pa.; F. R. Hoyt, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. P. Stetler, Altoona, Pa.; C. W. Grevning, New York City; F. S. Fox, Reading, Pa.; W. Nichlas, jr., Baltimore, Md.; W. H. Linn, Hanover, Pa.; L. M. Lang, Baltimore, Md.; S. J. Londer, Altoona, Pa.

Most of the time was occupied in adopting the constitution, some of the most important points adopted are:—

Initiation fee ten cents, dues twenty-five cents per year.

No member is allowed to hold more than twenty-five proxies.

President, Treasurer and the Exchange Superintendent must be not less than twenty-one years of age.

To be eligible to office, one must be a member of the society at least three months.

Trustees must all reside in the same City or Town.

The "Collector" to be the official journal and must be published prior to the fifteenth of the month.

Election will be held at each convention under the direction of the Trustees.

Votes must be sent to them by mail, no proxy votes count at election.

About nine o'clock in the evening of the Fourth the boys painted the hotel red by giving a display of fire-works which was enjoyed by all present.

Next convention will be held within thirty miles of Chicago, the three days following the A. P. A. convention. The place to be selected by the official board.

President Bartlett has been travelling during the past month, visiting collectors in the state of Pennsylvania. His intention is to make a tour of the west before he returns to New Jersey.

Officers elected for the ensuing term are: President, J. D. Bartlett; Vice President, C. W. Peugh; Treasurer, P. L. Messer; Exchange Supt., W. H.

Emmert; Auction Manager, J. C. Miller; Counterfeit Detector, E. P. Neucomer; Purchasing Agent, Chas. H. Mead; Trustees, R. P. Spooner, Chas. W. Grevning, Ramsay Peugnet.

International Secretary, Librarian and Attorney were not elected. The election for these three officers is to be held on September 15. All nominations must be made sixty days prior to the election.

H. F. Kautner of Reading, Pa. read a poem written by Roy F. Greene of Arkansas City, in behalf of the P. of S.'s. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Greene for his kind remembrance.

The President is to appoint resident vice presidents for each state.

Convention adjourned at 2.30 P. M., July 5, and all the members present, excepting Mr. S. J. Londer who was obliged to return home early, had a photo taken in a group.

DELL.

RANDOM NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

BY CHIC.

Look out for the 2 1-2 d provisional of South Australia as in a few cases the surcharge was inverted and in spite of any number of anti-surcharge societies, this variety will command a high price in the near future.

At a recent auction sale in London under the auspices of Chevely, Wilson and Co., a Natal, 3d, blue, star watermark, unperforated specimen in an unused condition sold for \$52.50.

Already the new stamps of Nicaragua are being forged across the big pond. It is reported that in London there are numerous specimens in circulation, mostly held by boys who hang around the various stamp shops attempting to dispose of them to innocent customers.

Advanced collectors should bear in mind that there are two distinct varieties of the two pence half penny provisional of Jamaica. The first variety is overprinted in a blurred type, as if by a rubber stamp, while the second is in thin, clear type, and though some people would have us to believe differently, both kinds will soon be rare, as the new 2 1-2 d stamp is out.

The highest price ever paid to a Northwestern collector for his collection was received by Mr. A. H. Grotefend of Minneapolis. He disposed of his collection of over six thousand to Mr. W. F. Baitzell of Baltimore for \$350, and my informant says that Mr. B. again sold it in a few days for something like \$600. The collection was singularly unique and almost complete in old issues of the German states.

We cannot see why so many of our dealers put such trash as unused Bamra, Whadham, Alwur and the like in their packets and on the sheets. They do not seem to realize the fact that where one person buys them, twenty-five refuse them and that those twenty-five have a very poor opinion as to the honor of the dealer who places such stuff on his sheets and also has printed on his sheets, "all stamps warranted genuine." These stamps may be all right but we doubt it very much.

Where do all these Ecuador Revenues come from? By their looks one would think that some enterprising young man had purchased an enormous stock of them and after running them through his 2 x 4 printing press, had started them on their tour around the world as "genuine used postally" specimens. The collectors in the Northwest are steering clear of them and it is now very difficult to dispose of them "in these diggings."

THE OUTLOOK.

H. P. A.

Every fall, after the so called vacation months are over, not only the dealer, but also the collector naturally ask what is the outlook for philately the coming season.

The dealer is naturally anxious to know what he is going to do, whether he must need make calculations on increased sales or whether he had better try to run down his stock in anticipation of a depression of trade.

The collector wants to know so that we may "figure" on the amount of exchanging he can do during the winter months. Should the outlook be poor he will prefer to buy only what he absolutely needs in his own collection and not "snap up" bargains to trade off.

Now what is the prospect for the winter 1892-3? Of course we hear of the usual number of young collectors giving up to pursue some other hobby; occasionally we learn that some really advanced and scientific collector will confine himself to some specialism, and here and there some fairly prominent collectors are dropping out the ranks.

On the other hand reports from all sections of the country show many new recruits starting in, and this of course is encouraging.

So putting one and one together our deduction is that as a whole the outlook is very favorable. The great rarities will be in just as much demand as ever, the cheaper quality be in better demand, and as always the demand for old U. S. will be found to be on the increase. Should there be any falling off, it will be in the demand of the fairly rare—worth from fifty cents to one dollar—foreign stamps.

EDITORIAL.

Collectors we wish to call your attention to the fact that the dealers advertising in this paper are reliable and well worthy of your patronage. In answering "ads" you will confer a great favor on the publishers by writing in your letter, "saw ad. in Pentucket Philatelist."

To all those publishing stamp papers, we would say we would like to exchange two copies: one for the editor and one for the business manager. If, however, you only send us one we shall do likewise.

It gives us great pleasure to announce to our friends that the well known "Essex County Philatelist" has been consolidated with the PENTUCKET PHILATELIST. To all of the old subscribers we shall endeavor to make this paper as good, if not better, than the "E. C. P."

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From time to time we shall publish articles intended especially for the young collector, these will give minute descriptions for telling the watermark, the difference in the papers, and other facts of the same nature. It is hoped that these will also be of benefit to the older collector as well.

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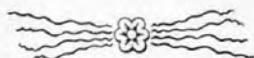
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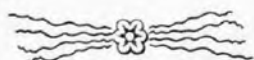
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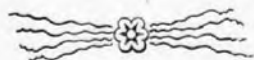


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packages and you can easily obtain them. But in ten years from now, yes, even in five years, they will be worth three or four times what they are now. I have no doubt that in 1897 they will be catalogued at 25 cents each.

Let us next take the three cent vermilion of 1887. I was looking over the catalogue of a prominent firm yesterday and was surprised to learn that they wanted 10 cents each for this denomination used. Will it not advance just as rapidly during the next five years as it has during the past five. I presume most of you are familiar with the advance in value of the 30 cent brown and 90 cent purple of 1888. How much have they raised within the past year alone? nearly 75 per cent. and if they do not command at least 50 per cent. more by the time the next catalogue appears, I shall miss my guess very badly.

Now these are only a few of the examples of rise in values, and that too, of stamps which may now be obtained at moderate prices. Wherefore, five years from now do not look back longingly to these present times and wish to purchase at present prices. Stow away some of these past emissions and let them rest secure as though you did not have them and some time in the future you will be able to realize perhaps an hundred fold or more.

Written for the Pentucket Philatelist.

THRUSTS ALL AROUND.

BY JUNO.

New papers are all the rage, the Nebraska Stamp, Pentucket Philatelist and *Columbian Philatelist are some of the achievements and still philately grows!

Ralph Spooner says he soon will remove to God's stamp country known as New York City. He has not as yet secured 2nd class rates on his "Stamp."

W. R. Colman of Boston deeply interested in the well-fare of our hobby is engaged with a prominent railroad at Boston.

I see several of our literary magazines and papers are devoting departments on philately. Plain Talk and The Busy Bee are samples.

*The author of the above is a little mistaken, as to our knowledge the Columbian Philatelist has not, and probably never will appear. See Editorial for further information on this subject.

THE PUBLISHERS.

W. C. Stone and H. Gremmel both conduct "new issues" and "discoveries". The former is America's authority.

A good U. S. Revenue collection is not to be envied by philes. Nebraska has one collection complete with the exception of 10 stamps.

The Auction Superintendent of the H. P. S. reports 100 lots of stamps for auction for August.

W. H. Amnraum of—Ohio has a fine collection of over 5000 varieties.

HAVERHILL'S STAMP COLLECTION.

BY DOT.

Haverhill like most New England towns has a fair number of stamp collectors, although few are known outside of the city limits. Probably the oldest collector is Mr. Wm. Page. He has been collecting nearly fifteen years, and his collection contains a large number of varieties. His U. S. pages are especially well filled and it is a feast to look at them. He has the U. S. departments complete, and his adhesives are nearly so. He also has a large number of foreign countries complete.

Mr. Frank Chase who is at present a student of Yale College has a fine collection. His specialty is the stamps of Mexico.

Mr. A. J. Lloyd, has an extra fine collection of U. S. stamps which are his specialty. Mr. Lloyd recently had one million and a half stamps which were purchased of a lady of this city who had collected them. Although he found a number of rare stamps, he did not find as many as one would expect, out of such a number. Out of the entire list of stamps he only found about fifteen, two cent, 1869 issue. Collectors will do well to keep all they can get.

Mr. Edward Eaton has a fine general collection which contains about 3500 varieties.

Among the other collectors of this city, who have good general collections, are Mr. Norwood, of Jones Frankle; Mr. Bradley, of Carter, Ayer's express; Mr. Wakefield and Mr. C. H. Gage. Among the most prominent of the young collectors are Mr. Homer Conner and Mr. Ray Miller, and both of their collections bid fair to rival some of the oldest collectors. There is only

one thing the Haverhill's lack and that is a good stamp society. But we hope to have one and perhaps two before the season is over. As for the writer he makes a speciality of the stamps of our own country.

Written for the Pentucket Philatelist.

GRILLS AND SURCHARGES.

BY CLEVE SCOTT.

An old lady near my vicinity has an old home made envelope sealed together with wax wafers and pen cancelled 1851. It has a ten cent stamp attached, the amount required to carry it during that time. It is a very ancient looking philatelic curiosity.

Mr. John J. Morgan whose ads. have been seen so conspicuously in all our philatelic magazines is reported as a fraud. He sent out a neatly printed want list of desirable stamps and also desired approval stamps and sheets of all kinds. After scooping in a goodly amount of stamps he has quietly left Camden for parts unknown.

Mr. Roy F. Greene with his little poem and C. D. Reiners and his Western philatelist failed to attend the I. P. A. Convention at Des Moines. It was too bad it would have took.

Mr. E. C. Biggar, Lewis Brodstone, E. D. Roberts, F. M. Tessier, E. H. Wilkinson and E. R. Holmes attended the State Fair at Lincoln, Neb. and were to have a genuine "Nebraska Philatelist's meet." Special badges were prepared on a beautiful blue silk ribbon and were contributed by E. C. Biggar, who has the collector's thanks. The writer was unable to attend owing to several unlooked for circumstances which forbid. Mr. Holmes was to show his beautiful 1200 variety collection and also Mr. Wilkinson's collection. We are sure they had a good time.

Mr. J. W. Stowell the philatelic printer has so much work on hand that he has refused several orders till he can put in another larger press.

The Central philatelist is soon to appear from Lynchburg, Va.

President Harrison has issued an order that all letters from Canada must be punched to prevent the spreading of Cholera, a wise move.

H. L. Ilgenfritz the very successful secretary of the I. P. A. is to be succeeded by Mr. J. A. Dalle the I. P. A.'s former vice president. The I. P. A. will lose a very good officer.

Mr. Lewis Brodstone of Superior, Neb. recently parted with his excellent 4000 variety collection to Mr. Harry Ilgenfritz of Clarkesville, Iowa. Mr. Brodstone's collection contained among other beauties an unsevered block of 7 unused 90 cent black P. O. department stamps.

J. Percey Stetler a rattling philatelist of Altoona, Pa. is a very enterprising young man. He won two hard contested games with the perfections and is perfection in anything. His philatelic writings are excellent.

Ph. Conrath the well known editor of the Missouri Philatelist attended the Conclave at Denver, Col.

Mr. John Schurman a well known stamp collector of Fremont, Neb. recently went on a fishing excursion with some of the fairer sex and caught some bull heads we believe. Had a good time.

Mr. Clarence Jackson and Harry L. Ilgenfritz are attending the Drake University at Des Moines, Ia.

A new Philatelic magazine will shortly appear from Omaha, Neb. and according to reports will be quite excellent. Hope you'll stay brethren.

An old friend of mine said, "Postmark Collecting" was carried on in an English college he was attending over 25 years ago. Quite a record indeed.

Mr. Frank M. Tessier of Dutton, Neb. accompanied a "merry go round" at the Lincoln State Fair.

We westerners will soon startle the "stamp community" by something which is neat and spicy. Just wait and you'll see it.

From the Editor's Pen.

The bargain days are not all over, as a Haverhill collector recently bought a set of Executive Departments for \$5.00.

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We hope all our readers will pardon us, if they find any mistake in our first two numbers, as we have labored under a disadvantage. The Editor being off during the first number and the Business Manager during the second number.

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Next month we shall introduce two new features, viz: "Our Business Manager" and "Doings of our Brother Editor." The first column as the name indicates will be under charge of our business manager and will contain practical hints to advertisers. The second will be a review of all stamp magazines received by us.

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Where, oh where, is John J. Morgan? Lock box 28, Camden, N. J. Morgan has advertised quite extensively and also sent out circulars saying that he bought U. S. stamps, and was publisher of the *Columbian Philatelist*. The prices he offered for U. S. stamps were quite tempting to the collectors, who had a few duplicates and his victims range well up into the hundreds; while the amount they were swindled out of will count well up in the thousands. On the circular we have before us he writes, "send few good sheets." "My collection has 3000 varieties nearly and I am a big buyer. Yours, J. J. M." Perhaps it is needless to state that he did not receive any sheets, as persons who write in this style are apt to never return the sheets as the above shows.

Remember the rise in our advertising rates occurs on November first.

The Malden Philatelist is to be discontinued having been refused second class rates.

If you wish any of the U. S. stamps we advertise on the second page of cover, you had better send at once, as our stock is nearly exhausted.

We desire to exchange two copies with all philatelic journals. So if you wish to see us again, Brother Editor, be sure and send us two copies.

If you are not already a subscriber, send us your subscription. Our Christmas number will be of special interest, both to collectors and to advertisers.

We wish to call your attention to our list of U. S. stamps on the second page of cover. If you want any of them send at once as supply is nearly gone.

Are you a member of any stamp society? If not why not join the Sons of Philatelia. The initiation fee is only ten cents, while the dues are only 25 cents per year.

The Era has donned a new overcoat for the winter. The Philatelic Literary Review is without doubt the best review on this side of the pond. By the way don't forget us next time, Bro. Small.

Collectors if you are in need of new issues be sure and read the ad. of Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst. And by the way if you ever happen to be in Washington, stop over and see his collection. His U. S. are especially well worth seeing.

We have received the "Standard Stamp Co's." new illustrated price-list, consisting of 64 pages and cover. It is very neatly printed and full of tempting offers. The publishers inform us that they printed 35,000 copies and that the list will cost them over \$1500, including postage, etc., undoubtedly the largest amount of money ever spent on a stamp price-list. They will gladly send a free copy to every collector who will address them at 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo.

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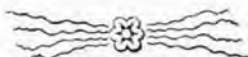
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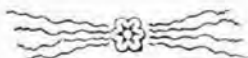
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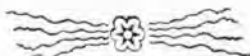


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PHILATELIC PAPERS AND THEIR OBJECT.

We have before us at the present day, a large and varied assortment; some large, some small, some containing good and interesting philatelic reading, and others little else than mere advertising sheets. It is not my object to criticise the reading, but it is undoubtedly true that a great many unphilatelic articles are permitted in our magazines. Nothing else can so lower the standard as such things which are not interesting and beneficial to the average collector. Some of the so-called philatelic fiction, trips of some dealer to another country long and tedious descriptive catalogues which to collectors, excepting the most advanced, are tiresome; something from which they derive no benefit.

Of late a good deal of philatelic fiction is published, some of which is very good and some of which is very foolish. Then controversies between rival philatelists which are aired in some papers, is exceedingly philatelic—if you think so. But I think it is the opinion of all real philatelists that stamp collecting has become such a pursuit, that it needs not philatelic (?) fiction to keep it where it should be. Another object of philatelic papers should be to instruct all classes of collectors, both the tyro and the advanced. The matter published should be such as would interest and be understood by collectors in general. It is my opinion that many interesting notes, which would benefit and enlighten collectors, are not printed because the publisher and his friends know them and imagine that every body else does. For instance the difference between the Hartford and Philadelphia dies of the U. S. Centennial Envelopes is known by a great number of collectors; yet at the same time there are twice as many who know of the variety, but could not tell the difference. If it was published in some philatelic journal, as it has lately been the case they would have added a fact worth knowing to their store of philatelic knowledge. It is therefore, or should be, the object of every good and reliable

stamp journal, to furnish its readers with good, interesting articles, pertaining to philately alone, and thereby be of benefit to all classes of the stamp collecting fraternity.

Written for the Pentucket Philatelist

GRILLS AND SURCHARGES.

BY CLEVE SCOTT.

In your last issue by "Juno" "in his notes" he says Nebraska has a collection of U. S. Revenues lacking but 10 of being complete. One enterprising Omaha collector I know of has the set complete but 3 stamps.

Mr. E. P. Newcomer says his health is somewhat improved and in the near future expects to re-enter the arena as a "writer."

A new philatelic society "The Philatelic Exchange" is organized with Messrs C. W. Peugh in the box. Next!

The current U. S. 2 cent stamp has been found in a deep brown color: one enterprising collector of Lincoln, Neb., buying an unused strip of eight. They are scarce.

Thos. O. Pardoe of Canada is said to be a fraud so the Canadian Philatelist says.

H. A. Ammaum formerly of Orville' Ohio and a prominent dealer has removed to Portland, Oregon, where he is carrying on his business as usual.

After reading the article signed by Harry Lyod I have concluded it was Mr. Harry L. Ilgenfritz. I am sure of it.

The writer has been appointed resident vice president for Nebraska of the S. of P. and many thanks are due Mr. Bartlett who is at present in Mass., Mr. Editor.

Mr. Charles H. Mead, the enterprising purchasing agent of the S. of P. is at present engaged by the government in collecting material for the Smithsonian institute and also informs us of his "western trips" which will soon occur.

The writer recently sent a letter to Scotland and on its refusal was sent back to the writer two months after. It was post marked respectfully Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dead Letter office (of Scotland) and N. Y. city. I had my card on the letter and address, and how it struck the "dead letter office" is a mystery.

Mr. O. H. Mead's 2 auction sale will come off in the spring of '93.

"The Spy" a fraud exposé is announced to appear from Rochester, Ind., soon and "The Yankee Philatelist" from Boston.

The last letter I received from Pres. Bartlett of the S. of P. was from Belchertown, Mass., "girls thick and philately the cry."

Registered letters can be sent to any part of the globe.

I noticed one little error in R. F. Albrecht's packet memorandum he had "10 varieties of Justice U. S. departments listed and "the dealers list 11 varieties," how is this?

Mr. Steffan, the well known "U. S. stamp dealer" is engaged in the sale of campaign badges in connection with stamps and coins.

In speaking of the current 2 cent red U. S. being found in brown I recently had the good luck to purchase one of these for 1 cent from one of the "exchange books" of the "Nebraska Philatelic society."

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GUATEMALA.

BY WM. M. STUART.

Guatemala is situated in Central America, bordering on Mexico, *Balize, Carribean Sea, Honduras, San Salvador and the Pacific. The area of this country is about 40,800 square miles and ranks third in size of the Central American countries. The population is between one and two millions. The government is a Republic, with New Guatemala as its capital. The currency of the country is 100 Centavos = 8 Reales = 1 Peso. 1 Peso is = 8 cents. The first stamps were issued in 1871 and comprised a set of four. The design of this issue is as follows: In an oval, is a shield with six bars, below which is a picture of two mountains; above the shield is the sun with very large rays for such a small face; this is surrounded by a single line; a frame with the inscription, "Correos de Guatemala" above, and the value in "Centavo," below; in each corner there is a small design, while the lower corners have the value in numerals. The stamps are perforated.

1 cent, bistre.

5 cent, brown.

10 cent, blue.

20 cent, rose.

The next year(1872) two new stamps were issued, perforated and of the following designs; in the centre of the stamp in a shield shaped figure, are some vines, covered with a parchment, this shield is

in an oval; in an oval frame is the inscription, "Correos" de Guatemala" above and the value in "Reals" and "Peso" below; in the four corners are simple designs made up of small squares.

4r mauve.

1p orange.

This same year these two stamps were lithographed on a thin paper, made as revenues, unperforated, but used for postage. They are worth ten and fifteen dollars each. In 1875 four new stamps were issued as follows; profile of Liberty, to left, in an oval; a narrow oval frame, at the top, bottom, and sides broken by keystones, contains the inscription "Cuartillo Real," at the top, "Correos de Guatemala," at the bottom; on each keystone is the value in numerals; the stamps are perforated.

1-4r black.

1-2r green.

1r blue.

2r carmine.

The next stamp put in an appearance in 1878, four in number, larger than any previous issue and perforated. In the centre the front view of a native woman in an oval. At each side of the oval are flowers and leaves natural to the country; above the oval in a wavy frame is the inscription, "Correos de Guatemala," above this some fancy design; in a peculiar frame at the bottom of the stamp is its value, at each side of which on parchment the value in numerals.

1-2r green.

2r carmine.

4r violet.

1p yellow.

In 1879 two stamps were issued. In an oval in the centre of the stamp is seen a Quetzal sitting on a pillar, this part of the stamp is green; above this in an oval frame "Correos de Guatemala," and below in a slightly curved frame, the value in words, across the stamp; at each upper corner is seen in numerals the value; fancy curved lines adorn the stamp at various points; the stamp itself is of a peculiar shape, a straight line, then a curve, straight, and the straight and curved lines, are on the opposite side.

1-4r brown and green.

1r black and green.

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH.)

*British Honduras.

REPRINTS.

BY HENRY S. HARTE.

Not long since the Philatelic Press abounded with denunciations of the collecting of reprints. Arguments were liberally brought forth to show that they were the greatest bane of the young as of the advanced collector; to the former they were proved to be a "catch-penny" for his loose dimes; to the latter the spoilation of his most cherished and costly specimens or in 19th century English, they made a fool of the one and knocked the conceit out of the other.

"The Scene is Changed," silently have the forces unseen worked and reprints are no longer given a back seat in our collections but are, at present, by the majority of collectors allowed space in their albums. The 53d edition of Scott's standard catalogue has among its special notices the statement that all prices in the same which are followed by a small star (*) denotes that the specimen price is a reprint and emphasizes this innovation by saying; It should be distinctly understood that a reprint from the original plate is not a counterfeit, but a genuine stamp, although it is worth only a fraction of the value of the original. Surely such statements as these are to say the least an instance that public opinion philatelically speaking has changed, if not wholly, yet to a large extent in its view of reprints.

Reprints are impressions taken from the "original die" after the stamps have become obsolete; they are therefore necessarily in all details, generally speaking, exact copies of the originals. In most cases they are printed under the supervision of the officials of the country in which the stamps were once current and frequently from the same presses as the originals. Now it is a well known fact that every stamp which has been in use a few years, has been many times reprinted and that it makes very little difference to the individual who is mailing a letter the particular date at which the impression was made. Why then has there been such a distinction made between originals so called, and reprints seeing that it is after all only the question of priority of impression that is largely at issue? one unused specimen was issued when the stamp was in current use, the other after it became obsolete, but both from the same die. The sum of the whole matter after all is simply this, that the collecting of reprints must be left an open question; collect them if you will, leave them alone if you will, your opinion or mine cannot forge a fetter for the ocean of the human mind or materially alter the current that tends towards harboring these reprinted stamps; and after all are they not as worthy a place in our albums as the Subeck and like issues?

From the Editor's Pen.

We have been elected Official Organ of the Lawrence Philatelic Society. We thank the members very much for the honor they have conferred upon us; and we shall endeavor to further the interests of the society as much as lays in our power to do.

Mr. A. J. Lloyd recently came across a common 2 cent envelope stamp printed in blue.

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In order to keep up with Father Time, we are obliged to issue the November and December number in one. This will however in no wise effect our readers, as they will receive twelve numbers, just the same.

This month we have consolidated the well known Malden Philatelist, with our paper. Mr. Sexton being obliged to give it up on account of being refused second class rates. Advertisers if you are wise you will place an ad. with us.

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG COLLECTOR.

BY JUNO.

Undoubtedly many of our younger philatelic devotees have thought it strange and felt themselves in the dark regarding the many titles, thrust at them. One philatelic paper contains a very interesting article on perforations; the young novice sees the title and then reads the article. What does he know about it in the end, he starts on the article and is soon through, he gleans what information he can from the article, some things he understands but when that word "perforation" comes to view, he cannot define the word and nine cases out of ten, the dictionary will be his last resort. After this young personage has finished this article he does not know the substance of it because, he does

not know the meaning of that one little word "perforation" whereas if the word was clear to him, he could derive knowledge from his reading. Now for the main spring of this article, what good does it do for the younger class of stamp collectors to go on struggling hopelessly through our hobby without knowing the meaning of our principles. Like the above is the grill, surcharge, millimeter and other titles which so frequently meet the eyes of our younger class without knowing the meaning.

So I say what can be done to "let the young collector know the meaning of the above? I could suggest several modes but none would be better than to have "the philatelic magazine at its head have the definitions of the above titles and then our younger aspirants would proceed in the right light, and so many collectors would be the wiser.

LAWRENCE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The nineteenth regular meeting held Oct. 15, 1892, was called to order at 8.30 P. M. by the President. The minutes of the eighteenth regular meeting were read and accepted. A committee of three, consisting of Messrs. W. M. Stuart, D. F. Mann and G. C. Stuart, was appointed by the President to draw up a constitution and by laws and to submit the same to the society at the next meeting. The secretary was instructed to write to five leading papers in the country informing them of the reorganization of the L. P. S. A motion was made that all the officers should consist of an executive committee.

Other business of less importance took place after which Mr. W. M. Stuart read a paper on Tasmania. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Stuart for reading the first paper in the society since its reorganization. Mr. King read an article on the Rate of Postage in U. S. in 1850, taken from the American Almanac. An informal talk, as to what should be done in the society the coming winter took place, after which it adjourned at 9.30.

The twentieth regular meeting of the society was held October 29, 1892, with Pres. King in the chair. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock. The minutes of the nineteenth regular meeting were read and accepted. The committee which was appointed at the last meeting to draw up a constitution and by laws was given two more weeks to make their report. A communication from Mr. H. Smith of Eutaw street was read. Mr. King exhibited a bound volume of the Essex County Philatelist and seventeen other philatelic papers, showing the manner in which he has his papers bound. They are bound in calf and adds largely to his excellent library. The meeting was adjourned at 9 o'clock. Every member should attend each meeting as there is room for all, since we have secured Jackson Hall. The meetings are held every second Saturday night at 7.45.

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