

THE WESTERN STAMP

A SEMI-MONTHLY FOR PILATELISTS.

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NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE.

FOUR stamp papers have appeared from this city, Collectors' Illustrated Magazine, Facts, Philatelic Facts and the WESTERN STAMP.

With its next issue the Philatelic Era will resume its regular 8 page size.

PHILATELIC FACTS of this city has been refused second-class rates, and all unexpired subscriptions will be filled by the Texan Philatelist.

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Company are very unfair in regard to the advance sheets of their catalogue. Instead of charging five dollars per set for them they should be given free, upon as issued, to every one sending fifty cents for a complete catalogue. Ten or fifteen

dollars would cover the extra expence, and that would soon be returned through the increased demand for the catalogue, and would give every one a chance to get the prices at once, and prevent dealers who have plenty of money from STEALING valuable stamps from collectors who have not been able to see the advance sheets.

OUT of 4000 five cent Argentine stamps only six copies of the variety showing the collar on both sides, were found.

OF the 771 papers listed in Jones' Check List, one hundred and five have the word "stamp" in their titles, and 268 the words "philatelic," or "philatelist."

THE "Alleghany Philatelist and Stamp Collectors' Guide," has appeared from Alleghany, Pa., and number 1 was good. We await with interest (6 ¢) the appearance of number 2 of the A. P. & S. C. G.

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SCRATCHES FROM YE EDITOR'S PEN.

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THE first page of this issue is just 30 years late, being dated 1866 instead of 1896.

A SLIGHT
ERROR.

STILL another new "address book" is announced, this time from Rhode Island.

ANOTHER
NEW ONE.

WATCH out for the Standard Stamp Company; they **A FRAUD.** refuse to pay their advertising bills.

THE editor recently had the pleasure of meeting Mr. F. E. A VISITOR, Ellis, formerly of Santa Barbara, now of Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Ellis is a member of the L. A. W. (8281) and the W. S. of A. (363) and is traveling on his wheel. He showed a well filled stock book containing many rare and valuable stamps, such as the 1849 issue, '69 issue, Columbian set complete, dollar values of current set, etc., all of which were for sale cheap.

From North State Philatelist.

APPROVAL SHEETS.

"STAMP Lover" writes in The Philatelic West that the approval sheet should be laid on the shelf. He gives one of his reasons the fact that it "takes time and no little labor to mount the stamps on sheets. Does not our unknown brother know that it 'takes time and no little labor' to do anything that is worth doing well? We are

surprised. What would become of the army of boy collectors? Strange isn't it? One day we read that the number of boy collectors or beginners is lamentably on the decrease; then the next day we are startled and alarmed by the assertion that the approval sheet is to be retired.

The writer could hardly do without the approval sheet, and his collection numbers only 2,300

We find that every hundred stamps we secure makes our need for approval sheets all the more known. Of course, we can buy packets and from lists, but who had not rather see a stamp before buying? We have the information, furnished by the editor, that "Stamp Lover", a dealer. Here we have it in a nutshell. A dealer wants the approval sheet laid on the shelf because it costs him "time and a little labor" to prepare them, and because, mayhap, he has been "beat out" of some stamps at some period of his existence. Can he it from us to criticise,

but the editor called for differences of opinion, and we give ours. Platonic.

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'72, 7c vermilion		
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*Agriculture, 7c	40	25
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Vol. 1 Riverside, California, October 1st, 1896- Number 2-

WENT AROUND THE WORLD.

I have in my possession a letter, which, in May, 1896, returned from a trip around the world.

It was mailed at Winchester, Ind., Oct. fifteenth, 1895, and was addressed to myself, at Yokohama, Japan. It left San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 19. On Nov. 10, it reached Yokohama, where it remained for one month.

Failing to be delivered by that time, it was sent to Constantinople, via the Suez Canal. At this place it stayed until Mar. 9, 1896.

It was then marked "Non Revenir. Retour", and returned to New York, Via London, Eng-

land. From New York it went to Washington, D. C., where it was received at the Dead-Letter office May 28. It was at once sent to Winchester, arriving there May 30, thus completing its trip around the world, having been seven and one half months on its travels.

The envelope bears twelve

postmarks, added directions, corrections, etc., and, as a local paper expresses it, "looks like a Chinese map. It is in a good state of preservation considering the handlings it must have received on its journey.

Herbert I. Watts.

REVIEW.

THE September number of the "Philatelic Free Lance" has been received. It is a "Convention number", and contains reports of the S. of P., L. of A. P., W. P. A., N. P. S., D. P. A., A. P. A., and P. S. of A. conventions. The next number will be a "Canadian Number", and will probably contain the first of three instalments of the supplement to Jones' "Check List". "Philatelic Journalism in Washington", and 'A Philatelic Literature Index', are the titles of two other articles to appear in the next number.

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By the Editor.



—On or about the fifteenth of October, the 'Kentucky Philatelist' will be issued from Hodgenville, Ky., by Howard Burba.

—We have been favored with

a copy of the 'Directory of Kentucky Philatelists. Price 10c. Howard Burba, Hodgenville, Ky.

—Has the Virginia directory appeared yet?

—Our California directory is now ready for mailing. If this notice is marked, your name is in the book. Only 10c a copy.

—We have been favored with a copy of Cook and Dunbars' 1st catalogue. It presents a new appearance. Their address is Bridgeport, Conn.

—In remitting to us please remember that we always prefer coin money order.

—Our next issue will either have less ads. or more pages.

—All ads. for our next issue MUST be in our hands by Oct. 10 to secure insertion. Several ads. intended for this issue were received AFTER the 26th, and had to be left over till our next number.

—Beginning with our next number we expect to have regular correspondents, one will probably be Herbert I. Watts. Mr. Watts' writings are too well known to need any introduction.

—Persons answering the notice of Mr. Bond which appears in this issue can secure reduced rates by mentioning the WESTERN STAMP.

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H. D. RUEHLMAN.

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Model 40 Columbian Bicycle, Rockford fifteen jewel gold watch, to trade for United States. Also want back numbers of Philatelic Journal of America. Correspondence especially desired with Western Collectors. F. E. Ellis, Long Beach, Calif.

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AN APOLOGY.

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THE WESTERN STAMP

Vol. 1 Riverside, California, October 17, 1896- Number 3.

A New Counterfeit.

I HAVE just discovered among a mixed lot of foreign stamps, a counterfeit of one of the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps, the 1d red of 1864.

The paper is a fair imitation of that used in the original, but in color the stamp is "way off."

The ink used was evidently very poor, and did not spread well on the face of the die, causing minute white spots to appear in the coloring.

It seems to have been printed from a raised cut or die, which made a slight embossment on the back.

The specimen I have is canceled with blueish-black ink: the instrument used in canceling seems to have been a cork.

Slight traces of gum remain on the back, which is partly covered with old hinges. The whole stamp shows evidence of having been much handled.

Whether the stamp was produced in large numbers, I do not know. I think I received it last fall in a package of stamps from a person in Central America, and have written to see if he knows anything about it.

Meanwhile, I advise collectors to be on the watch for them.

H. I. Watts.

DOTS AND DASHES.

Massachusetts has had 66 different stamp papers.

A million postage stamps weigh 64 pounds.

New York state originated the fastest mail train in the world.

About a million of Venezuela's Columbian Commemorative stamps were issued.

Edwin Reynolds.



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Stray Notes



... As usual, the Weekly Philatelic Era was the first paper to give its readers a sight of Scott's new prices. The ERA always leads, anyway.

... We acknowledge the receipt of a catalogue of Doughty & Page's First Auction Sale of

Philatelic Literature.

... Two new papers have materialized from Omaha, Nebraska, the Omaha Philatelist, and the Trans-Mississippi Stamp. They are both very good, but the geographical appearance of the Trans-Mississippi Stamp would be greatly improved if either a better quality of paper, or a better grade of ink was used in printing the cover.

... MR. Wm. Ehrlich, of Chicago, announces the Ohio Philatelic

... THE Eastern Stamp appeared. Number 1 consists of 8 pages and cover, and is very interesting.

... A correspondent has asked us the best way to remove gum from stamps. In the ERA Townsend says: "by placing the... stamps... face downward on a table, and scraping the back firmly with a hoe, the gum can nearly always be removed, and much assorted language saved for future use."

... BITS & CHIPS is a neat

the amateur monthly. It has an excellent stamp department.

We have been refused second class mail rates, BUT WILL NOT SUSPEND, but will appear monthly hereafter.

Ohio Notes

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Another set of speculative stamps from Venezuela.

Portugal threatens to issue some more commemorative stamps.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and the C. H. Mekeel Co. will publish the "International" stamp album together hereafter.

We have heard that Mr. W.C. Bailey of Michigan, late pub. of the Michigan Philatelist, intends to sell his collection of about 2,500 varieties, catalogued at \$632.19. He has several of the departments complete.

Several stamp exhibits have been held in Europe this summer.

The auction season has commenced early this year.

Mexico will adopt a new watermark in the future.

Edwin Reynolds.

Advertise well! you will never repent it:
Nothing more wise can a business man do.
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- "Evergreen State Phil." Washington. (25 c)
- "Philatelic Californian" of California. (25c)

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NOTES FROM INDIANA.



IF appearances are not misleading, the state of Indiana will before long take a better position in the philatelic world than has yet been accorded it, and very likely a good strong state society will be organized before the present year is done.



Several of the leading daily papers of the state publish an occasional philatelic article, which certainly is an encouraging sign, and doubtless will lead to good results. Revenues, U. S. and Mexican, will likely be very popular here this winter.

Herbert I. Watts.

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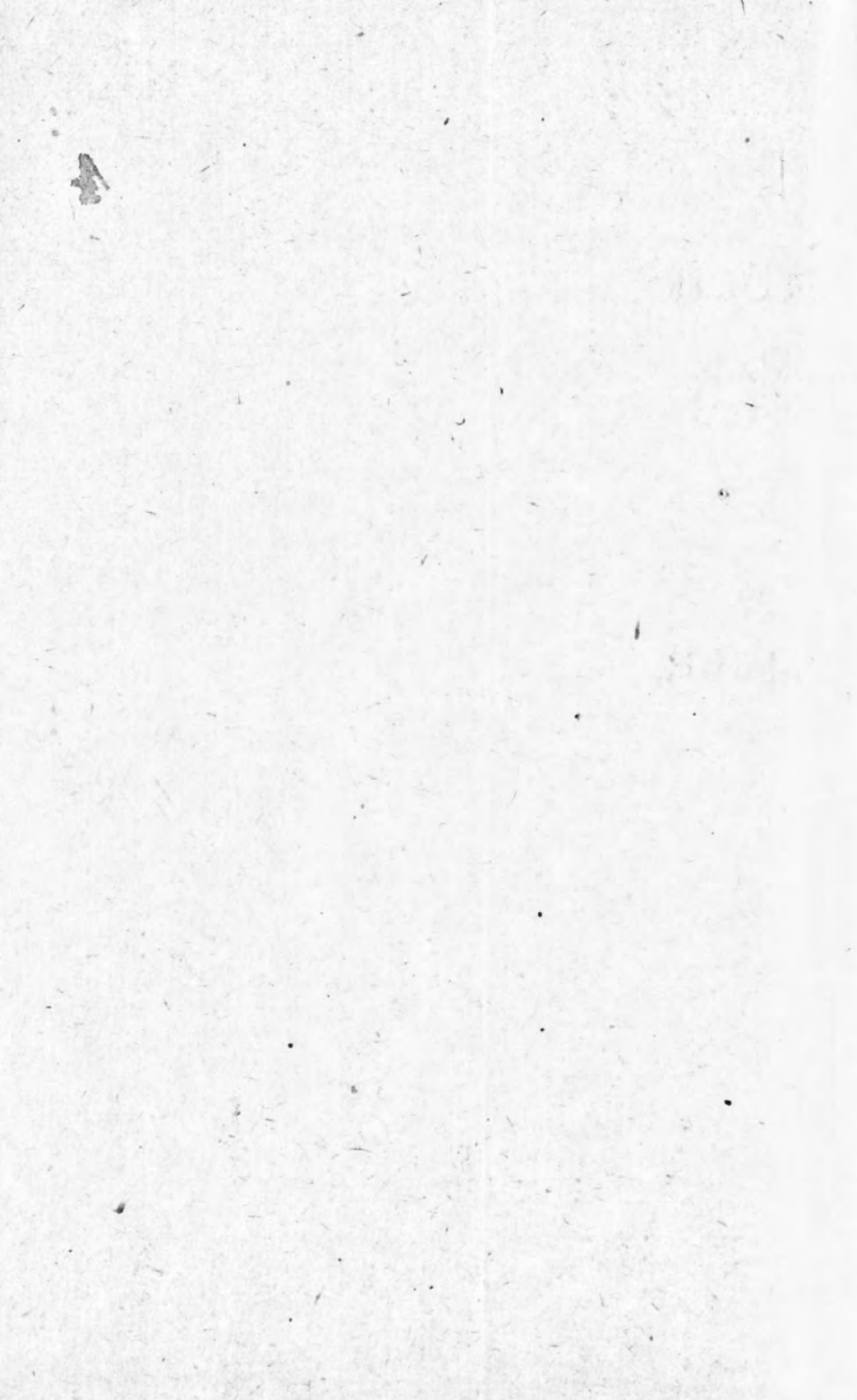
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★ SANS PUER ET SANS REPROCHE. ★

Vol. 1, No. 4. Riverside, Calif., November, 1896. WHOLE No. 4

The Cincinnati Hand Stamp.

ALTHOUGH MANY attempts have at different times, been made to induce the philatelic public to recognize as a genuine local, the handstamp of Cincinnati, Ohio, they have never met with the deserved success.

Those who have examined the stamp, and know what is known of its history, cannot understand why it is that almost all the dealers to whom it has been submitted, say it is not a stamp, but a postmark. Not more than a year ago, I submitted a specimen of the 5c red, to a firm in the east who claim to march at the head of the philatelic world, and they returned it with the remark that "the specimen submitted was a POSTMARK, and not a STAMP!" They made this statement after examining one of the finest existing specimens of a rare local, that bore marks of having been used for postal purposes. It was stamped on the upper right hand corner of a small fancy envelope.

It was mailed at Cincinnati, and was addressed to Miss Rachel Swain, Richmond, Indiana.

I procured it direct from a member of the family to whom it was addressed, and therefore

I believe that there is no room for any one to doubt that THIS, at least, was postally used.

Now, for the benefit of those who have never had a chance to examine the stamp, I will describe it.

They were printed with the regular postmark, with a figure of value added. Around the heavy circle of the postmark is the name of the city, and the state; below, in the center is the value; below that is a date, the one I have being dated May 23.

There was formally in this city an old gentleman who remembered when these local or provisional stamps were in use. He placed the time of their use from late in 1845 to sometime in 1847. Just how accurate these dates are cannot be known.

In describing the manner of their use, he said that when a person wished to mail a letter, he put it in an envelope, or otherwise sealed it up, and going to the postmaster, paid the necessary fee. The postmarking stamp

with value inserted was then applied to the envelope.

The term provisional, rather local should be applied these stamps. They would take a letter where ever the mail routes then extended.

It is to be hoped that all the information possible concerning this stamp will be gathered and published for the benefit of philatelists.

Notwithstanding the adverse decision of some dealers, I still hold my original belief that the Cincinnati Hand Stamp is a "Provisional", and as such, it should be listed.

H. I. WATTS.

A Valuable Find.

DURING THE summer of 1997, while I was in an old city in Maine, I made the acquaintance of an old farmer living a little way out of the city.

One afternoon I asked him if he ever saved his old letters, and he said he did, and that he had several large boxes full of them up in his garret. Visions of Battleboros, New Havens, and other common stamps flitted

across my mind as we climbed the rickety stairs to the ancient garret above.

Down on my knees I went before one of the boxes and took up a handful of letters.

What is that I see! It can be—yes, there it is—a copy of the 1894, 2c, of the Washington with a Wart on His Nose variety. Another and yet another copy met my eager gaze. Eagerly I glanced through the pile of letters in my hand, but no, my hopes were not to be fulfilled. And yet I should be satisfied, for had I not four copies of a stamp only six of which were ever issued? I found 300 \$1 Columbians, and 199 copies of the common Millbury variety. Ninety cent 1869 with picture inverted were also abundant, as were \$5 State Departments.

I also found a copy of the 1894, with only 23067½ hairs on Franklins' head, instead of the customary 23847½.

There were many of the current ½c stamps with bust of president Patrick O'Mulligan, and the 2c with bust of Postmaster General Ah Lung.

Freddie



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The chances of the American Philatelic Magazine for recovering from the shock sustained when their favorite presidential candidate, (he of the large mouth, and excessive wind) fell into the fiery substance vulgarly known as "soup," is 16 to 1!

In order to secure a large number of new subscribers at once, we will give a copy of the "California Philatelic Address Book" free to every person sending 25c for one year's subscription. Only 350 copies of the book to give away.

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HAMLET'S Ghost!! The EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST in address uniform!!!! No cover, and only 8 pages!!! Shades of Orthello!!!! We never expected this! We are truly sorry for the E. S. P., though, having had the same trouble. The typographical appearance is certainly improved.

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We intend to issue a big Christmas number, which will be printed in colors and contain at least 24 pages and cover. Single copies of this number will cost 5c if ordered before January 1st. After January 1st they will cost 10c each. Ads. \$1.60 per page for that issue. (Pages will be smaller.)

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THANKS, Ike. We enjoy (?) reading your house organ every week, especially when by some mistake any good reading (regular correspondents excepted) is inserted. Its very kind of you to send it to us every week free.

—O—

The Diamond Philatelist is to enlarge to 5½x8 with the November number.

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We acknowledge receipt of the following: Catalogue of 1st auction sale of Philatelic Literature, from J. M. Chappell, Jr. From J. C. auf der Heide S. H. D. Freideriktsplein, 33, Amsterdam; price list of phil. literature. From C. C. Wells, Los Angeles, Calif., a neat little millimeter and perforation scale. From Alliance Stamp Co., Alliance, Neb., announcement of new stamp paper to be out December 1st.

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THE WESTERN STAMP,



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THE International Stamp has greatly improved since 1 st we saw it. Please come regularly.

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The last page of this number should be 18, and not 20, as printed.

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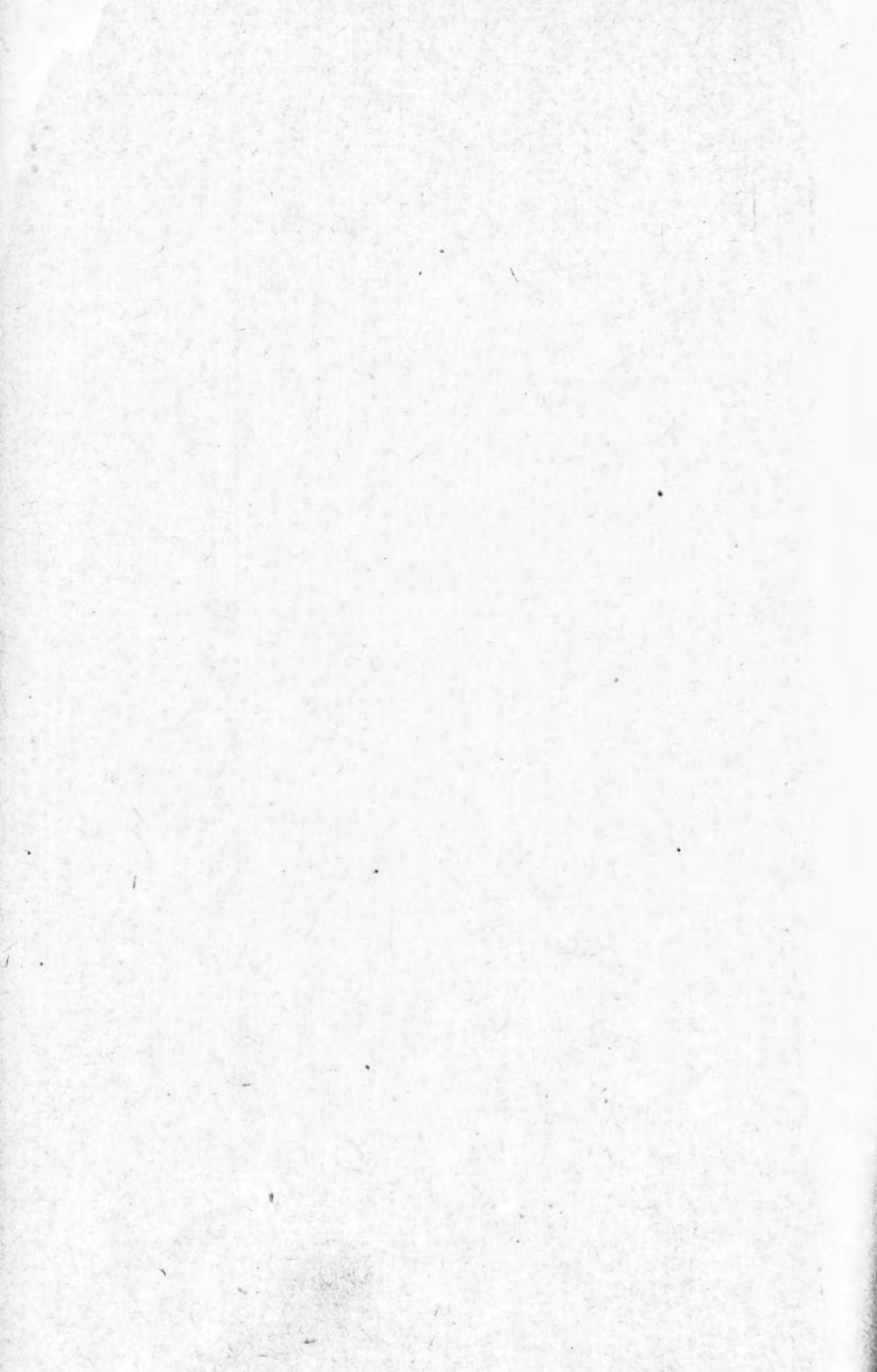
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2.-No. 1. Riverside, Calif., December, 1896. Whole Number, 5.

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Is filled with good Philatelics.
From 'Egnaro' "Notes and Comments" flow,
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McKinley is all right, we sing,
But Bryan is not in the ring!
The E. S. P. is down a notch,
The A. P. M. will use a crutch;
The Diamond Phil. is twice the size,
Mekeel's Stamp is no surprise;
The The Texan Phil., and Era, too,
Are just the things for Christmas view.

From the Pennsylvania Philatelist, October, 1896.

Carion Again.

THE sensational accusation brought against the well known San Francisco philatelic expert by a discharged clerk having been entirely disproven, as well as the one brought before the American Philatelic Association, we think it only justice to acknowledge it, so that the philatelists who are not acquainted with Mr. Carion should know his perfect reliability.

(THE READING of the American Philatelic Association report clearly shows that Mr. Carion has been suspended on the charge of selling the stamps of Cochin China that appeared to be forgeries; but as Mr. Carion fully disproved the charge, and gave conclusive proof of their genuineness, he was then expelled because HE DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE ORDER OF LAST YEARS CONVENTION, TO LEAVE THE STATES WITHIN ONE YEAR and go to Paris, in order to sue there the society that brought the charge against him, which society had, in the meantime, gone out of existence!!!! IS THAT JUSTICE???)



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Notes and Comments.

NUMBER 1 of "Stamps," the new paper published to interest the young people in Philately is a very creditable effort on the part of the editor, Mr. Crawford Capen, but the design for the cover looks as if it was drawn by one of the "kids" the paper is supposed to interest.

When opening the copy we received the other day, we were shocked to see an exaggerated tadpole on the cover. After our pulse had reached its normal condition, further investigation showed it to be the letter 'g' in 'young.'

It will be a good medium to foist the speculative trash on the youngsters. The first thing that greets the eye (aside from the aforesaid g) is the cuts of six speculative stamps.

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Publishers.

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H. I. WATTS, Winchester, Indiana.

THE October number of our esteemed contemporary, *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies*, commences the fifth volume. It has changed printers and is now greatly improved in appearance.



H. R. Cooper writes and says he is going to open a swimming school to teach those who are unable to swim, so they will be prepared for the 'land of prosperity' the Republicans promise.



When the next congress convenes, we suggest that people write to their Congressman to take the gum on the backs of stamps and flaps of envelopes flavored with applejack, and have the price of the stamps increased if the aforesaid flavoring is used.



We hope nothing serious is the matter with our esteemed contemporary, the "*Home Worker*." We received only one copy this month, when we usually receive four or five. By the way, a new printer is wanted for Messers Fenton and Boyd.

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NOTE. We are not responsible for the contents of our correspondents.

Philatelic Literature Notes.

By Moses B. Page.

SOME of Iowa's leading Philatelists are trying to organize a state society. We hope it will prove a success. Iowa has some hustlers and should have a first class society.



Iowa will also have a representative in the ranks of Philatelic Journalism soon, to be known as the Philatelic Siftings. It will be published by Mr. S. E. Miller, of Waterloo. We understand that it will be a sample of the printers art, and one of the main causes of its existence is the formation of a state society.



Messrs Beard and Jones are working on a price list of Philatelic Literature. It is a slow and tedious work and it will probably be some time before it is completed. Literature Collectors are waiting patiently for such a catalogue, and it will probably meet with a large sale when out.



The Philatelic public is beginning to see the value of a good Philatelic Library, and therefore Philatelic Literature Collecting is on the boom. Its a good thing, push it along. If you havn't a

library, now is the time to start one. You will be surprised after you get started to see how fascinating and profitable a part of a philatelist's life you have been missing. If yours truly had to give up his library (which he hopes never will be) everything philatelic would go with it.



The Philatelic Literature Society will die a "dying boom" if our worthy president doesn't get a move on him. We have no constitution, official organ, or Res. Vice Presidents yet, on account of our inactivity. Everything seems to be thrown on the secretary and trustees (at present, anyway) and our society must be kept up somehow. We think the Philatelic Literature should be official organ. (Are you with us?)

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H. I. Watts

It was with sorrow that we read of the death of our "Pet" The Daily Item. We had made up our mind that it was here for good. "Who'd a sunk it?" We hope the time will come soon when it will be with us again, and we think it all



We have just received Philatelic Literature the new paper for Literature Collectors and pronounce it fine. Who says Philatelic Literature collecting isn't advancing? With Philatelic Literature, the Philatelic Literature Collector and our Philatelic Literatelist in the field, and the numerous Auction Sales held each month we are getting well represented. Let the good go on.



There are two mistakes in Jones' Check List. They are; 225 Hoosier Stamp, vol. II no. 5, and 8 Northwest, (new series) vol. I no. 8. These were never issued, but nearly every want list lists them on.



On Feb. 1st., the writer will publish a Directory of Philatelic Literature Collectors, which will be very handy and useful to Literature Collectors and publishers, especially the latter, as it will be a good mailing list. It will contain 32 pages, and over 500 addresses of live Literature Collectors.

Philatelic Journalism in Canada seems to be the boom, there being 8 papers published there now; a weekly, 6 monthlies, and a quarterly.



A new check list of philatelic literature is needed just now, and it is safe to say that there will be one before long, and a good one, too.

The Passing Show.

Have you noticed the increase of foreign advertisements in our philatelic papers? They have doubled within a year. That shows enterprise and energy on the part of philatelic publishers and means increased circulation.



It requires a little money to buy all or half of the philatelic books now being published in the U. S. Nearly every state has a directory, all the local societies have them, and general directories are also available. Irving E. Paterson



We have received a copy of the Texan Philatelic Directory, from Mr. E. W. Heusinger, the compiler, of San Antonio, Texas. It is a large book of 48 pages, and cover, each of which is 4 1/2 x 5 inches. Price 15c.

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To the VISITOR. — "Philatelic Facts" has suspended. We pay attention to 'sample copies', but if you will send two 'exchange' copies, we will be pleased to put you on our x list.

THE 1897
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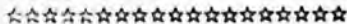


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¶ To "INK DROPS".--"Philatelic Facts" has suspended.



We have been favored with a copy of the Stamp Collectors Hand Book and Directory of Ontario. It is a book of 16 pages, each $3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ inches, and is published by R. G. Widdicombe, St. Cathrines, Ontario, Canada. Price 10 c. It is an excellent little book.



Shades of Seebeck! The Texan Philatelist has certainly taken a jump upwards. The December number is printed on good book paper, and the cover is in two colors. The T. P. seems to improve with every issue.



We give page two of this number, a reprinted concerning Mr. Georges Carion, the well known dealer of San Francisco. We have had dealings with Mr. Carion in the past, and have always found him prompt in settlement of debts, gentlemanly in correspondence, and, above all, honest, and trustworthy in every way. In our opinion, the A. P. A. disgraced itself (and its members) by expelling Mr. Carion AFTER he had PROVED the

GENUINENESS of the stamps ALLEGED to be bogus

Another thing. The society had no right to order Mr. Carion to leave the states and go to Paris, as no society has ANY control whatever over the personal actions of any of its members. THIS is a FREE country, and a man can do as he — pleases, without asking the consent of the American Philatelic Association, or any other society!!!!

The November number of the Eastern Philatelist contains several excellent articles, besides the usual number of interesting editorials. Mr. Pinkham certainly gives a fine paper for two bits a year.

The 1897 edition of the "California Philatelic Address Book" is now in preparation, and will be out in February or March. The pages will be 4 x 6½ inches and the advertising rates have been placed within the reach of all; \$1 a page, 50¢ per ½ page, 25¢ per ¼ page: directory of philatelic publications, 5¢ per line, 10 words to line.

The Diamond Philatelist has enlarged to twice

its old size, and is much better.

Bits and Chips is one of the best club papers we have seen, but if Mr. Merritt used a cheaper grade of paper and improved his press work a little, he would improve its typographical appearance and make the whole paper better.

NOW is the time to secure your philatelic reading for 1897,—we will send you this paper and the Philatelic Californian, BOTH one year, for only 25c, and give you, ABSOLUTELY FREE, a copy of the California Philatelic Address Book!—equal this offer, if you can! This is a limited offer, so take advantage of it while you can.

We have received "Maine's Only Philatelic Blue Book" for 1897. It contains exactly 100 names, and is very good, but would be much better in book form.

Exchanges.

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