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A lamp light's steady glow,
An album, and approval sheets,
(Perhaps a quire or so).
Then I'll rest content while you

own mesite, and peace and turkey, and
with loved ones to share the best hour.
So did I.

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frigid Winter's here at last
And now the poet sings
An invigorating blast
And sundry other things;
And catalogizes those who skim
The earth on ermine snow,
If we should but list to him
I think the pleasure rather slim
That indoor's eve can know.

I, of course, can hardly feel
Opposed to those who glide
To music of the gleaming steel
With fair ones by their side;
In fact, did Nature not arrange
My face upon a plan
Which, — well, to say the least, is
A little strange
Which puts me out of woman's range,
I'd be a ladies' man.

Although I dare not brave the cold
Nor face the ladies fair,
I have a pleasure which is old
And tried, and true, and rare,
A pleasure which constant e'er remains
Thro' ev'ry changing day,
Which added joy and brightness gains
Which repays ten-fold all my pains,
And comforts me away.

All I ask is just a fire,
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An album, and approval sheets,
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When I'll rest content while you

Pursue your phantoms strange,
Nor jealous be of aught you do,
But just my chosen work pursue,
Nor wish for any change.

So, while you cleave the frosty air,
I'll lick the sticky hinge,
And while you bend to maiden fair
I'll reverently cringe
Before a stamp that's worth perhaps
Two hundred iron dimes,
And "peel" my eyes for cunning traps
That forgers lay for guileless chaps,
In these, our modern times,
Stromsburg, Neb., Dec. 15th.

DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS.

"Ye editor" has appointed the writer special correspondent at Fargo and vicinity for his bright journal. So, kind reader if you "have tears prepare to shed them now," for I intend to contribute my share of news each month.

No doubt you had your Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday by your own fireside, mid peace and turkey, and with loved ones to share the best hour. So did I.

Thanksgiving over, and the season of 1894 may be said to have fairly started, and now the time has passed for everyone to wonder whether or not it is to be a very brilliant season for the stamp dealers. True, the times are hard, but the business prospects of the country will brighten with the New

Year, and with this brightening will come better times for the stamp dealers.

At present only one stamp firm is running in the city, and that is run by Charlie Edwards, who chooses to hide his identity by calling himself "The UNION STAMP Co." Charlie is one of our youngest collectors (but then he will get over that) and is a very good-looking boy on any occasion.

I am not given to using slang, but I feel that it will be perfectly proper on this occasion to overstep the bounds, and give vent to the choice remarks which I hear so many newsboys using on our public streets: "Oh, rats!" And why, you may ask. Because I learn from outside sources that one C. W. KISSINGER, of Reading, Pa., editor of *The Pennsylvania Philatelist*, has quite a lengthy article on the writers action of a certain office in the TRUE S. of P. Association, (of which he is not a member), also relating to an article of mine which appeared in the *Northwest Monthly*, a few months ago. Yet this same person has not been *man* enough to send me a copy of the paper in which the article appeared. But judging from the manner he conducted himself at the last S. of P. Convention, I must say I am not surprised. I believe the old saying is that "bad news should be broken as gently as a soft-boiled egg." So to relieve his mind from any uneasiness about the office, allow me to say that the Board of Trustees, Sons of Philatelia, have appointed the writer International Secretary of the Society, to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the resignation of Mr. F. S. Fox. I can not see what I have done to merit the office. However we cannot see ourselves as others see us. The office is a very honorable one, especially in so large a society as the S. of P., and I

am very sorry that I cannot accept it. If the office is to remain in the state, I would suggest the name of Mr. C. D. McDonald, of Grafton, N. D.

Mr. Arthur Chandler, of this city possesses the finest and most valuable collection of stamps in the Northwest, comprising about 3000 varieties, which he values at over \$5000.00. Mr. Chandler has been interested in philately for over fifteen years, and in his collection are specimens valued at over \$100.00.

Mr. Frank S. George (known among the boys as Levi, or the man with the large salary), paid the Fargo boys a pleasant call some few weeks ago. He is the same old Frank, with the exception that since he moved to Minneapolis from here, he wears a seal skin cap instead of ear muffs. He was the most enthusiastic stamp collector in our city last year. As a traveling salesman he bought up from many a postmaster quite a quantity of old issues. The Fargo Stationery Co., of this city, have offered him a position, but he has not replied at time of writing.

I will close for the present, wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

ALSON BRUBAKER,
S. of P. 566.

It may be a surprise to some of my friends when they receive a sample copy of this paper, to find my name at the head of the editorial staff. The fact is that I myself, did not know that I was to fill such a responsible position until within the last few days. I trust that the position may not prove to be too weighty for my shoulders. In case it does I shall obtain the services of some able person to assist me in my work.—Ed.

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 Of those whose worship at thy shrine,
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 Of interest to each one,
 Thou givest pleasure and delight,
 For us much good thou'st done.

Thou tellest us of countries
 Beyond the ocean, wide,
 Thou givest us ideas of
 Their potentates beside.

Thy faces are artistic
 Engravings, wrought with skill,
 By masters who could make cold steel
 A servant to their will.

Thy colors also gladden
 Each one who loves thy art,
 No pallet of the painter could
 More joy to us impart.

To thee, beloved pastime,
 Our tribute now we bring;
 We hope that soon o'er our fair land
 Thy praises, all will sing.

C. L. T.

INTRODUCTORAL.

After many months of careful consideration, aware of the great obstacles that we must overcome and cognizant of the criticism and discouragements we must encounter, we have at last decided "to put our shoulder to the wheel" and enter the ranks of philatelic journalism, trusting and hoping for the hearty support of all those interested in the welfare of philately. Many may condemn this new effort, but we hope to outlive all such condemnation.

The cry is, "there are too many philatelic publications," but where is there a wider and better field for such publications than in the northwest.

Philatelic papers in this part of the world are few in number, and here the interest in philately is increasing rapidly. All this shall tend towards the ultimate success of our new venture.

Every new paper proclaims that they shall obtain the very best writers, that their subscription price is the lowest in view of the good things offered, and lastly they proclaim that their's of all others shall be the best. Now, it is not our object to deceive anyone as to our merits. We do not proclaim that our paper is the best, but whether we shall deserve your good will and patronage we shall let others than ourselves decide.

As to our paper, it shall consist of not less than eight pages and cover, every inch of which shall be devoted to the best interests of philately, our hobby. We shall publish no articles that may give rise to heated discussions and disputes. (We shall, of course, base our existence upon the support of all philatists.) Hoping that our debut into the ranks of Philatelic journalism will be an encroachment to no one, but a benefit to everyone, we herewith present our initial number to our brother philatelists for their inspection.

We wonder how Bishop, the arch villain is spending his holidays. We hope that he is beginning to reap the harvest that he has sown, and we also hope that the following year will be characterized by the absence of such escapages as his.

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EDITORIALS.

Here we are and we wish to thank every person who has in any way aided us to present this issue to the philatelic world. We trust that their efforts have not been in vain. This journal is not the outcome of a sudden impulse of a school-boy nor is it the means by which some whim or pleasure may be satisfied. It is a business venture, the aim of which is to elevate philately; to give to the philatelic world a journal worthy of their support, at the same time proving a benefit to ourselves and our patrons.

We hope that the pages of this new paper will be read with interest by everyone and that it may in the near future find its way into the library of every true philatelist. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to you all.

It is very queer that in such societies, as the Sons of Philatelia and American Philatelic Association, more care is not taken in the admission of new members.

Several members in the immediate vicinity claim to have suffered at the hands of certain persons belonging to these associations.

Fraud seems to be the general complaint. The good character of all A. P. A. and S. of P. men is supposed to be all, and the honesty of those presenting their respective societies as references has not been doubted. But if many of the persons armed with such references turn out to be dishonest, no one can be blamed if they refuse to accept the societies as references.

The honesty of every member may be questioned and the high standard of the societies may be grievously injured. Now no one wishes his good name disputed, nor does he want to belong to a society of a low scale. The great aim of these societies is to benefit the philatelist instead of becoming a detriment to them. To avoid this let us ask every honorable philatelist (members) of these societies to exert all their influence in remedying the evil. The only way to do this is to exercise more caution in obtaining new members.

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There are many members who may deem it an honor to append their name to the applicant's sheet as reference. This may be all right. But there are some who are so anxious to do this, that they overlook the character of the candidate. They may not even know him, let alone his character.

Again we ask of you, fellow members, use more caution in this direction and you may also avert a great evil.

We do not care to criticise any one, but we do hate to see papers come out with glowing editorials, etc., criticising others upon the very point which they themselves ought to be criticised. The person showing such shallowness of thought should certainly be marked out as a very careless or ignorant per-

The conjectures of the clerks at the postoffice as to why the letter was sent in that peculiar form are many. Some think that the boy has run away from home, and that his family, having traced him as far as Minneapolis, took this chance of accepting a letter from them. Again the letter may be a prac-

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fraternity, either on Nassau st. or 23rd st., and promises to become one of the leading dealers of the great philatelic metropolis. Mr. Schiff makes trips all over the country buying and selling stamps. He has traveled from Maine to California and from Minnesota to Louisiana and is known throughout the continent as a polite, sociable and business man.

His foreign business has increased so rapidly in the past year that he was compelled to engage a well known European stamp collector to do the corresponding which is carried on in

Spanish, French, German and English. He is also the American agent for the Briefmarken-Offertenblatt, the largest advertising philatelic paper in Europe and also imports various books on philately.

He is getting into preparation the forming of a large European stamp trust, which, if carried through, will make things quite lively for some of the large dealers.

We would invite our many readers to correspond with Mr. Schiff, as we know he will treat you fair and square.

MINNEAPOLITAN RIFFRAFF.

And now, whilst the last few days of dear '93 are fast passing away, fair Minneapolis comes to the front and heralds a new and newsy journal to the philatelic world, showing that interest in our beloved pursuit has not been enfeebled during the past year, at least in this part of the globe. Hurrah! hurrah! for this new venture. Hurrah, for anything that benefits philately! But what is the matter with our sister city, St. Paul? We haven't heard anything from her lately, except, that a prominent stamp company has gone under. Rouse yourselves, brothers, and watch your neighbors. Ye gods of Philately, guard your followers more closely lest they desert your ranks.

We hear that our own W. H. Barnes, amiable president of Minneapolis Philatelic Society and newly appointed librarian of the S. of P., has fallen victim to one of the knights of robinhood. My friend G— related it thus: "The other evening while W. H. was wandering down Nicollet avenue, presumably in the direction of the abode of his sweet-heart, was beset on all

sides by a walking arsenal. He was forced not only to relinquish his valuables but to evacuate his new (?) overcoat and dispense with his gloves." We dare say that W. H. is not so amiable now, but let us console you Willie with our heart-felt sympathy in your misfortune.

The M. P. S. is still holding enthusiastic meetings, the last of which took place in their new and luxurious apartments at the Collom block, on the evening of the 10th inst. Among the notables presents was George Achard, the energetic attorney for the S. of P. We must say, George, you need a testimonial ball in order that you obtain enough money to relieve your sarcastic countenance of that savage looking beard.

Martin, of the U. S. Stamp Company, when he saw that he couldn't dispose of his stamp hinges suddenly dispersed. Harry Swensen was also present, and was honored with the president's chair for the evening. W. C. Whitall, the book vendor, considered himself important enough to be present also. Barnes was probably home lamenting over his recent loss. Stamp broker Tyren was with us all right but made himself conspicuous by his silence. Withal the society is booming and what more do we want?

Talk about stamps, why right here in the city is a collection of rarities seldom met with. It consists of the first four issues of the U. S., amongst which is the much talked of New Haven local. The person lucky enough to possess this collection is Dr. A. K. Norton. The stamps have been in the doctor's possession since he was a mere boy, when his father was postmaster at Galena, Ill.

Well, I guess the editor will not allow me much more space, so I will close, hoping to see you again and wishing you a jolly good time during the holidays.

"M. APOLIS."

THE COLUMBIAN ISSUE.

Below is a letter addressed Postmaster General and reply that may interest some.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 1st, 1893.
To Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

The numerous questions that have been asked in regard to the disposal of the Columbian issue of postage stamps has caused me to resort to you for the required information.

The question is, shall the sale of Columbian stamps continue at the close of year 1893, or shall their sale be closed at that time?

Very respectfully,
H. S. SWENSEN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9th, 1893.
Mr. H. S. Swensen,
1605 Stevens Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Very respectfully,
KERR CRAIGE,
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3 " " 100,	- - -	1.50
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5 " " 100,	- - -	1.01
10 " " 100,	- - -	1.15
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SOME HINTS TO PHILATELIC PUBLISHERS.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

No human being ever yet began an undertaking that he did not hope to make a reasonably successful one. Man is not so constituted as to go forward in a work for which failure probably waits round the turn of the way. We are naturally too hopeful for the future to do such a thing as that. We look toward the coming days with measurable anticipations, and regard them as fruitful ones, fruitful of blessings and successes, of riches and honors. In the future our argoais will come in laden with treasure; in the future our dreams shall be realized; in the future lies the Golconda of our policy with its horde of yellow gold; in the future love shall enable us, and with rejoice us and men crown us. In the future, Ah! In the future. But the future is yet a long way off, and we endeavor in vain to pierce its dark certainties. We cannot read our destinies and perhaps it is better that we shall not. We *can* do much, however, to insure success in some of our efforts, for, as Cassin says,

"Men at sometime are masters of their fates; the fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings."

It is my purpose, therefore, to point out some of the minor requisites to the successful conducting of a philatelic paper. I shall not even mention the most important major requisite, cash, as with a

plentiful supply of that, the poorest publication ever launched cannot die. By success I mean the giving of the public confidence, since, if this is once gained the future sailing is comparatively easy.

The first great desideratum is promptness of publication. If your initial number is promised for the 15th of January, let it appear on the 15th of January and not on the 25th. If you promise subscribers your paper on a certain date, move Heaven and earth to have it appear on that date and not a week later. This may seem to be a little thing, but it is really of more importance than you imagine. It is just such little things as this that gain the confidence and good will of patrons, especially of valuable and influential ones. There are some philatelic firms in the United States who need only to announce the issue of a book or paper in order to have orders pour in on them from all quarters. There are others who may advertise for weeks without receiving a response. The public has confidence in one and a distrust of the other. Therefore, build up confidence by promptness of issue.

If you promise your readers a new or a special feature, promise it at a date which will allow of its full and careful preparation, and then give them that feature and not some substitute or excuse. The American public may like to be humbugged, as Barnum has said, but it also likes to resent the humbug when it discovers it, and you may rest

assured that the resentment will take some form that will be injurious to both you and your periodical.

Keep your promise to your contributors. If you promise to pay them a certain amount of cash at a certain time, pay it. Do not put them off try or to repudiate the debt. Bad news has a very peculiar and rapid means of travel, and it is not long before every philatelic writer in the country has you spotted and knows exactly what your methods are. Then, also, you live in constant fear that their information will be transmitted in some way more public than by private letter, and this is a very disagreeable feeling.

The little rules laid down in this article may seem very trite and commonplace and withal, unnecessary, but I see them all violated with such frequency and persistence, that many of our brethren are apparently ignorant of them. That is the reason I have taken the liberty of calling them to general attention.

AN ODE TO THE PHILATELIC POET.

All hail the brilliant young poet,
Tho' my age is only nineteen,
I'm a genius, you bet that I know it;
I'm young but at least I'm not *green*.

I've written just dozens of verses,
All models of metaphor bright,
And called forth the praises, and curses
Of readers, who in them delight (?).

At juggling big words I'm perfection,
I can make almost anything rhyme,
Such as Great Britian with
Argentine with time and sublime.

Of course I don't make so much money
As I used to when out on the farm,
But if I'm not famous its funny,
And I don't *think* I've done any harm.

And so day after day in my den,
I'll scribble my cute little rhymes;
If this is accepted I'll try it again,
You'll find me right up to the times.

SOME ODDITIES AND FINDS.

I always enjoy reading of the lucky finds of other collectors, and no doubt some will be interested in a few of mine.

I have several "albinos" of U. S. envelopes, and also have one where the impression as well as the color is lacking, although it was purchased from the government by a Bank in a lot of 1000 with business card.

I have an original envelope which carried a letter from California to Illinois in 1853, the postage having been paid by a three-cornered half of a 12c black of 1851, the postage rates having been reduced to six cents. It is plainly post-marked over stamp "Sacramento, Jun. 15."

I have an original envelope registered from the Chicago post office, the letter postage having been paid by two-cent envelope stamp cut out irregularly and pasted on the envelope. Also where two cents postage is paid by a one-cent envelope stamp cut out and pasted beside the one-cent stamp on another governmental envelope. Also two envelopes from Chicago post office on which postage was never paid, the absence of the stamps not having been noticed.

One day I purchased without examination a small lot of old U. S. common stamps, for five or ten cents, and the first stamp I picked up and examined proved to be the finest specimen of the 3c 1857 outer-line variety I have ever seen. Another time a purchase of two or three hundred common stamps for a nickle, resulted in getting a good 1c 1870 grilled.

In a collection I recently purchased I obtained a 24c Navy and a 6c 1870 grilled, besides other fine stamps.

In a small lot of U. S. Revenue which I purchased very cheap, I found an "Eagle Card Co." 5c black, worth

\$3.00.

On an old deed I found a \$10.00 Conveyance now worth \$1.00.

At a drug store I found seven, Father Mathew Remedy, 4c black stamps worth each 50c, and two Dr. G. W. Sweet, 4c worth 75c each. I also obtained many other good medicine stamps for my collection.

I have a 3c 1857, U. S. triple perforation.

As I have never collected extensively, I consider I have made a few good finds.

Joliet, Ill,

E. L. DAVENPORT.

CONFEDERATES.

"ERA"

Now very few collectors make the proper study of their Confederate stamp. True there do not exist watermarks to be observed as in the different British Colonials, nor the difference in perforation that can be found in many countries, nor even the grilles that can be found in the early U. S. issues, but in some of the values the crudeness in printing makes many shade varieties and upon close inspection defects can be found in the dies which make exceedingly interesting minor varieties. Then again when a collector retains his stamps on the original envelope such curious and interesting pieces can be found. Envelopes made from wall paper, circulars, and account books are not infrequently met with. Envelopes of the 1856 issue are also found used with the stamp over the original embossed stamp, and even these envelopes turned and used again can be found. This later class, however, are quite rare. Then again a prisoner's letter

bearing the stamps of both the blue and the gray may be found. These however are entitled to be rank in the class endorsed "scarce." Then again if unused stamps are retained, the study of the full sheets of those fortunate enough to possess them are interesting in the extreme.

OBITUARY.

We sincerely regret to announce to our readers the death of Mr, Harry Hegel, of this city, who has been more or less connected with the interests of Philately for the last five years. His death took place Saturday, December 31, 1893. Although not known very widely in stamp circles, yet the deceased has always commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact. His honesty and integrity had won for him a host of friends, and we know that all his acquaintances will join in with us in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his parents and family in their sad bereavement. His death, coming so unexpectedly, may to some extent inconvenience the Minnesota Philatelist, as we had hoped to obtain his services as assistant editor. Thus indirectly his loss may be felt by our readers.

Error—Through the carelessness of our proof reader (ye editor hates to admit that he is the guilty one) the date was not changed and the mistake was noticed too late to be rectified. Instead of December, 1893, it should read January, 1894. Such blunders will not occur again.—Ed.

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The success which has been accorded us in bringing out the first number of our magazine encourages us and acts as a stimulative towards making each succeeding issue an improvement on its predecessor. The many testimonials that we have received testifies that our initial number has proven to be both pleasing and interesting to our readers. Knowing that our journal is appreciated and hoping that our efforts in the future may yield as fruitful results as those in the past, we can say no more than our constant aim will be to maintain the high standard which characterized our first issue.

We are already beginning to realize the fact that the cash in advance plan is the best and the most profitable. The only way to make a Philatelic paper yield a reasonable income, and especially in these hard times, is to ignore all letters from persons desiring advertising or subscriptions unless sufficient money to pay for the same accompanies their order.

Different ways are being attempted to expel these so-called "dead beats" from our ranks, but none have proven practicable.

The only practical plan, at least in our opinion, has been opportunely suggested by "Chic" in the December number of the Eastern Philatelist. His plan is to form a Philatelic Press Association and by this means enforce payment on the part of the delinquents.

A Philatelic Press Association we must have, if we expect to protect ourselves against this class of persons. If all the publishers would adopt this plan (and many manifest their desire to do so) the "dead beats" would soon disappear from our midst and all persons who have a certain tendency towards delinquency would "come to time." On our part we extend our hearty co-operation in the work of expelling such persons from our ranks.

Give this particular class of individuals no chance to work and a more confident feeling will rest with all and more especially with those who answer advertisements. At the same time publishers will be enabled to produce better journals and to give their readers literature of a superior standard.

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For obvious reasons "Mekeels Stamp News" has shrunken considerably in size. It presents a very creditable appearance however, and the usual amount of interesting matter is found in its columns.

The latest aspirant for journalistic honors is the Canadian Philatelic Weekly, published by L. M. Staebler, London, Canada. It is neatly gotten up and contains some very interesting articles. We wish Bro. Staebler good luck in his new venture.

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A local dealer recently sold several complete sets of Columbian's at twenty-five dollars a set. Therefore, do not be surprised if dealers hold these particular stamps at what appear to be very high prices. If however the demand for these stamps continues at the pace they are going now, will soon overtake the \$5 state, and also reach the *finis* of our pocket book.

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Our contemporary "The Northwest," which has been lagging the last month or two, seems to have recovered its former equilibrium and comes out in a much improved form. We wish our worthy brethren the success which they undoubtedly deserve.

PHILATELIC ITEMS.

BY HURON.

The Minneapolis Philatelic society held its sixth auction sale on the evening of Dec. 22d. Sixty-three lots were disposed of and very good prices were obtained.

It is said that The Toronto Philatelic Journal will be issued again under the management of W. S. Weatherston.

Among our many benedicts in this state now we have two well known philatelist, Mr. Erv R. Alrich, of Benson, Minn., and N. E. Carter late of Minneapolis. George you are next on the list.

The Northwest is among the best philatelic papers in this country now, and the best ones are the American Philatelic Magazine, Phil. California, Minnesota Phil, Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, these four papers represent the West and the four from the East are The P.O., Eastern Philatelist, P. J. of A., and American J. of Philately, and many others but these are some of the best and collectors who subscribe for the eight will get their moneys worth.

The Willmar Argus had an item referring to dealers in Chicago and N. Y. buying stamps for decorative purposes, paying \$3.50 to \$5.00 per 50,000. I wonder if this is some collector or dealer's scheme to buy stamps.

The Boston Philatelic society held a banquet Dec. 20th which it is said was a grand affair. I wonder when the M. P. S. will hold theirs?

One of the greatest things now is The St. Nicholas Magazine took to having a philatelic department and under the management of the well known writer "Crawford." This will bring many new fases to the philatelic world.

I have heard that the Philatelic Argosy has changed its name to the People's Argosy and will be a literary magazine hereafter.

The Scott Catalogues are out, but I think that the sale of them will not be as large as that of last year on account of the new one called Our Catalogue which will be its rival from now on. The latter is the best of the two.

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ALL KICK.

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There is weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth at the post office today, and several worldings have amended the quotation to read "and swearing of large emphatic swears." The reason? The Columbian stamp is yet with us, and will stick close to our adhesive hides for a month longer.

The first warning of trouble was sounded by a gaunt specimen of farmyard lore, who strode up in front of the stamp window and growled:

"Gimme a dollar's worth of stamps. Naw, not them," he yelled as the clerk handed out what resembled a bunch of paper lamp lighters. "Gimme t'other ones."

The clerk had to inform him that they were the only ones on hand, and this is true, for in the last order sent for the old style, Uncle Sam returned 800,000 crayon portraits of Christopher Columbus instead. The fellow let out a few explosives of doubtful origin, and took stamped envelopes.

"Here, here, now," remarked a sharp visaged lady, as the clerk handed her the twos and a penny. I don't want them. What! Nothing but them. Well, I never. We ought to have the postmaster at Washington repealed," and she flounced out, the cold weather curling her Columbian stamps up tighter than her front bangs.

And so it went. Kicks, growls, offers to report the clerk, who was glad that he was behind a pair of bars, etc., etc. The supply will probably last a month, but there are only five days left before the majority of the male sex will be swearing off on using highly expressive appellatives. This is hard luck.—Penny Press.

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A NEGLECTED SERIES OF STAMPS.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

Not long ago a friend of mine who only a recent addition to the philatelic cohorts, and has, therefore, a great deal to learn before he can become an advanced collector, brought a stamp to me for which there was no place in his album and which he could not find noted in his catalogues and asked me for information in regard to it. The stamp was wholly unfamiliar to me, but after a close inspection I immediately recognized it as one of the state revenues of Nevada. My friend asking for further information in regard to these revenues, a class of stamps which he had never before heard of, I was obliged to tell him that I was not much wiser than he in regard to them. I had never paid the slightest attention to the revenues; and, so far as I can remember, had never seen one before that day.

On looking up the matter since then, and attempting to secure some reliable information in regard to this much neglected series of stamps, I have been surprised at the general ignorance of collectors regarding them. I have asked a large number of my correspondents for any information as to state revenues which they could give me, with surprisingly barren results. Most collectors' knowledge of state revenues is very vague. They have heard that

there is such a class of stamps, but that is about all. They know nothing of their use, nor of their origin. In fact, state revenues do not seem to be collected at all; and there are even quite a number of otherwise well posted collectors who are totally unaware of their existence.

I have searched through my library of philatelic literature, in the hope of finding some comprehensive and satisfactory catalogue of these stamps, but none is to be found; the few references to them being very brief and adding little to our knowledge. However, I have managed (with the kind assistance of several well known collectors of revenue stamps) to learn a few facts in regard to these little known emissions; which will, at least, add something to the knowledge of the tyro, if they do not prove of value to more advanced collectors.

State revenue stamps were issued by the states of Alabama, Louisiana, California, Nevada and Oregon. They were issued in 1862, at the same time that the United States revenue came into existence, and their uses were very similar to that of the general issue. They were all very large, and it is perhaps for that reason that they have been shunned by collectors.

The revenue stamps of Oregon are especially large, being rectangular in shape and measuring 27 by 50 millimetres. The Oregon revenues are also by far the handsomest of any of the

state issues, I much regret not being able to procure cuts of some of these stamps to illustrate this article; no verbal description can give an adequate idea of the beauty of this set. In the center of each stamp are the arms of Oregon on a shield, while an eagle with outstretched wings surmounts the top of the shield; around it, extending to the top of each wing, are small stars; at the top of the stamp is the word Oregon in white letters; below this is the value (there are eleven different denominations in the series), at the bottom in white letters are the words State Tax, and at each side of the stamp is the word Insurance in colored letters. The Oregon stamps are more common than any other of the state revenues, having been much used on insurance policies, and are to be secured with comparative ease.

California, with its usual prodigality, issued its revenue stamps in endless variety. There are estimated to be over three hundred varieties of California revenues, divided into the following classes: State tax, bill of lading, exchange, insurance and telegraph. They are to be found perforated, imperforated and rouletted, and are almost all of large size.

There is only one value of the state tax stamp, namely, two dollars, which I am not able to describe, not being able to secure the sight of a specimen.

The bill of lading stamps embrace between thirty and forty varieties, they are circular in shape and imperforated, and measure 33-33 M. Their face value is from thirty cents to one hundred dollars, and the highest denominations are exceedingly rare.

There are one hundred varieties of the exchange stamp, from 8 cents to 56 dollars. They are imperforated, and like almost all the rest of the Cali-

fornia revenues, are circular in shape. The exchange stamps measure 26-26 M.

The insurance stamps are very similar to the exchange stamp, both in design and shape. There are 17 varieties in this set, ranging in value from cents to 10 dollars.

Besides the regular insurance stamps there is another issued known as *insurance stamp for 3, 6 and 12 months*, designed for use on short term policies, but very few of them were ever used, and the set is probably the rarest of all the state revenues. In size they measured 33-33 M.

The state telegraph stamps differ from the other California revenues in being rectangular in shape. There are two varieties, measuring 23-27 M., both of which are perforated.

Nevada has twenty-four revenues, ranging in value from 2 cents to 20 dollars. In the center of each stamp is a large star, at the top is the word Nevada, and at the bottom, its value. These are rectangular in shape, and measure 22-28 M. They are among the handsomest of revenue stamps and make a very neat page in an album.

The Alabama revenues consist of three values only: \$1 red imperforated; \$1 red perforated; \$2 blue perforated. They are rectangular in shape, and measure 25-32 M. The arms of the state are in the center of the stamp, the word Alabama above and the value below. Their use is not quite clear, but they are among the rarest of state revenues.

Louisiana has twelve revenues, five of which were used for lottery purposes. The design of these displays more originality than any other state revenue stamp, and they merit a more extended description than we have given the others. The denominations are rather curious, $7\frac{1}{2}$ and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents

respectively. There are three different 1/2 cent stamps. On one of them are two Masonic emblems, the square and compass, probably meant to indicate the "squareness" of the Louisiana lottery; which, when these stamps were issued, was at the height of its glory, but has long since been driven from American soil and forced to take refuge in the "one-horse" republic of Honduras. The two other 7 1/2 stamps bear pictures of a pelican feeding her young, the only distinction between them being the color; one being light green, and the other a very dark green.

As every one knows, the pelican occupies much the same place in the affection of the people of Louisiana, and New Orleans, in particular, that the American Eagle does in the rest of the states, and its appearance on these stamps is, therefore, particularly appropriate. Of the 12 1/2 cent stamps which complete the lottery series, one bears the square and compass, and the other the pelican, furnishing her offspring with a meal.

The other stamps of this state are known as law stamps and are seven in number, from 5 cents to 5 dollars. They, too, are handsome stamps, bearing the portrait of John T. Wiltz, once governor of the state, in the center, and the familiar pelican below. They are perforated and measure 25-30 M.

NOTES FROM THE ZENITH CITY

(BY E. T. BEMIS.)

Dealers here say that business is brightening up wonderfully.

Some of the collectors here are trying to organize a Philately Society. I hope they will. I had a visit last week from Mr. H. C. Litton, of New York, who has a very fine collection of stamps. Exchanged some good U. S. stamps, and I got a good specimen of the 5c yellow brown 1761 issue.

Will hear more from Bro. Bemis next issue.—Ed.

STANDARD CATALOGUES.

A standard catalogue! Can we, as collectors, say that we have such in any of the catalogues published at the present time? Can we, with certainty, determine the true value of a stamp as priced in Mekeel's, Scott's, or any of the other so-called standard catalogues of today? If so, how is it that dealers can make such enormous discounts from these *standard prices*? Recently a St. Louis dealer has been offering one thousand dollars' worth of stamps, priced according to Scott's 54th edition catalogue, at the exceedingly low price of one hundred and fifty dollars. In view of the fact that the offer is bona fide, the catalogue prices must be at fault. But how is it that the stamps are catalogued so far above their value? At present, and, we believe in the past, catalogues have been published by dealers. It seems that the catalogues are prepared for yielding pecuniary benefits to the publishers in more ways than one, i. e., besides yielding profit from their sale, the dealer may govern the catalogue price of a stamp, according to the number he has in stock, in this way realizing a good profit. If the publishers hold a large quantity of a certain class of stamps in stock, they can certainly profit greatly by cataloguing these stamps at a price far above their real value. In this way the collector may be deceived. Basing the value of a stamp according to the catalogue, he buys it, perhaps, slightly below catalogue value. Relying upon the so-called *standard catalogue*, he thinks he has made a good purchase, when in truth he is paying a price greatly in excess of the true value of the stamp, which fact he discovers sooner or later. This leaves the collector at a disadvantage with the dealer, and to make them on equal standing we must have a standard catalogue. In the past, as well as at the present time, we have had none, and the indications are that none will be published in the future.

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EDITORIAL.

It is with no small degree of interest that we await the completion of the new catalogue entitled "Our Catalogue." Since its preparation is in the hands of such able compilers, we may naturally expect a catalogue of superior merit. It is the general opinion that in "Our Catalogue" Scott's will find a rival worthy of consideration. From present indications, we think that "Our Catalogue" will come very near towards fulfilling the desire as evidenced in the article, "Standard Catalogues," published in another column. If it comes anywhere near approaching standard, it will prove a

valuable addition to the interests of philately.

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Scott's 54th edition catalogue is at hand, and in looking over its pages we particularly noticed its increased size. Varieties in minute detail are catalogued, and to such an extent that we should think any general collector would become discouraged. The specialist certainly has reason to rejoice, and we are seriously thinking of joining this class of philatelists forever. Watermarks were bad enough, but when it comes to the perforation gauge meter scale and microscopical examination let us call for a halt. At the present rate, the varieties will increase tenfold each year, and the general collector cannot keep pace with such an increase.

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If a publisher wishes to evoke the praise of the philatelic public he must produce a paper that is neatly printed. We firmly believe that good printing and neatness are two of the main requisites towards making any publication an absolute success. Such at least has been our experience. The commendation that has been showered upon us in this regard go to substantiate our assertions. No matter how good its contents may be, no one cares to read a paper if it is a printer's botch. For the last few years, however, we have particularly noticed a decided improvement in this respect. No doubt the publishers have discovered that poor printing calls forth, as a rule, poor support and universal condemnation. Yet there are many good magazines that would deserve the name of perfection were it not for the poor printing.

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Duluth, which has been hibernating

for some time past, awakens from its lethargy and announces that another journal is anxious to join the already full ranks of philatelic journalism. It is to be published by Mr. E. T. Bemis, who, we believe, was formerly of Minneapolis. On the condition that the new journal proves to be a beneficial addition, we extend our encouragement. Otherwise, Brother Bemis, expect none.

Ra! Ra! Ra! Minnesota! What's the matter with Minn-e-so-ta?

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We wish to acknowledge the receipt of the Southern Philatelist, American Philatelic Magazine, Hoosier Stamp, Brooklyn Stamp, Philatelic Kaleidoscope, Philatelic Era, Collector, Mekeel's Stamp News, Detroit Phil, Postoffice, Puritan Philatelist and Evergreen State Philatelist. We wish to exchange two copies of every philatelic magazine. Send one to editor, 1605 Stevens avenue, and one to the manager's address.

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Those persons who have thus far been negligent in their advertising accounts, please settle, to avoid any trouble that might arise.

THE STORY OF THE STAMP PAPER.

Philatelic Entertainment

ACT I. Council of philatelic editors, (Kissinger—Kantner—Small—Major Egan—Miller). Major Egan commands the council to march, Kissinger and Kantner refuse; Egan calls on his lieutenant Small with the aid of the body guard Miller.

Flight ensues. The two insurgents pull six shooters, but fail to make any impression on the iron lined heads of their superiors. Finally the two K's

are overpowered and placed in the guard house.

ACT II. Kissinger and Kantner at table in guard house; Egan and Small appear, says Egan, "I will grant you freedom providing you act as a critic on this bunch of MSS." pulling out a bunch of MSS. from under his coat (not dress.)

Kissinger and Kantner sigh but accept the same.

In case of a bad attack of brain-fever or topsyturvey, I place this bottle of camphor and box of Ripan's Tabules on the shelf above within your reach.

Egan and his lieutenant start to leave, Kissinger pulls his six shooter and fires: only a mocking laugh follows and they are alone. Kantner picks up an effusion on "Driving the Seebeeks to water!" faints.

(Here the play stops, for the enthusiastic crowd of cranks in the gallery and balcony are fairly yelling.)

ACT III. By the use of the camphor and tabules Kantner is revived.

Kissinger and Kantner look at each other with wild eyes.

A mocking laugh comes from the door. Says Major Egan "you boys are free, my camphor and tabules have worked as I wished, that settles the dispute, I will promote the publishing of stamp papers and sell the editors my remedies. Good bye. Kissinger and Kantner vamoose.

One looking around the opera could have seen C. E. Stevens with a smile on his lips; Roy F. Greene looking very scornful at the appearance of Egan.

Withrow — Davison — Luhn — and Guy W. Green in a front seat. With Zobel alone in nigger heaven.

All were satisfied from A to Y.

*Z couldn't see so well.

CLEVE SCOTT.

*H. H. Zobel.

COMMENTS AND CHAFF.



Did you ever notice with what forethought, with what discretion, the older magazine seeks to discourage the efforts of its more youthful rival.

If you have not, some time take particular note of this, and you will find that on the advent of some new journal, considerable space is devoted towards discouraging the new comer.

Whether it is the fear of seeing rivals, selfishness, or jealousy, we do not wish to propound here, but any way the actions shown would evince as much.

On the other hand, we see our new efforts seeking to please their older contemporaries, thinking that they make their interests and prosperity the same as the more advanced publication.

Many however with energy and tenacity, cling to their purpose, and soon the older journal, seeing that its efforts to distress the more recently founded journal are useless pours forth its criticisms and discouragements upon a still later arrival.

Many, however, cannot withstand these burning reproaches and shallow criticisms, and give up when three or four numbers have been issued.

Some have thus suspended, which if they could have survived, would have developed into deserving magazines.

The M. P., nevertheless, goes on unmindful of these petty slurs.

In the *Southern Philatelist* under the heading of "Latest News," Gus Lubh explains the energetic characteristic exhibited by *Geo. W. Achard*, while persuading his delinquents. From his words (*Gus*) the public might labor under the opinion that *George* is a veritable *Terror* on slow payers. Now if such is the case, I have every reason to feel very uncomfortable, as I happen to owe him 73 cents, and my liabilities are not covered by my assets. I hope the report is not true, as I would think it exceedingly unpleasant to come in contact with *Robust George* about this time.

Yet, at the time the debt was contracted, G. A. assured me that he would trust me. In trusting me, I take it that he meant that he would wait until I felt like paying, but I recently received an epistle that leaves me in a very unpropitious frame of mind. To tell the truth *George* is getting up quite a reputation as a "*Scrapper*" (That's *Gus*, too) which we are afraid will develop into notoriety if he don't look out. *George* where do you bury your dead?

No offense intended, *George*, as we have too much respect for your fighting prowess.

Let us suggest that there is a chance for a new department in *Philatelist Journals* about this time. Why not devote a certain amount of space each month to notorious Philatelists. *J. R. Hooper* who has been acquitted on the charge of murder, would make a good subject for a sketch as would also the *Whilom Bishop*.

Even in the postal department ignorance manages to crop forth occasionally. A friend of the writer entered

one of the branch offices here and asked the clerk for a four cent columbian. The clerk grinned and said, "ah! give us a rest, never heard of such a stamp." My friend tried to convince the clerk that there was such a stamp but the clerk replied, "no doubt there has been such a stamp, but now, no sir!" My friend walked out wondering how such ignorance could exist. But it does it seems.

Yours on the Q. T.,

"Sutton."

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

On another page will be found an announcement of our intention to publish an extra large paper and extra number of copies for our April number. It is our intention to place a copy of our paper in the hands of 3,000 advanced collectors, and about 1,800 young collectors throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and South American countries.

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EDITED BY

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NO. 4.

COMPANIONSHIP IN PHILATELY.

In the writer's opinion, one of the principal reasons that stamp collectors are held within the philatelic fold and that they are prevented from leaving our ranks is companionship.

In the ordinary walks of life, it is depressing to be with no companion or companions. To be without anyone to support you in your undertakings, to be without any one to uphold you in your intentions or to aid you in your plans is certainly unpleasant. To have no one to whom you can speak your thoughts, with whom to exchange your opinions, or even to discuss the daily occurrences is indeed disagreeable.

To have no one to encourage you in your ambitions, work or play certainly affords one no pleasure,

Without companions your every intention, undertaking or ambition is liable to fail or possibly cause a person to become deeply discouraged. Then in ordinary life, without companions one cannot hope to be happy. As companionship is with our usual life so it is with the philatelic. Can we thoroughly enjoy our pursuits, isolated from our fellow philatelists? Can we feel that *true* pleasure in collecting, if we cannot exchange our opinions, thoughts or feelings in regard to these little bits of paper, which we call stamps? Can we truly enjoy collecting, if we cannot express our-

selves or discuss with others? As a rule, no. It would be contrary to a person's natural desire for filial companionship. We now and then hear of persons who are cut off from the world of philately who are ignorant of what a great world philatelia really is. We hear of persons who have conducted their stamp collecting alone, isolated from their fellow philatelists and yet enjoy it. Yes, this may be true, but is it not also true that when these same persons become aware of the fact that there are others who are similarly interested, their pastime affords them a still greater pleasure and they, mingling with the stamp collecting fraternity, are aroused to a still higher pitch of enthusiasm. In collecting all these years in solitude, they truly regret what they have lost in being without companionship in their pursuit.

But not until they become aware of this companionship does their past loneliness fully break upon them. They would hardly care to enter that shadow of solitude again.

Thus it is certain that companionship enlivens collecting. If a person becomes semi-despondent in his pursuit, let him mingle more with his fellow collectors. His interest will be once more awakened. I may say that this interest can never thoroughly leave a person, who had ever become enamored with philatelic pleasure. It may slumber, but it cannot die, and it can only slumber when the collector is

drawn from companionship. It is a latent interest which is always sure to crop forth again, especially when the person is once more brought in contact with philatelic enthusiasts. I may well illustrate this. A friend who was wont to visit me quite often usually found me absorbed in my collection. He would call my stamps insignificant bits of paper. He would chide me and ridicule me most unmercifully. I usually answered his scoffing by saying that if he only knew the pleasure there really was in it, he too would take an interest. And bye and bye he did become interested and so interested that he became a most enthusiastic "crank". All the time that we were together, all the time that this philatelic companionship existed between us, his interest never waned. But finally we separated, the companionship was broken, and he soon became wearied with his stamps and probably thrust his album into some dark corner in the attic. He still retained an interest in collecting, but not again did he collect until he came in contact with philatelic companionship once more: since then by keeping up this companionship, he has ever been interested in stamp collecting. I too in my stamp life have been similarly affected, and no doubt many of my readers may have too. But I always found by seeking philatelic companions my interest in collecting never diminished. To keep alive our interests in philately, to better enjoy the pleasure of collecting we must have companionship. It is always easily obtained. Correspond with fellow philatelists; subscribe for creditable stamp journals; join local as well as national societies, thereby mingling with fellow collectors; and gradually you will obtain a better knowledge of philately, your interests will be strengthened and your enjoyment deepened.

BY SYLVESTER.

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Among the interesting decisions which have been handed down by the courts, is one rendered by the supreme court of Mississippi, saying that the date of the post mark on a letter is not a legal proof of its mailing at that time.

The twelve cent 1869 issue were originally submitted in design, to the government printed from a wood-block. Specimens from this plate are of extreme rarity.

The way rarity was sized up in 1869, was the old Buenos Ayres ship series and the first issue of British Guiana, are the rarest stamps known.

Probably the finest specimen of the 10c St. Louis, die C., was offered at Albrecht's nineteenth sale. It is on original cover with extra large margins and regular cancelled in red.

A full set of the rare early Western Union franks was sold with the Skinner collection, which was sold by the Scott Co. on the 14th.

I recently came across a letter having a little label bearing a design like the face of a clock with the hands marked on the face with a pen. This label was, I believe, at one time popular and was used to indicate the hour that the letter was posted, and as I believe, the invention of F. Trifet, who put it on the market late in the sixties.

While there is probably no way for anyone except an expert to tell a reprint Brady local from an original, the only counterfeit known to exist, can be told by the merest tyro as it is of the "comma" variety and a period is used in the forged.

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Minneapolis with its societies and stamp papers is a philatelic city worthy its name.

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The west has the two greatest philatelic poets the world ever knew, and rising young writers proclaim "their west"

Thus we claim ourselves equal to our eastern brothers whether it be in philatelic literature (albums, magazines, etc.) authorship, business transacted, or up-to-date business principles. Even our eastern brothers say truthfully "This is a great and glorious west," and it is.

NOTES FROM THE ZENITH CITY

E. T. BEMIS.

I have decided not to publish the *Zenith City Philatelist*, which I was to issue last month, but have sold same to a stock company in West Superior, Wisconsin, who will publish it under another name. I hope they will make a success of it.

Some of the Columbian stamps are a thing of the past at this post office. The 3-cent, 6-cent and one dollar stamps are all gone. All the stamped envelopes except the 1-cent have been sold.

Collectors are paying as high as \$1.50 and \$1.75 for the one dollar Columbian, used, and face value for all over the 2-cent, lightly cancelled and in good condition.

The new Philatelic Society mentioned in Zenith City notes last month has not yet been organized, but I hope it will be soon. Will try and give full account next month.

We have received from Mr. H. F. Dunkhorst, Washington, D. C., a very neat calendar, and from E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa., a very neat stamp pocket for postage stamps, for which we thank above named gentlemen.

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EDITORIAL.

A correspondent of the "Canadian Philatelist," who chooses to veil his identity under the ever convenient *nom de plume*, writes that the MINNESOTA PHILATELIST is reported to be in sore traits. Where this report originated we do not know, but we do know that the MINNESOTA PHILATELIST is in a flourishing condition, and always has been. No doubt this false report emanated from some person, not altogether desirous of our welfare, who thought in this way to injure us. We wish to assure the public that we have no intention of "throwing up the sponge" and that our paper is established upon a firm foundation. We trust Bro. Staebler will set us aright in this matter, as a wrong impression may have been made upon the minds

of some in regard to this paper and we feel it but just that the public should see us in our true light. We know we have rivals, but we regret to learn that we have enemies. But according to the old adage that an unsuccessful man has few enemies, while a prosperous one has many, we feel somewhat consoled to discover that we might be classed with the latter.

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The officers of the Germania society have written a letter to the "Southern Philatelic," stating that all charges made against the society are untrue, and that no proofs have been shown. The Germania people, it seems, are fully determined to brazen it out, although the whole scheme is a rank fake on the face of it. We hope that Henry Gremmel, who has been the aggressive party in this matter, will substantiate his charges with convincing proofs and thus settle the whole matter.

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W. Palmer, of Crossville, Tenn., has worked Minneapolis' dealers for a goodly sum. This reminds us that in order to avoid such swindlers we must resort to the old remedy—demand good references. We will, at least, and we feel certain others similarly afflicted will concur with us in our intentions.

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The Minneapolis' Philatelic Society is no more. But doesn't it seem strange that its prime movers are already contemplating the organization of a new one. We prophesy a failure in their attempts.

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The "Northwest" comes rather intermittently and we are of the opinion

that it cannot long survive. "Yes, boys it takes money to start a paper, and a heap more of it to keep it running."

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From a daily paper we glean the fact that Corea and Madagascar have applied for admission to the universal postal union.

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Sink or swim, we will stick to the resolution that we have made in regard to cash advertising

Dealers! Don't expect credit here, for you will not get it. Remember to send the cash every time and avoid inconveniences.

AGLANCE AT OUR EXCHANGES.

"JAB."

The *Philatelic Californian* is one of the best magazines on our list; it is full of interesting reading matter and is well printed,—advertising—cash in advance—good.

Number 53 of the *Southern Philatelist* does not contain as much reading matter as heretofore given, but the reason for this is "An exceptional rush in the printing office." Hereafter Bro. Luhn will devote his entire time and money to publishing *Sea Side Thoughts* and the *Southern Philatelist*.

We are indeed very sorry to hear that the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* will be discontinued. We had come to look upon the C. P. W. as a "permanent fixer." We are informed that second class rates could not be secured.

Among our many exchanges the *American Philatelic Magazine* is the best typographically, and not very far in the rear when judged from a literary standpoint. Messrs. Parmelee & Brown evidently know their p's and q's.

With the February number the *Eastern Philatelist* completes its sixth volume. Mr. Pinkham in one of his editorials says "The E. P. proposes to remain in the field for many years to come, and we have an ambition to sometime become the oldest stamp publication in America." The E. P. is certainly deserving of prosperity.

Dec.-Jan. number of "The Stamp" reached us rather late, a! "on account of the printer." Poor fellow! But then, it consists of twenty four pages and cover, which makes up for lost time. Come again.

Other papers received are *Detroit Philatelist*, *Hoosier Stamp*, *Metropolitan Philatelist*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Evergreen State Philatelist* and *Recreation Echo*. They are all up to their usual high mark.

Part one of OUR CATALOGUE has been received and we are very much pleased with it. It prices all stamps issued up to date, giving price for used, unused, reprints, and on original letter. Also quotes prices on watermark and perforation. Space will not permit a complete review of this valuable book, but this much can be said; it gives more general information than any other catalogue ever issued, and we trust that every reader of this paper will secure a copy of this work at once. Parts two and three will be issued in a short time.

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We have been requested by E. T. Bemis, of Duluth, Minn., to publish the following named persons as frauds. These names will appear until accounts are settled.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF
PROMINENT PHILATELISTS.

COMPILED FROM AUTHORITIES, BY GEO.
S. SEYMOUR.

I.

G. WASHINGTON GREENE, the original philatelic poet, was born at Lebanon, Indian Territory. In early youth he removed to Fort Wrangle, Alaska, and commenced to wrangle with editors. His first efforts of note were the sixty-five introductory stanzas of an ode to spring, written at the age of three, which appeared in the Great Dipper, established his reputation at once as a literary star of the first magnitude. When his genius became apparent he was obliged to seek seclusion in Hoboken, N. J., in order to defend himself from autograph fiends, curiosity hunters, etc., who besieged him with requests for favors, and would even try to cut off curls whenever he ventured to appear in public. In 1872 he organized a stock company to assist him financially with the U. S. Philatelist, which didn't secure second-class rates at Eden, Kansas. He then went into the approval-sheet-fraud business, advertising Columbians at six cents a thousand. He would claim this to be a typographical error, and forward the value in foreign stamps. This dodge was seldom known to fail.

Elated by notoriety, he met with better success with the Philatelic Swindle Exposer, devoted principally to showing up the details of his trade, and passing under the alias of the Best on Earth. This collapsed in the Fox-Bishop panic, owing to the temporary evaporation of its editor. He is now at large, gyrating between Kansas and Nebraska. He gives evidence of prolonged health through the columns of poetically inclined papers, and is spoken of as holding several offices in lieu of better occupancy. Let us wish him a speedy marriage.

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HENRY CUMMINGS.

STAMP DEALERS IN TROUBLE.

Alleged to Have Violated the Law in Collusion with a Postmaster.

St. Louis, March 14.—The postal authorities here have unearthed a new scheme that is said to be in violation of the federal statutes. As a result, officers here today arrested H. S. Scott, and are now hunting for the others concerned, of whom there are two. One of these is Charles H. Mekeel, of the Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Company, No. 1007 Locust Street, who is said to be in New York. The federal authorities there have been notified by telegraph to arrest him. Mekeel is Scott's employer. The authorities refuse to divulge the name of the third man wanted, but he is believed to be a postmaster of a small Missouri town. Mekeel is a dealer in rare stamps. The Columbian issue has been in great demand, particularly the higher priced, more especially if canceled in the regular transaction of postoffice business. The scheme seems to have been an arrangement with the country postmaster, whereby the conspirators purchased quantities of high priced stamps, affixed them to self addressed packages, bogus in value, but of proper weight, mailed them in the country postoffice, where the postmaster canceled them, and then forwarded the packages to St. Louis, the affixed stamps being much more valuable in their canceled state than before. Incidentally the country postmaster is a fourth-class man, paid by a percentage on his canceled stamps, and this percentage, it is understood, was also divided with the projectors of the scheme.—Indianapolis Journal.

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ALSON BRUBAKER.

We take great pleasure in presenting our readers this month with a sketch and half-tone of Mr. Alson Brubaker, one of the leading stamp collectors of this great Northwest.

Mr. Brubaker was born 13 miles from the city of Lancaster, Pa., in October, 1872. He is the son of Maj. P. S. Brubaker, an extensive fruit grower in central America. Early in the year of '83 he removed to Fargo, N. D., and after driving at odds and ends finally settled down with the Fargo Stationery Company, and is at the present time head clerk for the above mentioned firm. His natural bent seemed directed toward literary work. In the year 1891 he started an amateur paper known as "Ink Drops," which today ranks among the best in the country. For several years he has acted as special correspondent for the New York Dramatic Mirror. He has also contributed pen drawings to all of the leading magazines and papers, and was recently elected president of the National Amateur Press Association.

Last summer he lost his entire collection of stamps in the Fargo fire, but notwithstanding this misfortune, he immediately started a new collection.

Mr. Brubaker is a member of the S. of P. and the N. W. P. A., and takes a deep interest in all things philatelic.

Mr. Brubaker's name has been mentioned by several parties in connection with the office of president of the S. of

P. for 1894-5, and we do not hesitate in saying that he would fill all the requirements.

Jab.

AN INTERNATIONAL STAMP.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

To many philatelists, the adoption of an international postage stamp seems about as imminent as the millennium. No one denies the utility of a series which could be used in any country of the Postal Union; but very few look on such stamps as being more than a remote possibility of the future.

The last Postal Congress decided against the adoption of such an issue by an over-whelming majority. The advocates of an international stamp are not discouraged, however, and at the next session of Congress, to be held at Washington in 1897, a strong effort will be made to induce the congress to reconsider its decision. The international stamp is each year meeting with more favor from "the powers that be," and those most familiar with postal matters unite in predicting its adoption in the near future.

That the adoption of such stamps will change the whole course of philatelic study and perhaps even endanger the very existence of our hobby, goes without saying. The innovation would probably not affect philately for some years; as post office officials would naturally be somewhat distrustful at first of the utility of an international series of stamps, and very

unlikely to withdraw at once the governmental issues. The issuance of a series for international use does not necessarily mean, as some philatelists seem to think, that the separate issues of each country of the U. S. A. must be discontinued. Yet, if the experiment is found to work well, it will largely obviate the necessity for local issues for the different countries; and it will probably be only a question of time, before all the divisions of the great postal confederation will use the same stamps.

It is, therefore, evident that philatelists have good reason to consider well the possible effects upon philately of an international series. It is time that the matter was thoroughly discussed in philatelic articles, for the international stamp is not a chimera of the future or a mere possibility, but a probability. We do not know how soon it may come. Little is being said upon the subject at present by the press, but powerful influences are being enlisted in its favor, and we should not lose sight of the question, even if it be for the moment disregarded by the public. Philatelists are especially interested, for, on the result of this experiment, the future of philately may depend.

A great many collectors hastily jumped to the conclusion that the withdrawal of all governmental issues, in favor of an international, or (as I should prefer to call it) universal series, would be philately's death blow. But I can see no logical ground for their conclusions. On the contrary I firmly believe that the adoption of an international series of stamps, which shall supercede all other emissions, will be the salvation of philately.

Governmental greed is, at present, retarding the progress of philately. Speculative issues are a growing evil; and cannot be easily checked. The flood of

stamps, brought into existence for no other purpose than to sell to stamp collectors, is disgusting thousands of rabid enthusiasts. *What can be done*, we ask ourselves, and we are obliged to answer, *nothing*.

We can bar out of our albums all those issues known to be speculative; but how are we to know the *raison d'être* of many a stamp supposed to be above suspicion, but which is really a flagrant speculation, nothing more, nothing less. This speculative idea is bound to spread. If one country finds it a money-making scheme, a dozen others are sure to follow its example. And so many and so diverse are the stamp speculations afloat at present that one is forced to exclaim, in horror, "What are we coming to?"

I am not enough of a seer to attempt any elaborate prophecies; but I do believe that philately will certainly suffer, if impecunious governments cannot be forced to stop these petty speculations. And I know of no surer way of putting an end to it at once and for ever, than by the adoption of an international series of stamps. I can see no injury to philately in such a change. We would find our task simplified. We would no longer be worried by the puzzle of what we were to do with future emissions. We would be at leisure to study the older issues, without being distracted by the newer ones.

If there was never a stamp issued from this day forth, there are enough stamps in existence now to occupy the attention of a lifetime. There is no danger that philately will ever die from a lack of stamps to be studied, and I, for one, shall hail the coming of the international stamps with a feeling of relief. It will be a boon to philately, and I believe that there is not a philatelist in America who will not welcome the change.

There must be some change soon, from the avalanche of reprints and surcharges, and speculative provisionals which is closing in upon us, or some of our greatest philatelists will be driven from the ranks. How is philately to claim its present greatness in the future when so many influences are uniting to drag it down?

Why will not the adoption of an international stamp solve the problem satisfactorily?

DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS.

Having been aroused from one of those most refreshing slumbers one enjoys in this vigorous climate of North Dakota by the postman's whistle, upon looking over my mail I found a copy of your bright little journal, and I must confess that my face flushed a little when I remembered that I had not sent you an article for publication for some months, and I had promised you that I would contribute each month. But to tell the truth I have not had anything of any great importance to write about.

I believe but for the hard times the world would never know its own goodness, as these times bring to view the large heart and self-sacrifice which relieve distress. Those who are so fortunate as to have a position take it home with them at night, for fear of losing it. No one in the city thinks of buying stamps, and it is very seldom that I hear of any one talking on the subject.

The exchange department of the Northwestern Philatelic Association seems to be doing a large business, as book number 7 passed through my hands the other day, and a Mr. N. E. Carter had taken \$17.50 from the sheets.

I will give an unused two-cent Columbian stamp to the first person who will send me Mr. Frauk S. George's present

address. I know he is somewhere in Minneapolis, as the records show that he has paid his taxes—I should have said dog taxes.

Clifford W. Kissinger was so delighted with the little "puff" (?) I gave him in my last article that he has subscribed to Ink Drops for one year, in order that he might have the pleasure of reading more of my writings. Oh, no, I am still wearing the same size hat.

I am aware that I have a wretched habit of telling everything I know, and I can't seem to get over it, try as I may. Now, I fully made up my mind I wouldn't say anything about it, but it would positively hurt me if I didn't tell a few of your readers. It was told me the other day in strict confidence, by a friend. So I can't tell the public what it really is, much as I would like to. But if you will bend low I will whisper it in your ear. Mr. R. M. Miller may be compelled to resign the secretaryship of the S. of P. and sell out "The Collector," as his business as a manufacturing druggist requires almost all of his time, and it is rapidly increasing. He is willing to sell it very cheap (?)—only \$200, with all outstanding accounts thrown in. No, this is not a free "ad." I merely tell it to you in the hopes that you may know of some "fish" in our own free but at present "hard up" country who would like to invest. There, now, you have it, and don't you dare to say I told you. Keep the whole matter strictly confidential and don't mention it to any one.

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EDITORIAL.

In the future we will pay for accepted manuscript only as it is used, as we cannot afford to pay at once for articles we may not use for six months.

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The P. S. of A. will hold their next convention at Niagara Falls. Two hundred and sixty votes were cast—48 for Washington, 86 for Niagara Falls, and 42 for Denver. The remaining 84 votes being scattered.

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Some publishers of philatelic journals will be surprised to learn that they have been violating a postal law. It has been customary for some publishers to omit one or two regular issues and subsequently get out another issue bearing the several serial numbers.

The postal authorities have been ap-

prised of this violation, and are already looking into the matter. An order has just been issued which provides that in case of an issue being omitted, the first succeeding one shall bear the number of the issue omitted. Otherwise the publication shall be treated as third class matter.

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With this issue we wish to announce a change in the management of this paper. Mr. J. A. Bruederly, Jr., will hereafter act as editor and manager, Mr. H. S. Swensen retiring. All communications should be addressed to the Minnesota Philatelic Co., 429 Fifth Avenue south.

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Papers received: Metropolitan Philatelist, Eastern Philatelist, Quaker City Philatelist, Southern Philatelist, Evergreen State Philatelist, Iowa Philatelic Weekly, "Pennsy," Weekly Philatelist, American Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Journal of America, and Philatelic Era.

THOSE QUOTATIONS.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO STAMP DEALERS.

I sat in my office. Nothing unusual after business hours. I had a fine Havana between my lips, from which I was puffing immense clouds of smoke toward the ceiling. My mind was exempt from the toils of business worry, and as I sat thus by myself, I naturally thought of my hobby. Columbians were worrying me. I had gone this winter without an overcoat, because my \$16 was invested in the little oblong pieces of commemorative paper, and I was happy. I couldn't get an overcoat because it was too expensive a luxury, and I knew full well I must be in the procession with a full set of Columbians. Thus I thought.

The cigar had gone out and I was in dreamland. (Don't shoot!) Presently there was wafted to my ears the prettiest band music, I believe, I ever heard. The band and the melodies seemed to be drawing closer. Yes! there they were, just passing. A long procession followed in their wake, while now and then an inscribed banner met my gaze.

The first banner read like this: "*Want an Album?*" Gus Luhn was the bearer; next came B. L. Drew, upholding an inscribed banner which read, "Bear in Mind" (and I did). "Do a Little Missionary Work" was the next, and C. H. Mekeel holding it up. "The Only One on Earth" was a banner carried by Guy W. Green. "Wolsieffer's Specialties" was a neat banner carried by P. M. himself; "Our Catalogue" was the next one, being carried by R. F. Albrecht. Other banners, suitably inscribed in their order, with bearers, were as follows:

Enormous Success—Wm. Brown.

Your Eye—C. W. Kissinger.

What is Simpler?—R. R. Spooner.

A Daisy (It's toes that way)—Luke M. Bates.

Agents Wanted—C. A. Stegman.

Fifty Per Cent Commission—Standard Co.—(Both Flascham's—got a big weight on their backs).

Packet 29—Henry Gremmel.

There were also many others in this novel street parade who had nothing to represent (except the dead). Amongst the latter class tombstones* were borne by

Roy F. Greene, for the Eagle.

Lewis Bishop, for the Philatelist.

D. E. Hazen, for the Florida.

Fred Roth, for the Rocky Mountain.

Thus they went. Tears of regret could be seen in the eyes of the editors (creditors also.)

This dream has a meaning. I have learned from it that to be successful in

the stamp business you must advertise—pick out your head line (and in the words of N. W. Ayer & Son, keep "everlastingly at it.")

It has learned me also, that to print a philatelic magazine, means it's death, and heavy expenses are incurred in buying appropriate headstones.

MORALS:

To would be philatelic editors—Don't do it. If in the stamp business, advertise everlastingly.

I am awake now. To others who have never experienced the above, fight shy.

CLEVE SCOTT.

*I didn't have enough tin to buy one for the Nebraska Stamp.

THE STAMPS OF IRELAND.

"VEDA."

While the postal system of the "Emerald Isle" has never been separate from that of the United Kingdom and the same common postage stamps have ever been used, yet in fiscal matters the two lands were for many years separate, and Erin has produced several very pretty sets of revenue stamps.

The first series was produced early in the fifties, but as yet the exact date has not, I believe, been discovered.

The design consists of the head of Victoria within an oval, surcharges "*Ireland*" in blue. The stamps are perforate 14, and two complete series can be found, one on blue paper, the other on white.

1 shilling, mauve, surcharge blue.

2½ " " " "

5 " " " "

10 " " " "

1 pound, " " " "

At about the same time a six pence value was sent forth, the design being to collectors of English fiscals the well-known crown and arms design, sur-

charged in green "*Admiralty Ireland.*"

In 1858 two stamps for law document at petty session were prepared, the design is the arms design, surcharged in black "*Ireland, Petty Session,*" in black.

6 pence, rose.

6 pence, green.

The rose variety is said to have been used by the constables, while the green was for the recorder, or clerk's use.

Four years later, in 1862, this series gave way to a fresh issue, head of Victoria within a circle to the left, enclosed by inscription "*Ireland, Petty Session,*" value in table below, perforate 15.

6 pence, rose.

6 pence, green.

2 shilling 6d, purple.

In 1861 another full series came, design similar to above, inscription around circle being "*Record of title fee Ireland.*"

1 shilling, green.

2 shilling 6 pence, green.

The following year this issue was perforated 14.

1861 also brought forth an issue "*Registry of Deeds Fee*" of similar design.

3 pence, - - - rose-brown.

4 " - - - " "

6 " - - - " "

1 shilling, - - - " "

2 " - - - " "

2 " 6 pence, " "

8 " - - - " "

In 1864 the series was perforated 13 and two new values added.

10 pence, rose-brown.

1 pound, " "

In 1865 the handsomest series of stamps prepared for use in any part of the United Kingdom was brought forth, the design is of an Irish setter, facing the left, with "*License*" and value below, perforate 14.

2 shillings, lilac.

10 " blue.

20 " green.

In 1867 a series for use in Chancery Court was prepared. The first series was the familiar crown and arms embossed style.

1 penny, - - - rose.

6 shilling 2 pence, " "

2 pounds, - - - " "

3 " - - - " "

5 " - - - " "

This series gave way in 1872 to a much more complete set. The design being the Victoria head, long oblong stamp, similar to the English stamps of the same court, surcharged in red "*Ireland, Fee Fund,*" perforate 14. The color of all is violet.

3 pence. 2 shillings 8 pence.

4 " 3 "

6 " 3 " 6 pence.

8 " 4 "

1 shilling. 5 "

1 " 4 pence. 7 "

1 " 6 " 8 "

1 " 8 " 10 "

2 " 14 "

2 " 4 pence. 1 pound.

2 " 6 " "

Dimensions smaller—

2 pound. 5 pound.

3 " 10 "

In 1872 another series of long stamp came forth of much the similar design, except the inscription is around the oval "*Admiralty Court, Ireland,*" value surcharged below on oblong space of engine turned work, all values blue. Value in mauve, perforate 14.

6 pence.

1 shilling.

2 " 6 pence.

5 "

10 "

1 pound.

The next year (1873) saw a similar prepared for the Bankruptcy Court.

5 shilling, green, surcharge carmine.

10 " " " "

1 pound, violet, surcharge black.
 2 " " " "
 5 " " " "

1 penny, lilac, surcharge black.
 2 pence, " " blue.
 3 " " " brown.
 6 " " " green.

In 1878 another set was brought forth, design similar, but inscription around the octagon "*Judicature Ireland.*"

Larger stamp, head in circle.—
 1 shilling, green, surcharge black.

1 pence, lilac, surcharge black.
 3 " " " brown.
 6 " " " green.
 6 " " " purple.

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 2 " - - - " " blue.
 2 " 6 pence " " brown
 5 " - - - " " mauve
 10 " - - - " " carmine
 1 pound, - - - purple, " black.
 5 " - - - " " green.

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In 1879 the surcharge on the shilling was changed to carmine.

In 1882:—

1 shilling, green, surcharge black.
 1 " 6 pence, surcharge blue.
 2 " green, " "
 5 " " " "

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Another.

About 1878 or 1879 sets were prepared for the County Courts similar design to first *Judicature* issue.

1 pence, lilac, surcharge black.
 2 " " " blue.
 3 " " " brown.
 6 " " " green.
 8 " " " carmine.

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 1 " 6 pence, green, surcharge blue.
 2 " green, surcharge blue.
 2 " 6 pence, green, surcharge brown
 5 " green, surcharge purple.
 10 " " " red.
 1 pound, " " black.

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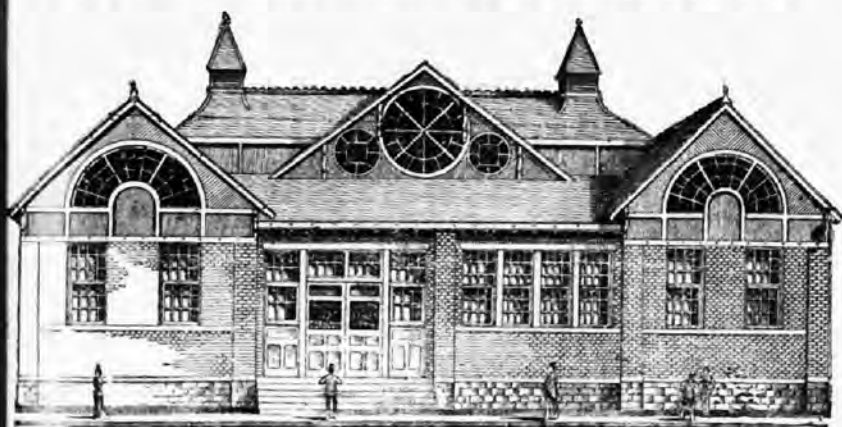
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