

# The Northwestern Philatelist.

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No. 2.

## HISTORY OF THE POST OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY RAY I. ELLIS.

The early history of the post office of the U. S. is not preserved in every detail. Benjamin Franklin was the first Postmaster-General of the U. S. He was removed from his office by the Home-department in 1774.

On the 26th of July, 1775, the American Congress assumed control over post offices and reappointed Franklin to his former post.

When Franklin was sent to France as ambassador, his son-in-law, Richard Bache, was made Postmaster-General in November, 1775.

In 1789 the number of post offices in the U. S. was 75; in 1800, 903; in 1825, 677; in 1875, 35,734 and in 1884, 50,017.

In 1769 the gross revenues of the postal service was \$30,000; in 1800, \$287,904; in 1860, \$8,518,067; in 1875, \$26,071,318; and in 1884 they amounted to \$42,338,127.08.

In 1803 the rates of postage were based upon the distances over which

the mails were conveyed.

In 1846 these rates were—not exceeding 300 miles—three cents; exceeding 300 miles, ten cents.

In 1851 the rates were reduced to three cents, not exceeding 3000 miles and ten cents exceeding 3000 miles.

The use of adhesive postage stamps was first authorized by act of Congress, approved March 3rd, 1847, and June 1st, 1856, prepayment by stamps was made compulsory.

In 1863 the uniform rate of postage was, without regard to distance, fixed at three cents, and in 1883 was reduced to two cents.

As late as 1860 the mails carried nothing but written and printed matter.

The railway mail service, including the "fast mail," was inaugurated in 1864 after a few successful experiments.

The total staff of the post office in 1884, numbered 71,671, of whom 50,007 were postmasters.

All useful printed matter not reaching its destination and cannot be returned is distributed among the inmates of the various hospitals, etc.,

in the District of Columbia.

It has been estimated that during the last year (1898) about 6,000,000,000 pieces of mail matter were mailed in the U. S.

Of this number 6,312,731 were sent to the dead letter office. That makes on an average about 20,000 pieces received at the dead letter office each working day.

Of the number of letters sent to the dead letter office about 32,000 bore no address at all.

It is estimated that about \$40,000 in cash was confided to letters during the past year.

Something like \$10,000 was found loose in the mails during the past year.

The United States has a very well regulated postal system now, and has less losses than any other country, and conducts the department with less expense according to the size of our country.

Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn., will start a philatelic magazine. It will be something like The Peforator, formerly owned by him, but better. It will probably be out in January 1900. He has secured several excellent philatelic writer, including himself. Subscription will be 30c per year.

## CHICAGO NOTES.

BY GEO. C. HARTUNG.

Some time since my friend, Mr. Ellis, informed me he was going to publish a philatelic magazine in the future. Being pretty busy this Fall already, I deliberated, but finally consented to furnish Chicago philatelic news for this paper each month and shall endeavor to interest the readers to the best of my ability.

Dealers here are well satisfied with the trade at present, and the former complaints against poor business is no longer heard. The boy trade is again at its height.

There is a great demand for the medium grade of foreign stamps catalogued from five cents to one dollar. The war revenues are also in large demand. Let us hope dealers will not deluge them with reprint and kindred trash.

The U. S. 2c stamp has appeared in many different varieties of shade ranging from light vermilion to dull red, and collectors are laying aside as many of them as they can lay their hands on.

During the past week I was visited

by Mr. John Kuhl of Nebraska. This gentleman is a thorough stamp "friend," and one of the best fellows it has been my luck to meet for some time.

The Cuban set are proving to be good sellers, but the bright colors make up for that and when seen from a distance great enough to make the design undiscernable they are really a pretty set to have in one's collection.

The auction season is now open, and amateurs giving up collecting should at once secure the services of an expert cataloguer to prepare their collection for the auction room.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel was in town during festival week.

Mr. Brodstone passed through Chicago on his way home from the convention city in Sept.

Mr. Massoth was the only Chicago visitor to Detroit to attend the conventions there.

Chicago was represented by two philatelic magazines in September. The Chicago Philatelist which had several well known contributors has been discontinued by its editor having lack of time. The Philatelist Win-

dow has not showed up for October at this writing.

Among the other visitors the past month were: D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa; N. W. Chandler, Collinville, Ill.; Wm. B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass.

The 59th catalogue 1899 issue is here, of which large numbers have been sold as they have been in demand some time.

All publishers who have not yet received the first issue of N. P. are not on our exchange list. Kindly send in your exchanges and receive ours in return. If you are not on our exchange list, it is because we were not able to obtain your address. We trust matters will soon get straightened out.

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***Our Little Talk.***

How is this for a starter in the philatelic world?

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ber?

Now that the field for philatelic publications is over-run the struggle of a stamp paper are very hard. We are exerting ourselves to the utmost in order to make N. P. interesting. We always intend to do this and see as yet no reason why we can't.

We have heard nothing of Geo. W. Maynard's publication. Has it died?

We are helping to organize a philatelic society and are pushing it ahead by having N. P. as its official organ. We wish the society succeed and will do all in our power to help along. Hope others will do the same by joining at once.

The Jubilee Philatelist for November is fairly well executed, and will soon be Canada's leading philatelic paper. It contains many interesting articles and quite a bit of news.

The publishers of the Chicago Philatelist have discontinued to publish the same.

The New York Philatelist for October contains quite a bit of news, the very interesting biographies, and some very good "Comparisons" by A. Chapman.

The Philatelic West is about the same as usual.

The Juniors' Collector is short but sweet, and small but neat.

Many new papers have lately sprung up like mushrooms. This seems to be the season for them. Hope all don't freeze out this winter. Among these out or to be out are the Ohio Philatelist, The Indiana Philatelist, The Moline Stamp News and The Iowa Journal of Philately.

The Tri-Monthly Collector has changed to Bi-Monthly Collector.

#### *Post-office Report.*

The annual report of Henry A. Castle, auditor of the post-office department, has just been transmitted to the postmaster general and secretary of treasury. The report shows a volume of about \$340,000,000 worth of transactions for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1899. The revenues of the postal service were \$95,021,384; expenditures, \$101,632,161; volume of money order transactions, \$552,483,354. The deficit in postal revenues was \$6,610,776. On June 30 the number of post-offices in U. S. was 74,384, and 27,627 of these were doing a money order business. The money order service of the government was conducted last year at a loss of over \$100,000.

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#### *The West.*

I suppose those great 'big eastern chaps,

Who dress so clean and neat,  
Think the west a prairie-dog town,  
With no walks or village streets.

They imagine in their poor dumb heads,

A great broad western plain,  
With here and there a poor log hut,  
And fields gone dry for want of rain.

They may see a few sod huts, too,  
With roofs of thatch and straw;  
But if they ever come out here  
We'll show them we're not so raw.

I suppose they imagine us to be,  
Half Indian and half white,  
And using old fashioned lamps instead  
Of electricity for lights.

Some who have a few more brains,  
Imagine our towns to contain,  
Two story buildings, perhaps two or three,  
And the rest log huts again.

You ask McKinley if you doubt,  
In what kind of a "west" we live,  
And he will say that we're all right,  
And for us a compliment give.

He left his foot print in the sand,  
And a great big broad one, too,  
And with "Expansion" it is marked,  
But just for us, not you.

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**A Good Scheme.**

We saw in a recent daily paper that a well known collector, who is a wag, some years ago caused the publication of a story that an old lady in Albany, N. Y., died and left in her will a provision that her valuable collection should be divided among the collectors of U. S. who were fortunate enough to own Brattleboro stamps. He announced himself as executor of the estate. In that way he was able to locate all of the Brattleboro stamps in the world, and succeeded in buying one cheap which he had long coveted.

**BOSTON NOTES.**

In the inquiry department of a foreign magazine we notice a request for the present address of Williams & Co., Lima, as the letters are returned by the post-office. It is hard to understand why some people cannot see any benefit derived by taking a paper.

R. W. Tucker & Co., stamp dealers and publishers of the Stamp Exchange, have made an assignment, caused by over buying. All creditors will be paid in full at an early date. The fate of the Stamp Exchange is yet in doubt, but will probably be discontinued.

Mr. F. Trifet, the well known stamp dealer of this city, died Sept. 26, 1896 at Dorchester, Mass. He was born in Paris in 1848 and started in the stamp business in 1866 and continued same to the time of his death. He also carried on a large music publishing business. The oldest stamp dealer and F. Trifet go together, as he has been long and widely known as such. He was a prominent member of many societies. A widow and daughter survive him. The funeral occurred Friday, Sept., 29.

The writer was given quite a treat at the New England Stamp Co's office a few days ago, a chance to examine those four great rarities, the missionary stamps of Hawaii issued in 1849 and 1852. The 13c H. I. and the 5c H. I. are on the original cover, while the 13c H. I. and the 2c are on a large piece of the original cover. The stamps are in remarkably fine condition. The 2c which is the rarest of the four is probably the only one in existence in America today. In fact they are so rare that there were none of them exhibited at the recent Manchester exhibition. \$5000 is considered a low estimate of their value.

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**VALUABLE STAMPS.**

The first issue of Hawaiian stamps in 1851 are very rare and valuable, having been sold as high \$2,500 each.

Indian stamps with Indian lettering on them are also very rare, but do not seem to be very much in demand. This is probably because they do not belong to any particular set, and only serve as curiosities.

The value of a stamp, depending upon the demand for it, is largely regulated by the care with which the set is completed to which it may belong.

For instance, if a collector has all the stamps in the set but a certain one, he will of course give more for that one than it would otherwise bring. And, if many of these occurrences happen, of course the stamp will be valuable, according to the number of occurrences. Issues that are practically obsolete are not much in demand because a set cannot be obtained.

U. S. stamps of all kinds are in more demand than the issues of South American countries.

Of late the demand for unused stamps is growing large.

Some of the cancelled old German stamps that can be bought for five cents will bring \$100 if in first-class condition. At other times the reverse

is the rule. Very often a cancellation mark adds value to a stamp. That is the case when few stamps were before the issue was discontinued, and the remaining were sold to dealers.

Engraving companies have sometimes made contracts with small countries to furnish them with a certain amount of stamps free of cost provided new designs are ordered in a few months or a year. The engravers repay themselves by selling a small quantity to dealers at high prices. This explains why some countries have changed their stamps so often.

Some more valuable U. S. stamps are the 15, 24, 30 and 90 cent of the issue of 1869. These stamps were printed in two colors, and by some mistake the central figure was inverted. The mistake was not noticed until after the stamps had been disposed of to the public. The oddities now bring from \$150 to \$500 each,

Other valuable stamps are the 27pa, 54pa and 108pa of the 1858 issue of Roumania, and hand stamped on laid paper.

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Deer Surs:—

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Wel i wil hev too cloze now and yu gud nite. Yours Truli,

Josia K. Klokstop

p. S. your paper iz al rite and i who sez it ain't is a durned ras. Don't forget to send n. P. everi munth and Zeek will join the North filatelic asociashun next munth.

Scott's 59th catalogue is now re. It's a dandy. Every wide awake lector should have one. In the of the book are a great many he hints for the collector, explan nearly every unknown term the lector or rather the beginner ha contend with. All active colle who have not this catalogue will see how they got along with before. It gives the values of stamp ever issued by any cou and contains many sub notes minor varieties. It should be hands of every collector.

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Every participant in this contest must be a subscriber to N. P. All subscribers may enter it. If you are not a subscriber send 20c with list. Even if you don't get a prize you will get your money's worth. Of course everyone can't get it, but you stand as good a show as anyone. Send immediately. Address the Business Manager.

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Send in now and quick  
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And it will help you in the strife  
Which you enter to collect stamps,  
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And mark now what I say.  
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RAY I. ELLIS.

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## BRIEF HISTORY OF ENGLAND'S POST-OFFICE.

BY RAY ELLIS.

**T**HE history of the English post-office dates as far back as the middle of the thirteenth century when accounts have been kept of the kings of England having made payments to the royal messengers, called "colonus," "nuncius," or "garcio," for carrying letters to various parts of the country.

The first English post master of whom any distinct account can be given is Sir Brian Fuke, who is described in 1533 in the records as "Magister Nunciorum." But long after this appointment of a Postmaster-General the details were frequently regulated by proclamations, etc.

Much of the business of the foreign postal service to and from England was conducted by merchant traders who carried letters, etc., as they traveled through the country.

Now to tell all the various changes,

etc. in this postal system it would take a book, but when each king came upon the throne, some change took place in it, and it kept advancing until it has got to be what it is now.

In about the year 1720 cross-road posts were introduced by Ralph Allen.

In 1784 experiment was made with mail-coaches, by Pitt, and was adopted soon after.

Scotland shared all the advantages of England as regards the postal system, and the local penny post was set on foot in Edinburgh by Peter Williamson. In 1784 a dead letter office was established there.

At the beginning of 1858 the total number of post-offices in the United Kingdom was 11,101; at the beginning of 1884 it was 15,951. Of the former number 810 were head post-offices, of the latter number 921. In 1858 the number of street and road receiving boxes was 703; in 1884, 15,749.

In the year 1792 the money-order branch of the post-office was originated.

The postage rates of Great Britain

are: A letter not exceeding 1 oz. passes for 1d (2 cents;) and not exceeding 2 oz. for 1½d (3 cents,) one not exceeding 12 oz. is charged 4d (8 cents,) but for every weight exceeding 12 oz. a penny for each ounce, beginning with the first, is charged. •

England now has a very well regulated postal system. As a general rule her colonies have a great deal better looking stamps than she has. Take Canada for instance.

### UNCATALOGUED VARIETIES.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

I have a copy of the 1894 1c black on blue of Diego. Suarez in which an error occurs in the spelling, namely, the lower part of the "U" in Suarez is missing thus making the word read "Siiarez."

I recently came across an oddity in Belgium postage stamps which I deem fit to chronicle here. It is a 10c stamp of the 1893 issue, with Sunday coupon, and here is where the oddity lies. The coupon instead of being at the bottom is at the top of the stamp, and not torn off. The question I would like to ask is, whether this stamp could be delivered attached to a letter, on Sunday, since the coupon was not at the foot of the stamp, its proper place?

I recently found, several thousand

common stamps, two copies of the 1880 10pf rose of Germany, in which the horizontal bar of the final "G" in Pfennig touches inside on the left; thus, makes them look like the figure 6. The word thus altered reads "Pfenni6." This variety is very distinct.

I have seen two types of the 1880 20l of Greece; in one type the numerals of value in both lower corners are thicker and wider than in the other type. Whether both types exist in the two colors, rose and carmine, I cannot say.

In the 1894 issue of Brazil the head in center is found in a good many positions relative to the outside frame surrounding the head.

I had a very queer dream the other night. Guess what it was about. I will tell you. I dreamed that I died and went to heaven. When I reached there I was led to a spacious hall and was bidden to write, with chalk, on an immense blackboard, all the lies I had ever told, and the names of every one I had ever cheated in any way. As I was passing in I met a person coming out carrying an immense basket. I recognized him as "the little boy from Sherbrooke." I then asked my friend "Eureka" where he was going. "Why!" said he, "Go after more chalk of course." This is not to say that I did not have to go after more chalk myself, but my dream ended at this point.

**BOSTON NOTES.**

BY OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Several of the dealers here have been exhibiting the two cent documentary stamp with a perforation entirely different from the usual one. It might be called a rectangular one, and numbered seven. In a lot of about one thousand sheets sent to the Boston office, I am told but about six came with this perforation. Since their first appearance a letter was shown me from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which explains the matter. The sum and substance of the matter is that all values will be perforated with the new perforation as soon as the present stock is exhausted. What, for a short time, appeared to be a good thing for the possessors of these stamps has turned out to be an unprofitable speculation.

I had the pleasure of examining a \$100 proprietary on green paper shown me by Mr. Capron manager of the Boston Stamp Co. The stamp which catalogues \$150 is seldom seen except in private collections. It was perfect in all respects and a gem.

The most noteworthy event which has taken place for a long time here in philately occurred when the New England Stamp Co. purchased the superb collection of W. Thorne, Esq. of New York. The consideration was \$45,000, cash, and this receipt is now

on exhibition in their show case. This collection was on exhibition at the London Stamp Exhibition in July, 1897, and took the gold medal for the best collection of rare stamps. Among them might be mentioned Vancouver Island 5c rose, imperforate; British Guiana, 1850, 4c pale yellow on pelure paper; 1856, 4c crimson; 4c blue paper colored on surface only; 4c indigo paper colored on both sides; Great Britain 1£. water mark, amber, unused, and many other varieties in European, U. S. and Colonial issues.

The 2p South Australia which has been printed in red brown, has been seen here in a rich shade of purple.

Rhodesia has just issued a new 4p stamp in the new design, and new color which is green to conform to the requirements of the U. P. U. I have been told that a new value of 2½p is to be issued in the near future.

**AMONG OUR CONTEMPORIES.**

This department will hereafter be conducted by Mr. J. Gardella, Jr. of Newtown, Cal. Send one copy to him.

There is another philatelic paper in the field, the International Philatelic Review. At the time of this writing we have not seen it is "all right."

The December number of the Jubilee Philatelist reached us promptly. It is as good as ever. Contains many

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Montreal, Canada.

**Editorials.**

You see we are here again. What do you think of us by this time? Are we here to stay or not?

We have secured the services of Mr. John Gardella, Jr., of Newtown, Cal., as our Review Editor. He will review all of the philatelic publications sent him, justly and impartially.

All publishers who wish to be represented in the Review will kindly send one copy to him each month.

We, as most will notice, have been very imprudent in regards to accepting advertisements for first issue of N. P. We ought to have been more careful than to accept such an ad. We were under the impression before that they were frauds from "faint rumors" we read in various papers but were not perfectly certain. As the saying is, "Experience teaches a dear school, but fools will learn in no other," we have found out our mistake. We wish to warn all of our readers against the Eureka Stamp Co., Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia, as they are decided frauds. We sincerely hope none have replied to the ad, and by doing it have shown more discretion than we have. We also hope our readers will not think us frauds for accepting such an ad. We have learned a lesson by this, and will be more careful in the future.

The article in Bro. Dodge's paper showed us that we were mistaken. You can depend upon N. P. as not publishing ads of frauds after this.

We have secured Mr. C. E. A. Holmes as our Montreal correspondent. We think he can interest our readers. He writes for several other papers in U. S. Don't slight us Bro. H.

We take pleasure in this issue to publish the first report of the N. P. A. which is now being organized. Its membership is constantly growing. Look over the report on another page.



and if it seems to suit you, send for an application blank at once and you will greatly help it along by joining.

Mr. R. C. Bach, of Montreal, has gone to fight the Boers. The Montreal Philatelist, of which he was publisher, is now under the management of Mr. Wurtele.

Bro. Dodge's "Office Cat" has commenced his mewling again. Although we have none, we can sympathize with him.

### THE NORTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Organized Sept. 15, 1899.

Geo. C. HARTUNG, SEC-TREAS.  
OFFICIAL ORGAN, NORTHWESTERN  
PHILATELIST.

#### Secretary's Report.

##### APPLICATIONS.

1. A. C. Trask, Chicago, Ill., age 18, bookkeeper, reference, A. V. Smith, Geo. Hartung.

2. Shirley Moisant, Kankakee, Ill., age 17, publisher, reference, Beck-helm, Hartung.

3. Gerald B. Wood, Montreal, Can., age 13, student, member Dom. P. A., E. S. P. S., Hartung.

4. Ira C. Holt, Spring Valley, Wis., age 20, bookkeeper, 3000, reference, Johnson, Dunham, Hartung.

If no objections are received within thirty days, the above applicants shall be declared elected.

Join now and get your friends to join. Application blanks free, of Sec.

Hope to have a much larger list by next month.

### Among Our Contemporaries.

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interesting items.

The December number of the Philatelic Chronicle is here. It's a beauty. It contains many interesting articles and is always on time.

The Indiana Philatelist reached us under a 1c stamp. It's pretty good for a starter.

The Allegheny Philatelist contains a good chronicle of new issues, and is as newsy as usual.

The Philatelic West although about the largest philatelic magazine in the west, is not as neat as it could be.

The Amateur Photographer for November contains as much philatelic matter as it does photographic matter.

The Philatelic Inter-Ocean has reached us. Although it has only four pages, what there is of it is creditable.

The Metropolitan Philatelist reaches us about once a month. The numbers we get are very newsy and contain lots of ads.

Since last writing we have received three copies of The Collector. It seems to get out pretty near on time now. It is also a great deal more interesting.

The Ohio Philatelist for October is pretty good. We have not seen the November yet. It is so small that it ought to get out on time anyway. Hustle up Bro.

**BEN'S FIND.**

BY J. B. GARDELLA, JR.

My boy Ben allers been a stamp  
kollector,

The darndest fad I ever know,  
And many times I give him a lecture,  
The folly of kollectin' tried ter show.

But Ben just shakes his head an' say,  
Of the science o' collectin' you know  
nothing, dad,

I rather spend my money in this way,  
Than fer drink and terbacker which  
is bad.

One day Ben came arunnin up ter me,  
"Say, dad," says he, I've made a find,  
Excited like says "dad you see,"  
There of the rarest kind.

I told him not ter bother me,  
As I wouldn't give a hill-o-bean.  
For all the finds in the hull countree,  
Or all the stamps I ever seen.

'Bout a week after, Ben comes ter me  
And puts a hundred in my hand,  
He be a laughin all the while,  
"Say, dad," he said, "yo' understand."

By Gosh! When I sold the hull pota-  
ter crop,  
I didn't get nigh as much as that,  
A lecturin Ben, I guess I better stop.  
And ter stamp kollectin take off my  
hat.

Well, stranger—The duplicates of his  
great find,  
Is what Ben said he sold,  
The stamps he sold, I don't know  
what kind,  
Thanks ter Ben for that cash in gold.

**CHICAGO NOTES.**

Dealers say that quite a few col-  
lectors who visit their places of busi-  
ness inquire for specimens of the  
new surcharged Canada stamp, on  
which dealers would like to ask an  
additional high price.

I know of one dealer who deals in  
damaged stamps, and has prices at  
full catalogue and over.

It is a matter of repeated remark  
that the young boys that are buying  
the common stamps at present will  
soon begin to want the better class  
stamps.

I have received this week a fine  
centered copy of the 5c stamp of  
Newfoundland, which shows portrait  
and postmark in good condition, for  
which I am indebted to Mr. Smith of  
Canada.

Mr. J. B. McCormick has been re-  
turning home with some good stamps he gathered  
up in his travels, and he finds that  
the beautiful Cuban stamps are  
in demand by collectors generally.

As the next number of the NORTH-  
WESTERN PHILATELIST will appear  
after the holidays, I wish my many  
friends and patrons a Merry Christ-  
mas and a Happy New Year. Trust-  
ing that the new year will bring  
joy, happiness and prosperity.

G. C. HARTUNG

### NEPALESE LETTERS.

The author of "In Northern India" tells of his experience at Bhagwanpur, where he wished to post four letters.

They were addressed to friends in England, who are stamp-collectors, and only contained a few lines to say I had sent them in order to secure Nepalese stamps. The postmaster refused to accept them. Foreigners, he said, were not permitted to post letters in Nepal, the postal service being only for the use of the Nepalese.

We sat on our elephant and reasoned, but he was firm, and the police and other officials all supported him. After long discussion, we at last persuaded him to let us post the letters and leave it to the government at Katmandu to decide whether they might be forwarded.

Then we went into his office, a mud hut, and sat on low stools, nearly the whole population watching in a crowd in front from the large open space.

The postmaster redirected each letter in Nepalese characters, and taking a large sheet of paper, prepared a full report for his government, the police, inspector reading our description, and so forth, from the "permit." We were particularly required to declare that the letters did not contain any political matter.

Then came the very serious business of stamping them. He had to

get out a large wooden box for the stamps, and another for the date stamp. There are stamps of three values, equal to one penny, twopence and sixpence. He assured us we could not pay beyond Nepal, so we decided to put a one-penny stamp on each, and leave the excess to be collected on delivery if they ever reached England.

Fortunately they arrived after some delay, and strangely enough, no excess was charged, and thus I had the pleasure of anticipating the penny post, which is not likely to be extended to Nepal for many years to come.—The Youth's Companion.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

Montreal is better than ever in a philatelic point of view. It has a great number of dealers and a very good philatelic magazine, the Montreal Philatelist, which is temporarily under the management of Mr. Wurtele.

Three new companies have been formed since November last. The Holmes Stamp Co., a reliable firm under the management of one of Montreal's leading collectors; The Mount-Royal Stamp Co., Jas. Anderson, manager, and the Telfer Stamp Co. The stock of this last firm is of quite

an extent, and is the only company that has a branch office in this city. The head office on St. Chas. St. is under the management of A. Telfer, while the Cadieux St. Branch is under the management of Mr. Harris.

It may be truly said that there is nothing new under the sky that does not apply to Montreal. Now we have a stamp club with weekly meetings at which beautiful lectures are given, etc. The name of this new club is "Mount Royal Stamp Club." Mr. C. Holmes was president till last Nov., but then after some difficulties between the officials, Mr. A. R. McGill was elected to take Mr. Holmes' place who had resigned. He was however elected honorary president, although he refused any position because politics and jealousy had come to a point that no one could endure a certain member that wanted to "boss everybody."

The "Herald" has now started a stamp column which gives many notes of interest to young and old.

The Great Barrier stamps which caused so much talk in philatelic circles was a forgery, and the forger, or one of them, was a local dealer.

Mr. R. C. Bach, the well known stamp dealer, has left this city for

Transvaal.

Montreal has a little Chapman of the person of Mr. A. R. McGill who corresponds for nearly 20 philatelic papers.

A gentleman of this city got a whole lot of Canadian stamps stolen from his album, amongst the stolen stamps was a very fine copy of the rare 12 penny black which catalogue at \$500.

The latest news is that the 3 penny Canada, 1857, have been counterfeited, and that they were so badly printed that a child could detect them at a glance. It is thought that it is the same fellow who printed the Great Barriers that done the deed.

Mr. Needham of this city has a very nice window display, it would be desirable that all dealers would imitate him.

The International Stamp Co. has got some very attractive signs made. That's right, Bro. Wurtele.

It is rumored that a little eight page paper is to be published here, is said to be called the Collector's Friend. I have not seen it yet.

Dealers say that business is better than ever, which means a great deal.

C. E. A. HOLMES.

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### PRIZE CONTEST.

For having received as many responses to our contest in last number as wished, we will continue same through January. To the person making the largest list of words from letters contained in **NORTHWESTERN ILLUSTRATED**, we will give free an ornamental Stamp Album, second gear, Scott's 59th Catalogue. Send now. You must be a subscriber to P. to enter.

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**WANTED!** Old philatelic literature, etc. Especially "The Post Office" published in N. Y., 1890-94.

**JOS. C. RICARD, Editor of N. P.**

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# THE Northwestern Philatelist.

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## Philatelic Notes.

By JOHN PELTZ.

Several months ago I received in payment of a long standing account a block of four of the U.S. 1898 3 cent blue. Nothing remarkable about that, but while looking at them, I discovered that the watermark, which is very distinct, was placed sideways in the paper. This is undoubtedly an error, and I would be pleased to hear from others who have copies of these errors.

Some collectors do not know that U.S. wrappers when cut square can be distinguished from envelopes cut square by the paper, which in the wrappers is horizontally laid while in the envelopes it is diagonally laid.

I have in my collection a copy of the 1885-90 2p. gray of Jamaica which shows the watermark inverted. It is queer that Scott does not catalogue these errors of watermark, the same as the  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny green of Queensland.

A foreign catalogue prices the 1849 20c. blue, error, of France at one hundred dollars, while Scott's catalogue prices the same stamp at only fifteen dollars. As there are very few copies in the hands of dea-

lers, outside of the Scott Co., it is very likely that this stamp is under priced by Scott, and I would advise collectors to secure a good copy now.

A pleasant little side line to postage stamp collecting are the stamps with letters perforated in them, which is done by the purchaser of the stamps at the post-office; their purpose is to serve against the stamps being stolen by employees. The following countries (there may be others) allow their stamps to be perforated with letters: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain and others.

## NOTES FOR BEGINNERS.

A beginner who has started to collect stamps should not try to learn too much at once. Take it as it comes and don't get in a hurry.

The first thing beginners must do is to become familiar with all philatelic terms.

A watermark is a small design made in the paper of a stamp and sometimes may be seen by holding the stamp to the light. When this can't be done, wet it in benzine.

A grilled stamp has a number of dents on the back and they can be

seen on the face also.

Laid paper is the same as watermark, only, instead of the design parallel lines are used.

Get a stamp catalogue so you may tell the value of your collection.

Buy stamps from any reliable dealer, and get the pricelist a number of dealers so you may determine which is the cheapest.

Subscribe to a good stamp paper and keep shy of frauds.

## Review

Publishers desiring notice under this head should send one copy to Review Editor.

The December number of the Virginia Philatelist gives a sketch of the life of one of the southern collectors as usual, this month it is of Franklin Stearns, business manager of the paper. "The Postage and Newspaper Stamps of Parma and Piacenza" by Lacus Viridis which has been running for some time is completed in this number.

The Herald Exchange for December gives us Chicago Notes by B. Cottlon and Canadian Notes by E. Holmes, Pertinent Paragraphs by H. A. Chapman are well written and the most interesting notes in the number.

The December number of the Philatelic West is much better than usual. "The Stamps of Argentine Republic," "Proposed New French

Issues," "The Post and Its Improvements" are all interesting.

The Junior's Collector comes to us a little late, but contains many things of interest to beginners.

The Ohio Philatelist comes under a yellow cover and is somewhat inclined to be dramatic. It publishes a dramatized article about the Great Barrier Island stamp. It also contains a likeness of its publisher.

Quillings is an amateur monthly to reach us this month.

Chapman's Adhesive has not yet reached us.

Publishers—Don't forget to send one copy to Review Editor.

Literis is another amateur monthly to reach us this month.

The Bay State Philatelist is at hand. The leading article is "A Look To The Future" by Amy L. Swift, and other interesting matter.

The Philatelic Chronicle for December is as find as usual and some larger. The Great Barriers seem to be all the go now.

No 2 of the Buckeye Philatelist is a creditable visitor. It contains many interesting notes and "Performations" by H. A. Chapman.

We were greatly surprised lately at the second issue of the Indiana Philatelist. It is a vast improvement over No. 1, although it still comes under a 1 cent stamp. It contains many items of interest.

The Collector is about the same as usual and Alfonso Millard still

writes on "Foreign Revenues." We have not heard the Office Cat lately.

"Philately Month By Month" is the leading article in the Evergreen and Veritas took a good name. Suppose it means Truth.

The Nebraska Philatelist combines November and December numbers in one issue and has changed her size to a larger one.

The Moline Stamp News is a small one to reach us. It is for beginners mostly.

The October number of the International Philatelist is the last one to reach us. It contains reading in three or four languages.

The N. Y. Philatelist is beautiful. The Substituter has something to say on first page. The rest is, as usual, always interesting.

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## GENERAL NOTES

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Up to 1884 the English post-office had issued 31,302,000,000 postage stamps that would cover 3762 sq. miles and would reach to the Moon and back if placed end to end.

A new stamp club has been organized in Pittsburg. It is called the Iron City Stamp Club.

It is supposed that Paris will have some fine exhibitions of stamps next summer.

We have received the Prospectus of the Philatelic Exhibition, to be

given soon in Brooklyn by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. The leading dealers and collectors of U.S. will be represented.

News is scarce this month.

Mutilators for mutilating the U. S. revenue stamps under the new law, are already on the market. Price, from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Montreal, Canada has two stamp clubs now. They are the Montreal Philatelic Asso. and the Mount Royal Stamp Club.

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## Postage Stamps And Cards.

According to a London journal the number of postage stamps now current in the world is 13,811. England has 131, her colonies 3,843. The United States has only 268 different kinds, whilst the little republic of Salvador finds use for 272.

The first year postal cards were used in the United Kingdom 75,000 cards were posted, and the number has increased so rapidly that at the present time over 382,000,000 are sold annually.

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## New Issues.

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UNITED STATES: The revenue stamps of U.S. have a new style of

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**Editorials.**

You see we are here again.

Several have predicted the fate of these new publications. Of course some have and some may bust up, but as far as we can see now, we are here to stay.

We very much disliked to disappoint our readers last month by being late. It was as usual the fault

of the printer. We have now changed printers and hope to get out near our usual time.

Our list of subscribers is rapidly growing, but not as fast as we want it. The more support we get, the better our paper will be. Let us receive a large number of subscriptions by next month. N. P. is worth the money any time. In a short time we shall raise the price. See our special subscription offer elsewhere.

There are still some papers with which we wish to exchange. We have sent two copies to all of these ever since we started, and have received none in return. If you don't wish to exchange, Bro., say so, so we may send your copy to some one who will appreciate it. Also, some papers with whom we exchange two copies only send us one. Please send two if you can afford it.

All publishers who wish to be represented in our Review should send one copy to John Gardella, Jr. of Newtown, Cal.

Collectors are now collecting stamp papers instead of stamps. Have you not seen them advertised?

The Illinois Philatelist has discontinued publication because it could not get second class rates.

We have received the first number of the International Philatelist. It has correspondents from all over.

Stamp collectors and others who

prospective buyers, should look for the advertising columns of N. for good bargains.

STOP to think how pretty your name would look on our subscription list, if it is not there already.

Mr. G. Dold announces the Prairie State Philatelist about February 1. It will be mailed at 2607-39th, Chicago.

### TO THE ADVERTISER

It is not the Big Daily paper in which to advertise, nor is it the large monthly magazine. Why? Because the daily is read and none is taken to read the ads. Same with the large monthly. The small monthlies pay best because they are read and re-read, ads and all; and in some cases the ads are more interesting.

Again: It is not the paper with the largest circulation that always pays the best. A paper with a triply smaller circulation and circulated rightly will bring as many returns as one that is circulated "any old way." The NORTHWESTERN PHILATELIST has not the very largest circulation, but is circulated rightly and among the buying class. Try us.

Send for an application blank of the best stamp society in U. S. You know which.

We are in receipt of a very neat price list from the La Crosse

## The Northern Philatelic Association.

Organized September 15th., 1899.

Geo. C. Hartung, Sec. and Treas  
1629 BARRY AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.

My first month in office has passed and I am sorry that my report must be such a small one in its showing two new members, and yet I am perfectly satisfied. Let us all get at least one, if not more members by my next report, so we can have an election of officers in March.

Watch the application column and then send in your nominations for officers by Jan. 25th 1900.

### APPLICATIONS.

H. E. Williams, Charlotte, Mich. Publisher. Ref., A. C. Trask, H. Ambrose.

R. L. Doak, Pearl, Ohio, age 19, Photo and Pub., Ref A. C. Trask, W. C. Doak.

M. Tausig, 9 E 108th. St. New York, age 36, Compositor, Ref. Hartung.

The above will receive their membership cards upon payment of dues. All who want application blanks, send to me for same.

Stamp Co of La Crosse, Wis. As their capital is considerable, success is with them.

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rouletting. It consists in oblong perforations  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mm long,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to the mm. Vertically the same old style is used.

CUBA— The postage due stamps have been put into use, but none are to be sold to dealers.

PHILIPPINES— We read that the following stamps have been issued by Aguinaldo's "government":

The 2cent consists in "Correo y Telégrafos" at the top; "Filipinas" below. There is a triangular design in the center. The 1 milésima newspaper stamp has "Impresos" at the top and "Gobierno Revolucionario" in a circle. There are one or two other varieties.

ANTIOQUIA— This country has a complete set of stamps, of the recent commemorative issue. There are sixteen varieties.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent slate blue, 1 cent deep blue, 2 cent brown, 3 cent vermilion and on up to the 50 cent value, various colors. There are also the 1 peso, gray green, and the 2 pesos bronze green. Too late stamp:—  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cent blue green. Registration stamps:—  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cent blue, and 10 cent mauve.

ARGENTINE— Argentine's new issues have appeared. The design is a figure of Liberty seated, the value below and name above.

$\frac{1}{2}$  cent brown, 1 cent carmine, 2 cent dark blue, 5 cent carmine, 10 cent dark green, and up to the 50 cent value, various colors. Also 1 peso blue 5 pesos orange, 10 pesos green, and 20 pesos carmine.

BOLIVIA— The following are the values of the new issues printed: 1 cent, 2 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent, 50 cent, and 1 b.

INDIA— We read that the 1a 6p stamp has been withdrawn because, from various changes in the postal tariff, it is rendered useless.

MAURITIUS— The following stamps similar to the current issue have been issued:

6 cent green and rose, 15 cent green and orange.

GRENADA— Two new values of the current type have been issued:

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. lilac and green,  
2 p. lilac and brown.

CHINA— The French Offices there have announced a new surcharge or rather the change of color from black to red.

ECUADOR— An official seal stamp has been issued with no value.

MOROCCO— The French Offices have announced the 10 cent surcharged in red.

PERSIA— The following values have been added to the new set:

3 kran, lilac.  
10 kran, deep blue.  
50 kran, red-brown.

ALEXANDRIA— French stamps are said to be surcharged "Alexandrie."

5 centimes, yellow-green, red surcharge; 10c. black on lilac; 15c. blue; 20c. red on green.



We desire to present to our readers a likeness of Mr. R. L. Doak of Pearl, Ohio. He is publisher of the Ohio Philatelist and ought to have credit for that good little enterprise. Mr. Doak was born in 1878 and therefore is about 20 years old. He commenced collecting stamps when but ten years old and since then he has stuck to the hobby though he sold his stamps several times. He is a member of quite a few stamp societies and an officer in several. He is also an amateur photographer and is a sticker in that line.

In September 1899 the first issue of the Ohio Philatelist appeared and rapidly growing in size and circulation under his management. We have our best wishes for success in anything which he may undertake.

### CHICAGO NOTES.

BY GEO. C. HARTUNG.

The long looked for cold weather which came a few days before the

15th of December, started up the stamp business so that dealers could hardly fill orders for their customers, and the business done on Saturday, the 16th was one of the greatest of all the season. The thermometer stood at 28 above and stamp goods and supplies of every sort were suddenly in great demand.

Mail wagons built by the Woods Motor Vehicle Co., for the post-office department at Washington will be given public test in a few days, after which they will be shipped east. The collection wagon is complete in every detail, and the local postal officials say it will only be a matter of time before the service in this city will be operated by automobiles. Each wagon can run about thirty miles without recharging.

With the year 1900 Chicago will be represented by a philatelic journal, The Prairie State Philatelist which will have a large field to gain success in.

The new New Foundland and Australian stamps were all the rage here during the Holliday week, but not them alone. United States colonies were also in demand of which full sets of each were given as Xmas presents.

Collector Coyne has received from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue an order that documentary stamps of more than the 10 cent value shall be canceled by cutting thin parallel slits in them in addition to the initials and date required by the war revenue law to be written or stamped on the face.

THEY SAY

That S.P. Hughes is going to start a stamp store in Omaha.

That the Chicago Philatelist will resume publication. (?)

That U.S. will soon use automobiles in carrying mails.

That there is a "Stamp Hospital" in Chicago.

That there will be another philatelic exhibition in Brooklyn.

That the New England Stamp Co. has purchased a collection of stamps for \$45 000.

That several Canada daily papers have stamp departments,

That some of the new philatelic publications will soon "bust up." We know one that will not.

That Lewis Robie is traveling with a medicine show.

That sample copy feinds are growing in numbers.

That "Chappy" has launched into the philatelic publishing business again.

That the stamp business in Montreal has changed a great deal.

That Santa Claus could not find any rare stamps.

That N.P. brings big results to its advertisers.

That N.P. is a fine little paper for the price.

That the Illinois Philatelist is a "gone goose." Couldn't get second class rates.

That Chicago is to have another

stamp paper, the Prairie State Philatelist.

That there is still another stamp paper to be published by Cecil Rawson.

That philatelists will soon be collecting stamp papers instead of stamps.

That Mexico's new issues are excellent.

That Scott's catalogue is pretty well circulated by this time.

That there are frauds in Mexico.

That second class rates seem hard to get.

That Dewey's private secretary is a philatelist.

That there are some who want to know the value of the 3cent Omaha Ask Uncle Sam.

That the International Philatelist ought to be a good talker on account of its many tongues.

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Allegheny Philatelist,

Philatelic West,  
Westerner.

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No. 5.

THE

Northwestern

Philatelist.

Published in the interest of stamp collectors.

February, 1900.

J. C. Ricard, Ed.,

R. I. Ellis, Mgr.

Elk Point, S. D.

## A FEW BARGAINS!

Dominican Republic 1899 Jubilee 1 2 3 5 and 10 cent.	the set	\$3.35
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# The Northwestern Philatelist.

A Monthly for Stamp Collectors.

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I. ELK POINT, S. D., FEBRUARY, 1900. NO. 5.

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## ERRORS.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

The supplement of the 58th  
Scott lists an error of  
7 1c ultramarine of Peru,  
printed in the color of the  
Prussian blue. The cor-  
rect color of the 1c is ult-  
. Now, we wonder whe-  
Scott Co., listed this var-  
on the authority of the  
Williams & Co., ex-stamp  
who stated in their ads,  
were printed so extensive-  
philatelic papers of 1898,  
7 100 of these errors were  
and they (W. & Co.) offer-  
at \$2 each! The 59th  
does not mention the  
error at all, and we doubt  
an authentic existence.

59th catalogue lists the  
ultramarine, U. S. Col-  
postage stamp appearing  
color: blue, which they  
an error. We wonder  
4c Columbian came to be  
in the "blue" shade since  
the other values of this  
printed in this particu-  
the color of the 1c be-  
blue. Anyone who col-

lects shades will now be on the  
lookout for this new variety.

We also notice that the 59th  
does not call the 2c purple envel-  
ope stamp of Canada, 1898 issue,  
an error. This leads one to be-  
lieve that the Scott Co. regard  
this stamp as an intentional var-  
iety of the government—that is,  
post-master general, Mr. Mul-  
lock.

It is very probable that the en-  
ormous list of errors, such as, in-  
verted surcharge etc., in the 1883  
issue of Cuba, of surcharges  
were largely made by the postal  
officials for special sale to collect-  
ors, in order to make them more  
valuable and much sought after  
by philatelists; the more espec-  
ially so as no genuinely used cop-  
ies of these errors are known to  
exist; those do exist were prob-  
ably made to order by the post-  
master in Cuba.

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## NEW SLOT MACHINE.

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A postage stamp slot machine  
is the latest Paris invention. The  
machine is so arranged to distri-  
bute the stamps automatically on

the required amount of money being placed in the slot. It is said that the French government will adopt the device. Yankee geniuses will now be expected to get a hustle on and give the world an improved model.

## RANDOM JOTTINGS.

— VEDA. —

Collectors who collect U.S. letter sheets will find three distinct methods of gumming the flap in the 1886 issue. The first a long curved application following the shape of the flap; the second, a searp cut curved top triangle and the third, simelar, but with truncated sides.

If you are just beginning a revenue stamp collection, look through the family album for the pictures which were made between 1861 and 1870 and the chances are greatly in favor of finding something you can use. I recently found four stamps cataloguing over \$1 in this way.

A Missouri friend recently favored me with a used specimen of the current issue two cent envelope, the stamp being without color. While albinos are not very scarce, yet used specimens are seldom met with.

In the 59th edition of the Scott catalogue 215 distinct varieties of Brazil are listed and 52 minor varieties making a total of 267,

but specialists need not stop figure as an album issued at Janeiro in 1897 provided space for 911 varieties.

Speaking of the size to which a collection can be carried might be noted that 529 specimens embraced the Canadian part of the Hunter collection in January.

## MONTREAL NOTE

BY C. F. A. HOLMES.

We are now gratified with another philatelic magazine, the Mount Royal Philatelist, published by the Holmes Stamp Co and edited by your esteemed friend and correspondent.

One of the three companies pronounced last month has already stepped out of the rank of dealers, the Mount Royal Stamp Co. Its stock was divided between the Telfer Co. and Mr. H. M. Bain, while the fixtures were sold to the Holmes Stamp Co.

I have the pleasure to announce that a new society has been formed in this City, the Canadian Philatelic Club. The officers were chosen among the leading dealers of this city. They have Mr. Wilson as president, Mr. Telfer, Moisant, Doak, Holmes and Mc Dougall also occupy offices.

The Great Barrier affair is

over although everything seems calm at present; but it is before the tempest. A popular saying is that it is better to hit the Boers than to answer the charge of counterfeiting.

Mr Magill has enjoyed an eight day trip to New York and is now occupied in at getting a stubborn gentleman(?) in this city to apologize to certain unjust and false criticism which appeared in one of the local papers.

It seems that Mr. Bach had a certain tendency to use the letters G and B. They are the initials of Great Barrier, and, if you reverse them, they are those of British Guiana. They are also those of Great Bach.

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## CHICAGO NOTES.

BY GEO. C. HARTUNG.

The famous Thorne collection recently purchased by the New England Stamp Co., and which has been on exhibition at their office for some time past, has been exhibited here at the Great Northern Hotel, January 24th to 31st inclusive.

I hear that another stamp company has been formed in the city, the Pan American Stamp Co. The managers have showed me their stationary which is equal to that of all the leading dealers here.

The Dominion Philatelic Asso-

ciation's official handbook has appeared. It consists of one hundred pages and cover and gives besides the reading matter of the D. P. A. a list of its members and its constitution which should be carefully read by all who wish to advance philately.

Mr. S. E. Moisant who formerly published the Illinois Philatelist last year will start a new magazine soon.

The Chicago members of the Chicago Philatelic Society enjoyed meeting with Mr. Carpenter of Boston, who spent several days in our city on his trip to San Francisco and the west.

A neat wholesale price list of unused and used Asiatic stamps from C. A. Riberio & Co., Straits Settlements. Oh! My! but the letter carrier didn't do a thing to the stamp that was on its wrapper.

The new system for the registration of letters and mail matter of the first class by carriers, became operative the middle of this month. This is quite satisfactory to people living in outlying districts.

The La Fayette dollars have been on sale here of which 30,000 have already been sold at the amount of \$2 each. The demand comes from all over the U. S.

10,000 will be sent to Paris to be sold at the Exposition.

No. 1. of the Prairie State Philatelist has not arrived, but is expected soon. Success to you, Bro. Dold.

## THE NORTHWESTERN PHILATELIST.

A monthly for Stamp Collectors.

J. C. Ricard,	Editor.
Ray I. Ellis,	Business Mgr.
John B. Gardella, Jr.,	Review Editor.

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## EDITORIALS.

Although a little late, we are here again. We intend to do our own printing in the future, and, as we were somewhat handicapped in getting material etc. together, hence our delay. We are going to make N. P. larger, and better than ever before and make it a strictly up-to-date magazine.

The ADHESIVE is here, and, although it did not quite meet our expectations, it is a dandy. Mr. Chapman is to be congratulated on its appearance and general and general make-up which are fine. A "hard to beat" magazine is expected. As Mr. Chapman

does nothing in an underhanded manner, the Adhesive will, in probability meet with approval and success.

After this, no paper will be reviewed unless one copy reaches our Review Editor. We will be glad to exchange three copies with all publishers wishing it. There are still some papers with which we are desirous of exchanging, but seemingly they do not wish it. If you don't, say so we may cease to waste our precious copies.

We have received many amateur journals as exchanges, and are very glad to receive them. We wish to exchange with all these journals and by doing so hope to advance philately in our stamp departments. Although we cannot spare the space to review these journals, we will publish a list of all that reach us.

There are papers devoted to stamps and now there are some devoted to stampic literature. Suppose there will soon be some devoted to those papers that are devoted to stampic literature which are in turn devoted to stamps. The Clipper and Edge are two "stampic literature" papers, and, although small, they are very neat. Stamp news will soon reach us second-hand.

**WANTED**—Good philatelic mss. for publication. We will give a good price for it in the shape of stamps and supplying advertising space or subscriptions.



## UNSOLICITED.

Pearl, Ohio, Feb. 9th, 1900.

Mr R. L. Ellis,

Elk Point, S. D.

Dear Sir:- My ad in Jan. N.P. did me par excellent. I find N.P. to be an excellnet adv. medium. An enclosed ad in Feb.

Yours Respy.

R. L. Doak.

## DEAD.

We are exceedingly sorry to announce that two of Philatelia's magazines have ceased to exist. We hear from a reliable source that the Buckeye Philatelist is to be consolidated with Adhesive, and the Herald Exchange with the Allegheny.

We will give Scott's Catalogue either with N. P. one year for \$1.00 or 60 cents, catalogue alone 58c.

## EXCHANGE.

We will exchange advertising space in this magazine for stamps either wholesale or retail. Send particulars.—Business Mgr.

## PRIZE CONTEST.

The winners in our contest of November were James C. Cook, San Francisco and John Peltz, Arlington, Minn. The former had 1693 words and the latter 1701. The first prize was an International Album and the second was Scott's 59th. Hope they are satisfied.

Try an ad in N. P. It'll pay.

## THE

## NORTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

## NEW MEMBERS.

- 4 A. C. Trask, Chicago, Ill.
- 5 S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.
- 6 G. B. Wood, Montreal, Can.
- 7 Ira C Holt, Spring Valley, W.
- 8 H E Williams, Charlotte, M.
- 9 R L Doak, Pearl, Ohio.
- 10 M Tausig, New York.

## APPLICATIONS.

11 C W Kissinger, Reading, Pa merchant and publisher, ref. Hartung.

12 Franklin Stearns, Richmond Va., publisher, ref. Hartung, Halm, Dietz.

13 C E A Holmes, Montreal, Canada, stamp dealer, ref. Moisant, Benson.

14 Dick Halm, 1572 N. Clark St., Chicago, age 35, merchant, ref. Hartung.

The above will receive their membership cards as soon as they pay their dues. Send for application blanks to me. Send in your nominations for the following offices:- President, Vice President, Sec. Treas., Auction Manager, Librarian and three Trustees, also Official Organ.

Yours for the N. P. A.

Geo. C. Hartung.

If you have the philatelic "blues," better subscribe at once. Cure guaranteed!

## REVIEW.

Publishers desiring notice under this head, must send one copy to Review Editor, John B. Gardella Newtown Cal.

The Youth's Realm besides containing stories etc. of interest to the young people, in the stamp department we find many interesting notes pertaining to stamps.

The Ohio Philatelist is neat. "About Our Hobby" and other notes make up the December number.

An article entitled "A Possibility besides notes from Boston, Toronto, Montreal and London and the Review by H. A. Chapman make up the January number of the Jubilee Philatelist.

"Notes for U. S. Collectors" by Era is the first thing we find in the January number of the Evergreen. J. S. Dalton talks on Old and New Issues and Leon V. Cass gives a view of the minor variety question. The editor's notes and "Convention Echoes" complete the number.

The Herald Exchange for January is at hand. "Explanation of the Less Intelligible Postage Stamps" is the first article, Chicago Notes and Pertinent Paragraphs are, as usual, very interesting. Miss Swift tells us about little things and promises to give us something in that line each month. Canadian Notes and other matter complete the number.

The Philatelic West for January is better than it has been some time. "The Stamps of Argentine Republic" and "Seebertized America" are interesting articles to be continued. "The Post and Its Improvements" ended in this number.

The Collector is at hand. It contains "Notes on Foreign Revenues, by Alfonso Milard, Editorials, Northwestern Notes and other matter.

The sticker is here at last the shape of the ADHESIVE. The general make-up is excellent. Willard O. Wylie, (sketch), "Cross Our Albums", Review notes make up the number.

The Junior's Collector for January is, as usual, small but neat. Items for beginners constitute the number.

The January Philatelic Bulletin is very creditable. The principal article is the "Transvaal Embroglio." The remainder is equally as good.

Vol. 1 No. 2 of the Philatelic Post is very good for so young a journal. Mr. Chapman conducts the Review and furnishes various notes. As a whole the paper is very good and will probably meet with approved success.

The December number of the International Philatelic Review is the last to reach us. Although small, it is about the neatest of stamp journals. "Stamps of North Borneo" is the leading

icle and illustrated by an excellent half-tone supplement.

Swap is a new paper devoted to stamp exchanging. Philately seems to have no end of side issues.

The Advocate for January is a very large one of sixty four pages. Besides notes etc., it contains the likenesses of the publishers as well as of several prominent dealers and collectors.

The Allegheny Philatelist is the same as usual. It seems to be very porous, as it is absorbing all the philatelic sediment that cannot stay at the surface, but it has to sink.

The Clipper, Stamp Exchange, Philatelic Spectator, Indiana Philatelist, and Energy have all been filed. They contain nothing out of the ordinary.

The Nebraska Philatelist for January contains much interesting matter, the leading article being a continuation of "The Rise and Fall of the Postage Stamp."

The Buckeye for January is the same as usual, the leading articles being "Penny Postage" and "Thoughts on Womankind."

The Chronicle is "red outside and blue inside." The leading article in the January number is "The Entire Envelope Crank."

The Evergreen is the same as usual, the leading article being "Notes for U. S. Collectors."

The Montreal Philatelist is the same as usual, the principal feature being "News of the Month."

The Weekly Stamp Tribune for January, 10 is good and contains several stories besides reading concerning stamps.

## ANOTHER LETTER.

Brewery hil,

dear Surs—I got a paper from you. it wuz a fine paper. it sed sample copie on it. wot duz that mean? i seed in it a letter from Josiah Klockstop an he sed Zeek had 27 stamps al diferent an i want to tel u ihev more then hee hez got. i hev got 33 & mr Figgins sez tha ar reel an i no tha ar an donte u forget it But i bleve that ar black stamp uv zeeks is reel i donot think mutch uv Zeek eniwa cawz hee gott likked by zeb Simpkins. i hev got a trader it is a read stamp an mr Figgins sez it iz a germani stamp, but it dont sa that on it. it sez reechpost. it iz a 10 sent stamp. i found a grean stamp on a coff bocks it wuz a funy stamp an had a ship on it & i think it is rare. if eny wun wants it he must rite too mee. i havent eny S. amerika stamps like Zeek hez, but i hev a Chilly stamp an ill bet it is as good as Zeeks'. wunce mr. Figgins give mee a stamp. hee sed it wuz a Mexico stamp. it wuz red and hed a mans hed on it & it hadent nevver ben used, but it

sed UNREAL on the bottum uv it an so i got it off on another feller an got a french stamp 4 it, & hee nevner cot on that it wuz unreal mebbe ive writ two mutch now ill stop.

Ichabod M. r. v. mainspring.  
P s Josia spelt sum uv hiz wurdrds rawng— ide lurn too spel befour i hed mi letter printed in a papper.

### BEWARE!

We, to our sorrow, wish to announce that W. F. Slusser of the Hautemoc Curio Co., in Mexico is a decided fraud. He is wanted in Mexico for embezzlement and postal theft.

### SUBSCRIPTION.

Our subscription list now numbers about as many as could be expected for the length of time we have been in the field. But, to increase it to a thousand in as short a time possible, make the following SPECIAL OFFER:

All sending us 5 cents between now and April 5th, will be our regular subscriber and will receive N. P. for 6 months from date. Send 10 cents for one year's subscription. Remember this offer only holds good until April 5, so you had better send at once and be merry.

On account of lack of time and space we had to omit our Exchange Column this month. It will, however, be in next month.

### MAXIMS.

Never buy stamps unless have the money to pay for them.

Never go into debt unless can't find anything else to go to, especially after stamps.

"Thou shalt not covet." Many collectors think of this when viewing another's collection?

Golden Rule—Deal unto others as you would have them deal unto you.

Never put more stamps in your album than it will hold.

Is there any person in U.S. who has the 3p black, surcharged "2p Postage," from the M.C. This stamp was issued in year 1999, and, when the 1999 issue of the Catalogue appears will probably be mentioned.

There are many collectors who, if they made a specialty of the stamps from Saturn, would get along fine in the philatelic line.

It would naturally appear that an ignorant person that says one is going to have a big deal about next Christmas, because there seems to be a great number of dealers and publishers getting roasted. Would it not be better for all publishers and dealers to put all their publications in pricelists in a heap, build a fire and roast a good fat turkey?

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## SOME REPRINTS.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

The reprints of 1862, 5c, pink Argentine Republic are on a outer paper than the originals; at nobody except one who has ten examined both original and reprint can easily determine them, for the texture of the paper varies so little that the reprints are hard to detect.

The reprints of the early issues of Baden are on thick paper; it is an easy matter to tell them. Specimens of reprints are worth about forty cents each.

Several values, i. e., the 1½s. and 2½s. of Hamburg have been reprinted. This means the first issue. The originals exist on watermarked and unwatermarked paper; the latter are very rare. The catalogue says that the reprints of the above stamps are on unwatermarked paper. Now, both originals and reprints exist without watermark, how can we determine them, for there is no other definition given to tell the reprints other than the above?

Quite recently the 1893 3c Green Jubilee stamp of Porto Rico was reprinted in nearly all colors of the rainbow. If it was so reprinted in green, color of

the originals, it can doubtless be detected for the shades vary in color, as it often does in original and reprint.


Although it does not often occur it is true that in a few cases reprints of some stamps are worth more than the originals. Thus, for instance, in the first issue of the envelope stamps of Baden, the 3kr., 6kr., and 9kr. reprints are exceedingly rare, and worth many times the price of the originals, if scarcity be taken into consideration.

The reprints of the early Portuguese Colonies' stamps are on a smooth white chalky paper, easily told from the original issues.

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The development of the free delivery service in rural districts has been rapid and rational. It began in 1896 with an appropriation of forty thousand dollars, which enabled the postal authorities to establish forty-four experimental routes, and the results were so satisfactory that the system has been constantly broadened until now the routes number three hundred and eighty-three. Routes have been established in forty States and one

Territory; the cost of the service for the year ending June 30th, 1899, was one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; during the year nine million two hundred and twelve thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven pieces of mail matter were delivered and collected; the area traversed covered seven thousand five hundred and sixty-seven square miles, and the population enjoying the service numbered two hundred and seventy-three thousand six hundred and four. The total length of the routes was eight thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven miles; the number of carriers employed was three hundred and ninety-seven, and the cost of the service was eighty six cents per capita of the population served. The appropriation for this service for the current fiscal year is three hundred thousand dollars, which permits the establishing of two hundred and forty-three additional routes for the benefit of about one hundred and eighty thousand persons, who are now without free delivery. It is expected that with this increase in the number of routes the annual cost for the service will be less than eighty-four cents per capita of the population served, as against a cost of two dollars and eighty five cents per capita for the service in towns of five thousand inhabitants.—Wellspring.

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## STAMP PARAGRAPHLETS.

BY A. L. JONES.

The new German stamps are O. K.

Africans are now in demand viz., African stamps.

A rarity—A current stamp paper containing no Canadian notes.

Some of the Pan-American Exposition stickers are interesting.

The P. O. M., not the Post Office Master, is getting some rather rough digs.

Papers are again devoting considerable space to stamp auctions.

Have you heard of the coupon scheme as applied to the stamp business?

New York is to have another philatelic paper. This time one published by a stock company.

Why not just use the four cent Omaha as a Buffalo Exposition stamp and let it go at that?

That old brick scheme was worked at Havana to get surplus charged due stamps.

Many people not stamp collectors have paid \$1,000 for a stamp.—The new U. S. revenue.

There is now a plethora of midget stamp papers, but—wait—the majority are not here for long.

The U. S. seems to beat all the rest of the world with new issues, both of stamps and stamp papers.

We advise Mr. Webster the next time he makes a dictionary to get a philatelist to define stamp terms for it.

Every one admits that last year was one of the most important in the annals of philatelic history.

Uncle Samuel did not sell his Newspaper and Periodical stamps. We hope it taught him a lesson.

Undoubtedly Hawaii will soon receive a United States Colonial stamp and become subject to domestic rates of postage.

Don't use blue stamps when writing to China, for the "Heathen Chinese" is afraid to deliver a letter so stamped.

Many local stamp clubs are being organized. They are better than the national associations. Let there be many of them.

If Uncle Sam keeps on issuing so many new stamps, we cannot take fan at the Canadians. The tables will be turned.

Two rival publications, the Nebraska Philatelist and the Philatelic West have both made some improvements.

Most philatelic publications when they give up the ghost go to Pennsylvania. First they went to Dodge, but now it is to the Allegheny.

Although the Buffalo show is to be a Pan-American Exposition we hope the Buffalo stamps will not be a "Pan denomination" issue.

If you see a stamp collector en-

ter an Italian saloon, you can be pretty sure he is on the lookout for some Branca Bro's proprietaries.

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F. I. Weaver has made his regular change in his paper. We are disappointed if there is not one made at least every three months, that's all right though, Findley, "Variety is the spice of life."

"I love to write," so Chapman said,

While scattering quarts of ink,  
"The notion seems to soothe my head,

I'd rather write than think."

No. The above verse is not entirely original.

Now almost as many changes are being made in the staid old stamp papers of England as in the mutable philatelic publications of the United States.

Besides all the new publications received lately there are and are announced the Philatelic Post, Philatelic Voice, Prairie State Philatelist, American Stamp Journal, and others.

Say all the slighting things you wish about philatelic poetry, fiction and jokes; the fact remains that they are quite potent factors in the interesting and starting of new collectors.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN.

Does not N. P. look a little neater this month?

Notice the change in the Editorial Staff. For various reasons I am now Editor and Publisher. I shall endeavor to, hereafter, make N. P. as good, if not a better journal than it has been heretofore. Although N. P. was conducted on a very good plan hitherto, I think the change will make no material difference in the style of the contents of this superb monthly. As Mr. Ricard is in no manner connected with this journal now, kindly address all communications to the publisher.

There are midget stamp papers springing up from all quarters every twenty four hours almost,

and disappear as fast. So the world moves on. The well meaning publisher is almost imposed upon by these so called philatelic journals which contain seldom more than a few notes and the ads of the publisher. Some of these little papers are even printed so poor that they can scarcely be read. They do not even apply for second class rates of postage but are circulated as circulars. Occasionally a publisher receives a notice, "Why don't you exchange?" etc. Well, to tell the truth, it is time and money wasted to exchange with these 2x3's as such circulation seldom gives your advertising patronage any results and you most certainly do not get an even exchange out of the transaction. Of course all must begin at the bottom and go up; but these little midgets are so far below the bottom that they seem to have no foundation at all. The sooner such journals are out of existence, the better. I recently received a little paper as a circular. It was one of eight 2x3 pages and contained no reading matter at all only about a half page of two line editorials, such as, "We are here to stay." etc.

The Prairie State Philatelist is a new one from Chicago. Although the printing could be improved upon, it is very good for a starter. The first issue is the hardest, and, as the publisher is doing his own printing, a better one could hardly be expected for

so little experience.

We were so far behind, owing to various hindrances, that we were compelled to combine April and March in one number. We intended making it a larger number than usual, but were so pressed for time that we could not possibly do it. As soon as possible we are going to make regular issue twelve pages at least, if not more.

The N. P. A. is fast progressing. The nominations for officers are published in this number. The election is now taking place. If you are a stamp collector you can't afford to miss it.

All publishers wishing mention in our Review department, are again requested to send one exchange to Reviewer and one to publisher.

Among other items of interest is a philatelic Secret society being organized by Messrs Chapman and Shove. The dues are \$1.20 per year and initiation fee 50 cents. It is expected that it will succeed; at least, hoped so.

It ought to have a large treasury if it gets many members. Be careful in choosing a treasurer, Bros. The Adhesive is to be Official Organ. A good one too.

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16 August Jahn, Green Bay, Wis., age 23, clerk.

The above will receive their membership cards upon payment of their dues.

Several members have not paid their dues for 1900. The society will drop those who have not paid them by April 1st, 1900.

The following members have been dropped for non-payment of dues:

H E Williams,  
Ira C Holt.

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Geo. C. Hartung.

### STAMP PARAGRAPHLETS.

Continued from page 3.

The section of philately in the Brooklyn Institute is having a larger stamp exhibit than they had last year. This section

shows what can be accomplished by wide-awake enthusiastic philatelists.

Philatelists can make very handsome and appropriate decorations with stamps for their rooms if they only knew how. Would not articles on how to make same be interesting to collectors and come within the province of stamp papers? This contains a hint for you, philatelic scribe.

There is really no reason for issuing more than the one and two cent denominations for the Buffalo Exposition. The admitted purpose of the stamps is to advertise the Exposition and there is no one in this country who would not see the one cent stamp or the two cent that would see a higher value. In regard to foreigners, on account of a ruling of the Universal Postal Union, commemorative stamps cannot be used in payment for foreign postage.

Some firms using private proprietary stamps are now canceling them in a way that destroys their collectibility. Collectors cannot kick, however, as it was done in self-defence. The private revenues were being taken from the bottles and common revenues substituted. The firm refused to sell the stamp unused and as the specimens were easily sold at considerable advance of the face value, many employees of the large drug houses were making considerable money.

**CHICAGO SPATTERINGS.**

GEO. C. HARTUNG.

As there seems to be no change in the prices of map stamps by the hundred, some of the collectors are beginning to unload them in order to fill up blank spaces in their albums.

The Chicago Philatelic Society's Banquet on March 10th at the Tremont House was fairly well attended by many of the well known collectors and dealers about town.

The stamps of the Chicago Philatelic Society Auction Sale were on exhibition for three days at the Marquette Building and were viewed by several non-collectors.

Another paper from Kankakee is expected, this time by C. B. Sawyer who is now studying law in this city.

Probably another magazine from this city also.

Mr. W. J. Tloyd the originator of the penny post, died in this city January 18th after some weeks of illness.

A large approval sheet of U. S. stamps on exhibition in a confectionary store was sold for double its catalogue value. The sheet contained all the issues from 1890 up to and including the present issue of postage stamps.

In the auction catalogue of the Chicago Phil. Society, 498 lots were offered among which is a

stamp from Sweden 1855, 3s, green, 2 pairs used on part of cover. These stamps are seldom seen in smaller and new collections.

Price List for 1900 from Burton & Burton and W. F. Gregory have been received by me. Both show a fine piece of work has been put before the collecting public.

The election of officers for the year 1900 of the Northern Philatelic Association promises to be the leading object of the Northern and surrounding states.

**REVIEW.**

JOHN B. GARDELLA, JR.

Publishers desiring notice under this head, must send one copy to Review Editor, John B. Gardella Newtown Cal.

The Philatelic Chronicle for February contains "In Defense of the Persecuted," notes from Detroit and Washington besides editorials and other matter complete the number.

The best thing we find in the Virginia Philatelist for February is the likenesses of the officers of the Postal Card Society of America with a sketch of each besides much other interesting matter about postal cards and postal card collecting.

The Ohio Philatelist is about the same as usual. The January number gives a likeness and sketch of E. A. Hemphil, and other interesting matter.

The March Adhesive is about as good as its predecessors. It contains a likeness and sketch of A. R. Magill, its Canadian correspondent. The rest of the number is made up of the usual interesting notes and articles. It is rapidly pushing to the front and success is certain.

The Philatelic West for February is at hand and, as usual is a good number. Friend Brody, besides doing the business, this month does the editorial work also.

The Clipper a neat journal devoted both to stamp and Literature Collectors is on our desk.

The Evergreen which is only green in name and covers is always welcome. "Notes for U. S. Collectors" and "Philately Month by Month" are the leading articles in the February number.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies for February contains two interesting articles, "Postal Matters in Germany" and "Cancellations" by W. Sellschopp.

The Collector is at hand. Dodge's Editorial Chat is always interesting. The office cat has not made its appearance for some time.

The Nebraska Philatelist for February is an interesting number made up mostly of notes and stamp news from different places.

The Stamp Exchange is a new one from Kankakee Ill., published by S. E. Moisant. It does not contain much reading matter, but

for a beginner looks good and we wish the publisher luck.

The Juniors' Collector is at hand, the January number contains matter of interest to beginners.

In the Bay State Philatelist for February "What Shall We Do with the Counterfeit or Reprint?" is the leading article. Editorials and other matter complete the number.

The January number of STAMPS, Rushden, Eng. is the most newsy of any stamp paper received for a long while. It contains a large amount of stamp news and gives numerous Postal Card notes. It is official organ of about eighteen clubs and societies. As a whole this journal is very good and is always welcome. [Ed.]

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### SUBSCRIBERS!

As was said elsewhere in this number, we have combined the March and April numbers in one number in order to catch up with Time. This will not effect any of our subscribers in the least, as they will receive twelve numbers as a subscription. All subscriptions will expire one number later than originally. [Ed.]

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No. 1

## HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

WE take the pleasure this month to present to our readers a likeness of Mr. H. A. Chapman.

Mr. Chapman is now a little over fifty years of age.

He was born at Deep River, (town of Saybrook) Conn. and educated principally at the boarding school of his father, the Rev. F. W. Chapman, in Ellington, Conn.

On Jan. 16 1831 he entered the Hartford Courant

and is still employed there. He is now engaged in attending to the financial matter, advertisements etc.

Through his son he became interested in philately in 1893 and is still hard at it, collecting stamps for him. The collection now numbers about 5000 varieties.

In March, 1897, Mr. C launch-

ed on the rough philatelic sea in a strong craft, the Perforator. After conducting this magazine for thirteen months, he disposed of it but still contributed articles for it, withdrawing from it after the twenty-sixth number.

At present he resides at Rocky Hill, Conn., going to his business daily. For some years he was interested in base ball, furnishing reports for the Courant; also was special correspondent for the New York Sun for some five years. After being bodily crippled by an elevator accident about eight years ago, he gave up this work, but still takes an interest in athletic sports.

For two years he has contributed for several philatelic journals, but at present is regularly engaged as contributor for only the Allegheny Philatelist and Philatelic Post, being review editor of the latter.



H. A. CHAPMAN.

In January (last) he started another journal, the ADHESIVE of whose merits enough cannot be said. All those who have seen it know what it is like. It, without exaggeration, is the leading philatelic magazine today. It comes regularly and is always a welcome visitor. It is not one of these magazines that is devoted to dry reports and statistics, as some of its contemporaries; nor does it devote its columns to the rackets of philatelic scribes and review editors; but contains strictly up-to-date news and interesting matter. The Adhesive is the "sticker that needs no licking."

### ARE NOT REPRINTS HARMFUL TO PHILATELY?

BY JOHN PELTZ.

Much has been written concerning reprints of stamps in philatelic papers, but the subject is one that is not yet thread-bare, and there are many points yet left to be discussed and explained.

To begin with we may state that the reprint is a stamp made from a plate that is obsolete, another issue having preceded it, or else this issue is not used; but after a while necessity arises for these stamps, and the old plate is brought forward and reprints are made. But notice the difference between reprints and reissues. Reprints are those stamps that are NOT allowed to

be used as postage stamps, but in the case of reissues they ARE available for duty and can serve as regular postage stamps on letters.

To my mind even if I cannot obtain the original genuine copies of some rare old issues, such as Lubeck, Heligoland, etc., I would rather spend the money that I could use to buy reprints of these for some other legitimate stamps priced cheaper.

Beginners and junior collectors should be taught the difference between a reprint and a re-issue so they would not confound the two or place them in the same category.

Dealers and collectors should mark a large "R" or the entire word "Reprint" on the reverse side of all such stamps that they possess, and when selling reprints through advertisements should always advertise them as such. It is dishonest for anyone to sell a reprint under the guise of an original specimen, and the dealer will bring ruin upon himself who does this.

I do not see any harm in selling reprints or advertising them under their true colors, but what I term dishonest is the selling of reprints as genuine specimens of stamps when they are not such.

In closing I will add that the time will soon come, I hope, when reprints will be entirely banished from every dealer's stock, for it is a great harm to sell reprints to young and inexperienced collectors by older dealers who

know the value of the stuff they handle, but who nevertheless sell them under the guise of genuine specimens and at the same price.

But many ex-dealers have found to their sorrow that though they had succeeded in cheating many an inexperienced collector, they could not always keep on doing it, for he soon learns the true character of the dealer's goods and ceased having any business to do with him; which resulted in the dealer being forced out of the stamp business, for he only could carry it on at a loss to himself.

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### SOME STAMP PARAGRAPHS.

BY ALBERT L. JONES.

Here's a chance to win a prize. Atwerpia et Scaldia Philatelique offers francs for best answer of "What country possesses the most instructive stamps?" Of course your favorite country is the one, so write and tell why and reap your reward.

The people who think catalogue prices, not considering discounts, are a good criterion, should sell no stamps until the next standard catalogue is issued, for there is going to be a big raise then. Let the bargain hunters, no, I mean big discount seekers, be happy!

Wonder if some partisans of the Virginia Philatelist were not disappointed after reading "A Few Words of Apology" in the Phila-

telic Bulletin for March. In view of the controversy going on between the two publications, the apology was on the subject we expected.

Can you realize the fact that there have been over seven hundred fifty different stamp publications since 1894 in the United States and Canada? Mr. Stone is the authority, and no doubt he can prove his statement, but it seems hard to realize when we think there are so many stamp papers now; and yet the present number is less than fifty. Would be publisher, ponder long on this statement before issuing a Vol. I. No 1.

One of my correspondents who recently moved to a city of some forty thousand inhabitants told me of a couple of experiences he met with which I think will bear repetition. They can best be told in his own words: "When I came to—I knew no collectors here so inserted a small ad in two of the daily papers. From them I have made the acquaintance of quite a number of philatelists and instead of meeting a lot of school-boy collectors, they are all staid business men and, mirabile dictu, none of them have seen a stamp paper other than Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

One reply that I received was well written in a feminine hand and showed the writer to possess a good education. In reply to my answer I received an invita-

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## THE NORTHWESTERN PHILATELIST.

A monthly for Stamp Collectors.

Ray I. Ellis, Editor and Publisher,  
John B. Gardella, Jr., Review Editor.

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We are a little larger this month and ought to present a creditable appearance. We have been granted second-class rates which takes a large burden from our shoulders. You may constantly look for an improvement in the reading matter of N. P. from now on.

Soon we are to start an Amateur Photographic Department. So, amateur photographers, send in your subscription at once and begin with the number which starts the department. It will probably commence with July number. All amateurs are invited to contribute.

The new stamp books have arrived at this office. They arrived April 26th and are met with ap-

proval here. P. M. showed us the books on arrival and they seem to be all they were claimed to be. They consist of the one and two cent denominations. One cent in advance of the face value of the stamps is charged for the books which covers the cost of printing etc.

We have noticed in several of the midget stamp papers that almost every other word is abbreviated. We know no reason for this, unless there is no room for spelling the word out or there is ignorance on the part of the writer. Either case shows extremely bad taste on the part of the publisher.

 **ADVERTISERS!** In placing your summer ads don't forget us. We have now secured second class rates, so have no fear. N. P. pays others, why not you? Instead of suspending publication during the summer or even publishing a smaller journal, we shall be larger and boom summer trade. We don't claim the largest circulation, for it would not be true; but we do claim our entire circulation is among BUYERS, and over half is covered by no other philatelic journal. Give us a trial and await results.

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All Librarians of stamp societies wishing copies of N. P. FREE, will do well to send in a postal



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We will accept half-tones of collectors and others at any time for publication in N.P.

We are constantly receiving congratulations and praises for the improvements in N.P. We thank our friends for these and give ourselves the credit of deserving them.

No. 2 of the Prairie State Philatelist is received and shows a vast improvement. The publisher has the grit to stand by it, and success is insured.

We have secured another correspondent in the person of D. C. Evans of Philadelphia. He informs us that he goes to New York every fortnight, and we feel confident that he is able to interest our readers to a considerable extent each month with his Eastern Notes.

We are informed that the publisher of the Mount Royal endeavored to beat the Adhesive in its Vol.I. No.1. We give the publisher credit of getting out an ideal number, but think it is far behind the "Sticker." One number is all we have seen; and, if rumors are correct, it is the last one. Too bad.

Exchange—I will exchange advertising space in this magazine for good stamps any time. [Ed.]

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Result of Election.

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R L Doak	2
Librarian	
August Jahn	4
R L Doak	3

Trustees	
Halm, Hartung, Trask.	8
Official Organ,	
Northwestern Philatelist	9
Philatelic Chronicle	1
Total number of votes cast—	10

Now that the officers are elected, all collectors in the Northern, Central and Prairie States should join at once. Write to its officers or members for application blanks, and they will cheerfully supply you with one. Now we will grow.

I will give a 59th catalogue to the one securing the largest number of paid-up members by July 1st, 1900. Will also give \$1 in cash to the first one for 10 new members by July 1st. Participant must be a member.

Yours for the N. P. A.,  
Geo. C. Hartung.

### SOME STAMP PARAGRAPHS.

tion to call. So last night I put on a clean collar, turned my cuffs and walked about twenty blocks in the snow in the expectation of meeting a young lady and seeing some good stamps. But my hopes were doomed to disappointment, for what I really did find was a woman about sixty years of age who had about two thousand and one cent and two cent Columbians. Quite a disappointment in more than one way."

Yes, this section is almost a novelty. It is a plea for more

philatelic fiction, humor and poetry. Almost all stamp publications "make fun" of these three things instead of encouraging writers to make attempts along these lines. I think it should not be thus. Some of my reasons follow: In the first place it would give philatelic scribes a wider field and would induce them to continue in their philatelic writing instead of wandering into amateur press associations. Eventually a distinct philatelic literature would build up in the same manner as the popular rail-road stories have established a distinct kind of literature for the rail-road.

Philatelic articles such as mentioned would tend to maintain interest in philately for, unless a person has an intensely scientific temperament, he will eventually certainly tire of dry chronicles of minor varieties and new issues. Above all the inclusion in stamp papers of philatelic jokes, stories and poems would greatly help in the inducing of interest in philately in non-collectors.

This fact is generally acknowledged. It is easily proven by one example: A non-collector recently picked up one of my philatelic magazines, it was not a scientific one either, and after glancing it through, said "Seems to me its awful dry." As I had thought it rather interesting, the remark set me to thinking (yes, occasionally I do that) and I believe the reason of the periodical's

uninterestingness lies in the fact of it containing no reading matter whatever to appeal to the non-collector and its lack of illustrations. Now had there been some philatelic fiction, humor, or poetry, that class of matter, while appealing to the collector, would also interest the non-collectors. Furthermore, such articles are very susceptible to illustration, and thus it would be easy for editors to embellish their philatelic magazines with more pictures and in that way add much to their interest and appearance.

### EASTERN NOTES.

D. C. EVANS.

Tuttle's three-night auction sale this week was hardly a success as few bids were made. This was due to the fact that most of the stamps were damaged and in poor condition.

The current \$30 Rev. is extremely scarce here, the supply is now shut off, due to the mutilation law; and it is doubtful if a half dozen copies have been seen here since then.

The booklets containing 12, 24, and 48 stamps will soon be placed on sale here. About one million have been made and the department is working hard to get a good supply on hand. One hundred of these booklets have been surcharged "Sample" on each stamp and distributed to the var-

ious post offices. One of those surcharged stamps will be quite a desirable oddity to possess.

The discovery of the new die variety of the current 4c envelope has set the philatelic world agog with indignation. With all these new varieties springing up, is it any wonder that we get disgusted with the Bureau of Printing and Engraving? The difference between the new and the others is that the bust is closed, the bow of the tie is overly prominent, the point of the beard and the lock over the forehead is also different. The main difference however is the outside notched border, the teeth seeming to be very irregular.

The Emerson Drug Co. of Baltimore are newest issuers of private proprietary stamps, their dies being just finished by the Bureau.

The 2c orange envelope which is making such a wild reputation for itself since prominent collectors one day admit its authenticity and the next deny it is in the opinion of the writer a fake, since a perfect specimen can be made by exposing an unused red envelope to the Sun's ray for four weeks continuously. Try it, it only costs you three cents and then you will be convinced of its non-existence.

The Philatelic Review of Reviews which issued such an elaborate prospectus and was announced to appear from Philadel-

phia has given up the ghost owing to financial embarrassments.

One of Philadelphia's most prominent collectors is Mr. Wm Du Hadway whose U. S. collection is complete including a Brattleboro and a Millbury. He also has a unique specimen of Boyd's Penny post, will try to write more about it next time. His greatest purchase however was the purchase of the remainders of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia from the government.

#### AT THE STAMP WINDOW.

The woman in the turban hat brushed up to the stamp window.

"Are the new stamp books on sale?" she inquired, at the same time laying several small parcels on the sill.

"Yes, ma'am!" responded the clerk.

"Well, I will take one, if you please."

"Which kind, ma'am?"

"Oh, it doesn't make any difference," and she rolled a bright penny over the sill. The clerk looked at the penny and then at the woman.

"What is this for, ma'am?"

"Why, it is for the stamp book. The paper said they were only 1 cent."

"One cent for the book and 24 cents for the stamps, ma'am."

"But I do not wish the stamps. I only want the book to hold the unmounted proof of a photograph.

I am afraid it will be all creased before I reach home."

The clerk politely informed her that the books were not sold separately. Fifteen minutes later a girl student tapped on the sill with her pocketbook.

"I would like to get one of the new stamp books.

"Which kind, miss?"

"How many stamps has the smallest?"

"Twelve."

She handed up two dimes and a nickel and then walked away.

A little later she returned.

"Why, these are all unused U. S. stamps.

"Of course, miss. What did you expect?"

"I thought they were stamp albums.

"Well, some people might call this little book an album.

"Oh, I mean albums full of old foreign stamps. I am making a collection," and then the disappointed philatelist made room for the line of impatient people behind.—Chicago News.

#### CANADIAN HAPPENINGS.

A. R. MAGILL.

The League of Canadian Philatelists has secured a very good United States Vice President in the form of Henry A Chapman.

The Montreal Philatelic Association held its seventh annual meeting on the evening of March

29th, and nearly all of its officers were re-elected to serve during the coming year.

A new paper under the name of the Mount Royal Stamp News has appeared and consists of sixteen 6x9 pages.

Mr. Chas a Needham of this city who is in England on business is expected home shortly.

The six cent Maple Leaf were sold at quite a number of post offices throughout the Dominion lately.

Mr C. E. A. Holmes former Canadian correspondent of the Northwestern Philatelist has removed to Smith's Falls where he has secured a position with the Jubilee Stamp Co.

Canadian readers of the Northwestern Philatelist will confer a favor by sending on a postal card any philatelic happenings of interest which comes to their notice.

This will enable me to keep the readers better posted on "Canadian Happenings," and I will be glad to give credit for any such news received.

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### CHICAGO BREEZES.

GEO. C. HARTUNG.

Rumors are flying that another large collection has been purchased, but the names of the interested parties are not yet obtainable. Some of the stamps were bought from an old time

druggist who resided in the northwest part of the city.

Several dealers of every description from a fruit store to a dry goods house are now beginning to display fine collections of stamps in their display windows.

The Stamp buttons put on the market here not long ago, are worn quite extensively, now this is a good thing for philately.

Mr. A. C. Trask has been elected president of the Northern Philatelic Association, being considered the best one fit for this office by a good vote cast by its members.

A new philatelic journal has appeared from here and is called the Chicago Junior. Now there is going to be a race in getting subscriptions.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hold another auction sale this month with about 400 lots to offer. (April)

A Stamp Counterfeiter has been arrested here. A trunk, which was to be sent to Clark was siezed by the Postoffice Inspectors, and a complete outfit and hundreds of stamps, bogus and genuine, were confiscated.

The counterfeit stamps were of all denominations, and there was many rare issues in the lot. The originals of some of these are valued at \$75 each; and there were others almost as costly. There were also electrotype cuts for printing stamps and postmarks.

The above Chas Clark was taken in custody for selling similar stamps as genuine in Detroit, a few weeks ago.

Join the Northern Philatelic Association and make new friends.

"Did the postman leave any letters, Mary?" asked a mistress after a day's absence from home.

"Nothing but a post card, ma'am."

"Who is it from, Mary?"

"Do you think I'd read it, ma'am?" said the girl, with an injured air.

"Perhaps not; but anyone who sends me messages on post cards is stupid or impertinent."

"You'll excuse me, ma'am," returned the girl, loftily, "but I must say that's a nice way to be talking about your own mother."

### THE TWELVE PENNY BLACK.



For the benefit of our readers who have not access to a catalog, we illustrate the 12p black of Canada. From a little

research we are able to give the reader some information regarding it.

The 12p (black) was issued in 1851, and there are two minor varieties of this stamp: (1) Printed in 1851 on laid paper. This variety catalogues, used, \$400;

and unused, \$500.

In 1852 it was issued on thin or thick wove paper, and this variety catalogues at \$500, both used and unused.

It is about the rarest and most valuable of Canadian stamps and is well worth finding. So, if you ever come across one, don't trade it off for rare(?) Continentals etc.

### NEW ISSUES.

**UNITED STATES**— The Pan American Exposition is to have a special set of stamps of the denominations of 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 cents.

The high value revenue stamps are now printed in aniline ink in the new colors: \$1, red; \$3, reddish brown; \$5, blue; \$10, purple.

Also a new medicine stamp is reported:— 2c, slate of Perry Davis & Son.

**AUSTRIA**— The new set is nearly the same as the current issue only the word "heller" is used instead of "kreuzer," and "kronen" instead of "gulden."

**BRAZIL**— The following new colors have been received: 50 reis, green; 100r, rose; 200r, dark blue. Also some other stamps, pictorial:— 100r, red; 200r, green and yellow; 500r, blue; 700r, green.

**BRITISH BECHUANALAND**— A 4 pence, blue, registration envelope has been issued.

**BRITISH HONDURAS**— A new surcharge has been reported:— 2c

on 3c post card, 1891.

**BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA**— A 1p, carmine wrapper and a  $\frac{1}{2}$ p, dull green on white, post card have been newly issued.

**BULGARIA**— Two new shades of stamps have come from this country: 2s, slate gray; and 15s, yellow.

**BRITISH NEW GUINA**— We read that this country is soon to have stamps of its own instead of the stamps of Queensland which it now uses.

**CEYLON**— The following new stamps have been issued: 12c olive green, value in carmine; and 15c, blue.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE**— The 1p stamp has appeared in a new design, a view of Table Bay, color, carmine.

**CHINA**— We read that the current 5c salmon has been changed to orange.

**CHINA—Japanese Offices**—Japan has issued some provisional stamps for use in her offices in China. They consist in Japanese stamps surcharged in Japanese characters signifying "China." There are 13 varieties from 5 rins, gray, red surcharge to 1 yen, carmine, black surcharge.

**CHINA—French Offices**— The 5 cent stamp is printed in yellow-green instead of its former color.

The above chronicle is a little "yellow" owing to the length of time which has elapsed since the

time of writing and that of its publication. [Ed.]

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### OUR NEIGHBORS.

JOHN B. GARDELLA, JR.

REVIEW EDITOR,  
NEWTOWN, CAL.

The February number of the Collectors' Companion with which is consolidated the Philatelic Literature Collector, is at hand. "Canada's Philatelic History" is the leading article.

The Youth's Realm is about the same as usual. Stories and stamp matter make up the number.

The first to reach us for March is the Bay State Philatelist, containing a good lot of reading matter. H. A. Chapman and one who signs himself "Gerant" tell us a bit about advertising.

The International Philatelist for March is at hand. "Argentine Republic, Her Stamp Dealers and Collectors" is the leading article.

The March number of the Nebraska Philatelist is made up mostly of notes. "Philatelic Items" by John Peltz is interesting.

The Ohio Philatelist gives a sketch of Treymond Babcock and other interesting matter in the March number. It don't quite appear on time yet.

The New York Philatelist is at hand. "The Brooklyn Exhibition" also notes from Philadelphia, Editorials and other matter make up the March number.

The Virginia Philatelist for April gives a sketch and likeness of P. Den Outer of Vlaardingen, Holland; besides there is much other interesting matter.

The Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange is at hand. "Great Britain Half Penny of 18-70" is the leading article in the April number.

The Evergreen for April contains "Notes for U.S. Collectors," "Philately Month by Month," and Editorial notes.

After cutting pages apart for half an hour, we reached the reading matter in the Philatelic West to find many interesting articles. "Counterfeits and their Detection" by Lacus Viridis is the most interesting article in the April number.

The May number of the American Journal of Philately has arrived. Besides the "Catalogue for Advanced Collector," "Chronicle" and other solid matter, we find "History of Stamps and Entireties of Belgium," by Jules Bouvez and "Our English Letter," all of which are interesting and instructive. In the editorial column it is stated that a collector some years ago possessed an unsevered pair of the 20c and 50c, Columbian Republic, 1863. The stamps were discovered to be

counterfeits. \$200 had been offered for them. It is also stated that Mr. Luff recently received the same thing from Germany for inspection and promptly pronounced it counterfeit.

Last but not least is the Adhesive whose columns are always carefully digested and are both interesting and instructive. "Across Our Albums," notes and the usual biographical sketch are creditable.

[Note] The Review Editor reviews only those journals that HE receives.

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## ARTHUR REGINALD MAGILL.

The subject of our sketch this month is our Canadian correspondent, Mr. A. R. Magill.

Mr Magill is twenty-two years of age, being born in Newport, Rhode Island February 9th, 1878.

In 1891 he started his first collection which he lost five years later in a fire which destroyed part of the college which he was attending at that time. Although his collection had been destroyed, Mr Magill still took an interest in stamps and two years later he started a second collection; taking a few countries and devoting his entire energy to making them as complete as possible.

In 1897 he moved up to Montreal where he took a position in the head office for Canada of a large English fire insurance company.

Besides the Northwestern Philatelist, Mr Magill furnishes Canadian Notes for the Adhesive, Virginia Philatelist and Nebraska Philatelist and is Montreal representative of the Weekly Philatelic Era.

He also contributes occasionally to other papers.

Mr. Magill is president of the Mount Royal Stamp Club, Librarian of the League of Canadian Philatelists, a member of the executive committee of the Montreal Philatelic Association.

He deals in stamps making a specialty of Canada stamps.

He is one of our leading correspondents and furnishes each month very interesting notes.

As a writer he is very fluent and in every respect, a gentleman.

R. I. ELLIS.



**CECIL RAWSON.**

The next person whose likeness appears on our supplement, is Cecil Rawson of Philadelphia.

Mr Rawson is about seventeen years of age, being born in Richmond, Va., August 4th, 1883. He moved from Richmond to Chicago and from there to Philadelphia.

When he was nine years old he began collecting stamps. He sold his first collection in 1898. He deals somewhat in stamps now. Is also a good writer, being contributor to several papers.

Mr Rawson is a member of many stamp societies and holds important offices in several. Unlike many of his friends, he seldom gets into a "philatelic fight," but should such a thing happen, the "other fellow" would be easily disposed of.

**JAMES W. SELLS.**

Last, but not least of our illustrations is James W. Sells of St. Louis.

We have many philatelic friends and Mr Sells is one of our foremost.

He was born in 1879 and began to collect stamps in 1890. He at one time had a collection of over four thousand varieties. He sold his collection and started another and not only collects stamps, but is an ardent collector of all kinds

of curios etc.

Mr Sells is prominent in philatelic circles and societies and holds offices in several.

He also deals in stamps and is found honest, reliable and a gentleman wherever he may be. We understand he is intending to publish a stamp paper soon and wish him "all colors" of success.

R. I. E.

**STAMP NOTES.****FOSTER GILROY.**

Japan has surcharged her stamps with two characters signifying "China" for use in connection with Japanese offices in that country. The same has been done for Corea.

The colors of the 5, 10, and 25c Congo Free State have been changed to meet the regulations of the Universal Postal Union. The center is black as hertofore, but the colors of the borders are now green, carmine and blue, respectively.

A new issue of locals comes from Moorocco in the shape of an oblong stamp, bearing as a center the usual Aarb, frantically waving a long gun above his head. This is in black, while the borders are as follows: 5c, red; 10c, blue; 20c, lilac; 25c, yellow; 50c, violet; 75c, pale green. The 1 pesta is carmine and violet, the center being in the latter.

The 40c surcharge on the 4c Somali Coast has been replaced by a permanent 40 centimes stamp; color, yellow and blue.

A 5 drachmæ, Provisional, comes from Crete. The design is "St George and the Dragon." The medallion is printed in black and the balance of the stamp in green.

The current ½d of Fiji has been changed from gray to green to conform with the U.P.U regulations.

A new Caledonia has been provided with the familiar 5c green French Colonial stamp. The name, as usual is in red.

An entire new set comes from northern Nigeria, from ½d to 2s-6d. All are printed in two colors.

The new 3 pies, carmine, of India has received surcharges for two states: Jhind and Nabha.

Seychelles has issued a new set, principally consisting of the higher values. They are: 6c, carmine; 75c, yellow and purple; 1 rupee, 50c gray and rose; 2 rupees, 25c, mauve and green.

The recent consolidation of some of the Straits Settlements has caused numerous surcharges, consisting of "Federated Malay States" in heavy black type, and a bar across the old name. Of Negri Sembilan, the 1 cent to 50 cent have been surcharged; of Perak, the \$1 to \$25.

We hear from good authority that the 15c stamp has been chan-

ged from blue to green. This is something we have seen in no other stamp paper, so take it with a pinch of salt.

"Mekeel's Drummer" is a little sheet containing Stamp News and advertisements of the great firm whose name it bears.

The new issue of Mexico has been surcharged "Oficial" in black.

The Seebeck collection which was recently sold, is estimated to be worth \$40,000.

The new 15 centimes stamp of Spain bears the boy King's head and is printed in blue.

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## STAMPIC HODGE-PODGE.

BY EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

Hodge is not a very highly æsthetic term, but it describes exactly what these notes are; a miscellaneous lot of philatelic sense and non-sense jumbled together in no imaginable form.

You have seen the same thing before (or at least the nonsense part of it) under a different title. It is often called "Canadian Correspondence," and sometimes "Stampic America," or, that is, the latter is about as philatelic as some of the former.

Well, there is the new issue for Chile. It's very pretty and that country has a right to a new issue for it hasn't gone into the

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You will notice we have made an error in numbering one of our pages this month. We numbered the second page "13" instead of "14" and did not discover our mistake until over one half were printed. We have, however, numbered the balance correctly. Should you find the second page numbered "13" instead of "14," get out your pen and correct it.

Recently we have received *0 Philatelistas Brazilerio*, a philatelic paper published in Rio Janeiro, Brazil. Although it is printed in Spanish, we are—from a slight knowledge of Latin—able to read a little, enough to be justified in saying it is an ideal journal. It consists of sixteen large pages and cover and is very neatly gotten up.

The editorial columns of a stamp paper ought to be the very principal ones; but some editors have the idea that a few two-line notes, such as "We are here to stay!" etc., is sufficient. About half the editors now know very little about editorship, and those who fill their editorial columns with such stale, rotten and unreadable stuff, are not worthy of the name of editor.

The editor who is constantly "beating about the bush" and saying nothing to show on which side of the fence he stands, is a coward and needs to be relieved of his great responsibility. Any person who reads the newspapers ought to see that the editorials are the opinions of the respective editors as regards the current topics of the day. Why should not our stamp papers be conducted in something the same way?

The first number of Grant's Monthly Philatelist has been received by us. It seems to be a very good journal, containing many interesting articles and notes and starts out with a philatelic story. If other papers would follow its example, they would be more interesting. It's a good paper, but we don't see how it can get 25000 circulation and hold their subscription price at 50 cents.

No. 4 is the first number of the Nebraska Stamp News to reach us. It is nothing out of the ordinary but it is very creditable. It contains lots of reading matter

and ought to be met with approval.

We would like to have foreign correspondents all over the world to notify us of new issues, news, etc. Correspondence solicited.

Speaking of dull season, I rather think this is the busy season here. Collecting stamps is becoming a regular fad among the small boys. Every spring they start to collect stamps and continue through the summer, but in the fall and winter don't take much interest in it. Why? I'm sure I can't tell. The spring and summer is "stamp time" now, not "marble time."

I wish to personally thank the members of the N. P. A. for electing me Vice President of that worthy association, also for electing N. P. as Official organ. They have shown, by so doing, their appreciation for what I have done for the association. (not very much.) There were better journals for official organ, but nevertheless N. P. received a large majority. Every philatelist must join now, help start the various departments and derive many benefits by so doing.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In writing this, my first address, I wish to thank all members who have given me their vote for the highest office in the N. P. A. I will promise to do all in my power to build up the association and make it a great success. Will the members help me in this matter? Each member try to get one new member before the next issue of the official organ.

Yours Fraternally,

A. C. Trask, Pres.

 [Note.] We were so crowded for space this month that we had to omit the regular list of officers and the Librarian's address. They will, however appear next month.

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### STAMPIC HODGE-PODGE.

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speculative business except as regards the unpaid letter stamps. There was a very interesting and instructive account of the

latter in the April Adhesive, to the publisher of which paper I am indebted for the stamps of the new issue which I have. The design is a large head of Columbus with "Chile" at the top, "centavo" or "centavos" at the bottom and "Correos, Porte Franco" on the sides, and numerals on the corners. Mr Wylie says that although they appear to, they do not really conform to the U. P. U. regulations, at least according to the value Scott gives for the Chilean peso. Will that be an excuse for a change of color? I most sincerely hope not.

The revenues are somewhat slow in coming out with the new perforation; as yet I have seen but three varieties treated thus, at least of the regular issue. It is evident that, if these stamps are to be collected at all, which I am inclined to doubt, they must be saved in pairs or blocks, as it is almost impossible to distinguish between them and the rouletted on a single copy.

Since my mind seems to be running on new issues, I'll keep it there. The set of Japanese, although it came out quite a while ago, does not seem, by any means to be in general use; the 2 sen and 5 sen of the old type were probably on hand in good numbers and so were used up. Even the large cities have quite large supplies, especially of the old 2 sen, and the new ones are very rarely seen. Possibly the latter have all been used up in being surcharged for Corea.

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**EASTERN GOLDBRICKS.**

D. C. EVANS.

The Philatelic Advocate reports that the special delivery stamp is appearing in a lighter shade of green than formerly.

All of the Canadian papers are late in appearing this month. The only one received up to this date (15th) being the Philatelic Advocate.

The Dominion Philatelic Assn. will hold its fifth annual convention at St Catherines, Ont. on July 2nd and 3rd. The following officers have been elected by acclamation: Sec-Treas., G W Starman; Count. Det., Chas Baily; Librarian, F I Weaver; Atto., J A Wainwright; 1900 Con. Seat, Montreal; Official Organ, Philatelic Advocate.

The supply of 6c and 15c stamps has given out and no more will be printed. No 4c nor 7c stamps have been issued as yet.

The Mount Royal Stamp Club has given up its regular meetings until next fall.

The annual report of the Postmaster General has at last appeared and contains a lot of interesting matter. It reports the new postal note has proved a great success, 471,407 being sold. It also states that 52940 special delivery stamps were sold during the year. The establishing of branch Dead-letter offices in the largest cities of Canada is also said to have prov-

The Universal Philatelist is announced here with Claude Reno as Editor and W B Grubb & Co., 2110 Marshall St., Philadelphia, as publishers. If they keep up to their promises, it will be a case of "grub" unless they receive more support than the average paper. I have not been able to elicit any information from the publishers, they evidently believe in keeping a good thing (?) to themselves.

The Quaker City Philatelist—a new paper under an old name—is also announced, I can vouch for it, more particulars anon.

The following occurred when we had only three representative dealers, Trifet of Boston, who dealt in stamps only; Scott of New York, who dealt in both stamps and coins; and Mason of Philadelphia, who handled coins, but generally had a fair lot of stamps. My informant happened to buy a number of choice stamps one day including a Brattleboro, for which he paid the fabulous sum of \$22. Putting his treasures into his wallet, he walked out and took the train at Broad St station for Harrisburg but through some mishap or other which my informant neglected to state, he lost his recent purchases about St Davids, he

continued his journey however but instituted search and offered rewards for its recovery; he never heard anything more until recently, when he was making the same trip as he did on the day which he lost the stamp. When he neared the locality some strange impulse impelled him to open the sash and look out. In doing so he had to use quite a little force and when at last he opened the window, down fluttered a yellow time-stained piece of paper on which was his now priceless gem, none the worse for its stay of twenty-five odd years in the window sill of a passenger coach. He had it de-oxidised, and it now rests peacefully among its kind. In the time-worn words: "Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction," the above can hardly be current; so yours truly will have to catch up with Father Time.

Plate number 1000 has been sent to the Bureau and will soon appear. Now is the time for all to start in.

The auction sale which was held in Washington lately for the boys, was quite a success; although the bidding on the last lots was stagnant, due most likely to depleted treasuries.

The Stamp Exchange, inaugurated by the Metropolitan Philatelist, is proving a success. Any subscriber is invited to join.

The Herrick collection is now a thing of the past, the price realized being \$3000. The collection

surprised me as not being a collection at all; it was a galaxy of gems grouped together in unpopular countries. Portugal and colonies seemed to be favorite, while British Colonies were entirely neglected. The attendance was not very large, but none of them were "wall flowers."

The popular philatelic politician of Lynn, H. K. Sanderson, has been nominated for Post Master. Look out for speculative issues!

The census man asks some pretty personals in his wanderings from door to door. When it came to asking my business, he got stuck. I told him I was a philatelist, and that got him. I think he put me down as being non-composmentis. They get 34 for that. How absurd!

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## SOME MORE OF OUR FRIENDS



G. C. HARTUNG.



A. C. TRASK.



T. BABCOCK.

### GEO. C. HARTUNG.

Mr Hartung is about twenty-one years old and is now studying law in Chicago. Although we do not know much about his past life, we do know that he is a worker and a gentleman. He is one of the founders of the N.P.A. and has worked hard for it ev-

er since its founding. Mr H is a member of several philatelic societies and is well known in Chicago circles. He is a fluent writer, furnishing Chicago Notes for N. P. nearly a year. He is the worthy Sec.-Treas. of N.P.A. and has our best wishes for success in his study and in any other pursuits he may follow.

## A. C. TRASK.

The next one of our illustrations is Mr Trask, president of N.P.A. He was born on a farm in Illinois in 1882 and moved to Chicago in '91 where he now resides. He became interested in stamps in '96 and is still hard at it. He is prominent in philatelic and religious circles of Chicago, and we know he is a good little boy. At present he is employed as book keeper of a large manufacturing company, is the worthy president of the N.P.A. and is doing his duty faithfully. We wish him success and prosperity.

## T. BABCOCK.

Mr Babcock is our next illustration. He now resides in Dayton, Tex., where he publishes the Juniors' Collector. He is secretary of the U.S.P.A. and a worker also. Mr Babcock was born in 1883 in Jewell City, Kas. from where he moved to Superior, Neb., and from there to his present home. He is a member of the C.M.A. and many philatelic societies. Mr Babcock is a true friend of the juniors and a true gentleman.

## STAMP NOTES

BY FOSTER GILROY.

A set consisting of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ p to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ p. of the Cape of Good Hope issue, surcharged by the Boers,

"S.A.R." was recently offered for sale at £30.

At the sale of the Deat's collection of U.S. revenues in New York, over \$5000 was realized.

There is a rumor abroad that Mauritius is to have a new issue.

The new Tasmanian set is said to be one of the most artistic ever issued.

The new high values of Bavaria have appeared. The 3m is brown, the 5m green.

A 1p, supposed to be the fore runner of a new pictorial set, has appeared from Jamaica. It has a view of Landoverly Falls, and is printed in carmine.

The current 10c stamp of Peru has been changed from yellow to black.

One paper chronicles a 15c blue stamp from Spain, bearing the the young king in military dress. We will not vouch for the authenticity of the story, however.

We learn that a  $\frac{1}{2}$ c and a  $\frac{1}{4}$ c may soon be expected from the Dominican Republic.

The latest additions to the "V. R. I." surcharges are the 1p & 1s of the first issue Orange Free State, now the Orange River Colony.

The Mafeking "Siege" stamps are receiving notice lately. They are the  $\frac{1}{2}$ p, 1p and 3p of the Cape of Good Hope, surcharged "Mafeking Beseiged," and the additional values 1p, 3p and 6p, respectively.

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Crete issues a new set and immediately surcharges them "Provisional." The surcharge exists in both red and black. The thick headed Turk knows how to speculate in stamps, at least.

We have seen illustrations of the stamps for the German colonies, Cameroons and German Southwest Africa. Both bear pictures of the Ocean steamships, but the latter, being oblong, contains a side view. The inscription on the Southwest African stamp (2 marks) looks like the alphabet fired from a blunderbuss.

The purchaser of the Castle collection is still unknown, de-

spite all attempt to fathom his identity. We see nothing to be ashamed of in purchasing a stamp collection.

A 1d postal card, carmine on buff, has been issued for British Central Africa.

Two new stamps have appeared from Guatemala. They are of the 1886 type and are 1c dark green; and 6c, light green.

The domestic rate has been applied to mail matter between this country and our possessions in the Samoan group.

Another manner to cheat the government has been tried a-

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## EDITORIAL

We suppose it will be a great surprise to our readers for us to announce that we are going to change the name and style of contents of N.P. after this issue. With this issue N.P. ceases to be a philatelic magazine, but we do not think of discontinuing it. The style of contents and name changed will make it virtually a new magazine. It will be called the "ROVER" and will appear sometime in September.

We do this with no little regret, as our career in the philatelic publishing business has been most pleasant and delightful, although our support has not been great, and we certainly have not become millionaires through it.

Our reasons for making the

change follow:

The philatelic field is now over-run and the many journals can scarcely receive enough support for their existence; and hence—so many deaths. But N.P. does not die, nor become consolidated with the Allegheny Philatelist; but just goes to sleep only to awake in a higher sphere of journalism.

Be not content in a lowly realm;  
Seek ye a higher sphere.

So we are seeking something higher, more elevating and more PAYING than publishing a philatelic journal. We do not intend to infer from this that philately is lowly, for it is far from it; but the field is narrow and already overflowing that there is a very slim chance for improvement.

We intend to make the ROVER a good all-around magazine for for young folks, containing stories, poems, Stamp and Curio departments and everything that will amuse, instruct and delight the young people.

We have secured several good writers to conduct the various departments, who will make them interesting and instructive.

Then again, a philatelic journal is very difficult to illustrate and thereby making it less interesting to its readers; while one of the sort we intend to publish will be easily illustrated and we intend to do it.

ROVER will fill out all unexpired subscriptions and advertising

contracts and the dealers who advertise in it will get the benefit of the present philatelic subscribers as well as the immense increase in circulation.

Subscription will be the same as N.P., but advertising will be 5 cents a line. (9 lines to the inch)

Now, all who read this, whether philatelists or not, will do well to subscribe at once. (see page 23)

We wish to exchange with our philatelic friends same as we always did; but should they desire to discontinue, they are at liberty to do so; but we very much desire to continue exchanging as we are to have a stamp department.

We also tend in our resignation as official organ of the N.P. A. and most heartily thank its members for their hearty support. We do not recommend any paper as our successor but leave choosing of one to the discretion of the members.

Well, good bye for a little while. You will see us in a better form in September.

THE EDITOR.

'Tis with regret we leave you,  
Most interesting dame;  
And we shall not forget you,  
But we seek higher fame.

You have many suitors,  
Or followers—we must say;  
And we may see one following  
You most any day.

We do not cease to follow you,  
You know the reason why,  
We just fall back a little  
To make room for more—Good  
Long live Philately! [bye]

B.L. Voorhees left June 12th for a collection trip in Europe. We wish him success and a safe return.

L'Essor Philatelique is another philatelic magazine received from Gendbrugge, Belgium. It is printed in French and is a good one containing 12 large pages.

### STAMP NOTES

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broad. The stamp is covered over with thin transparent paper, and when placed in water the paper comes off, leaving the stamp clear of cancellation.

The stamps of the Danish West Indies are to be changed in color and design. The first to appear is the 1c green, which is similar in design to the 1855 Denmark.

The 2d violet, 3d blue, and 6d blue of the Orange Free State have been surcharged "V.R.I." with the new value beneath.

### THE NORTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

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Secretary Hartung is now taking a pleasure trip down East, therefore there is no report this month.

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:

Since I was elected Librarian of the N.P.A. I have done the very best I could to get everything

in order. I have donated all the literature I had in my possession and will add more in the future of my own. I therefore wish all members who have any magazines or literature that they would like, or think would be fit for our library, send same to me so that I can make a list of same. I will make a type-written list of everything I have, giving name of journal, number and volume, and send same to you on application. I have fixed prices on everything as low as possible, viz., Finding list, 1c; loan on any of the magazines, 2c; postage, 1c.

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I am, Respectfully,  
August Jahn.

### CANADIAN HAPPENINGS

—ARTHUR F. MAGILL.—

Hereafter we will illustrate a Canadian stamp each month and give a few facts concerning it.



The three penny of Canada which was first issued in 1851 was issued for franking letters addressed to points in Canada.

It was printed in red and is found imperforated, on laid paper—thick and thin wove paper and ribbed. It was also issued perforated on wove and ribbed paper, there being two varieties of perforations, 12 and 14.

The animal pictured in the oval is the North American beaver which can truly be called Canada's national animal if the Buffalo is a very representative animal of the United States although the Eagle holds the place of honor.

This stamp is catalogued at from 30c up.

The Canadian Post Office Department has issued books of 12 stamps. The books are much neater than those issued by the United States a few months ago. Nothing appears on the outside covers except the Coat-of-Arms of Canada and the words "Canada Postage" in red. The covers are of heavier cardboard than those used in U.S. books and are bound together with red cloth which makes them better able to stand the wear and tear.

The Canadian philatelic papers make quite a good showing this month. The Philatelic Advocate consists of thirty-two pages and cover and contains some pictures of St. Catherines, Ont., where the Dominion Philatelic Convention is to be held and also a very good article on the "Postal Service of the New American Colonies" by A.R. Butler of Washington.

The Montreal Philatelist is as usual, sixteen pages and cover, and contains News of the Month and editorials.

The Jubilee Philatelist has 8 large pages which contain some very readable matter. The publishers of this paper announce that the paper will change to magazine form beginning with the

October number.

The Philatelic Spectator while poor in typographical appearance contains fairly good matter in the six pages found between the yellow covers.

Energy contains four pages and cover.

President W. K. Hall of the League of Canadian Philatelists has announced that the first annual convention of the League will be held in Montreal in 1901.

The following is clipped from the Montreal Philatelist for June:

"URUGUAY.—We have been shown a counterfeit of the 1899 5 m purple. It can be distinguished from the genuine by the liberty cap, which is a cap in the genuine stamps, but in the forgery looks like an Indian head-dress. The perforation is also different, being  $12\frac{1}{2}$  instead of  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . Some of these counterfeits were found in the stock of the Dominion Stamp Co. (R. C. BACH) and were destroyed by the trustee when he came into possession; we have since heard that from the same source considerable quantities were sold last year to New York dealers. This will be another matter to investigate at the close of the South African War."

If the writer is not mistaken, a pretty good picture of the counterfeit will be found on page 14 of the January, 1899 issue of the Montreal Philatelist.

[Mr Magill evidently means that the cut used to illustrate the stamp was also used to print the

counterfeits, as was the case of the Great Barrier Island Pigeon-post affair.—EDITOR.]

## EASTERN OPINIONS

D. C. EVANS.

In the late numbers of the Philatelic Post, Adhesive, Phil. Bulletin and some others, the city notes have been dropped, and editorially they have stated that such notes belong to the weeklies only: Now this is all very good when you are publishing a monthly magazine, but unfortunately but few of our papers can pretend to such honors; for most of the philatelic monthlies have about 75 per cent. old matter and the rest in uninteresting heavy stuff. But for a good paper take up any old number of the "Pennsy" and you will find but little, if any news, and the rest, interesting fiction. If some of the projectors of the next load of births will only give the public a good up-to-date magazine with plenty of light fiction, their path will be one of roses.

I spent about three hours last week with a Mr. Signer, the sup't for I. Ellwood Lee & Co., who are the newest issuers of private proprietary stamps. He told that they were besieged in every mail for stamps; some sending 10 per cent. over face for them (!!!!) and others requesting them as gifts. He also said that he never realized the importance of philately till now and that he thought that



he would try and corner some of the stamps for future gain. (?) He furthermore stated that Robie was the only authorized agent for them.

A magnificent collection, the property of the steward on the ill-fated Soale which was burned at Hoboken last week, was lost when the vessel sunk. It was reported in the dailies that he attempted to go back to the burning vessel for his treasures, but was restrained by cooler heads.

The Metropolitan Philatelist has a good editorial on, whether or not the auction sale benefits the dealer. It treats both pro and con but leaves an impression of the dealer's victory. One of the best points brought out is that in former years people invested in stamps for the pleasure in them, knowing that they would bring very little from a forced sale to a dealer; but when they found a ready sale through the agency of auctions, the philis were more anxious to invest.

At last Philadelphia will have a good local society, the temporary organization of the Phila. Phil. Society was formed last week through the untiring energy of J.W. Bond. Meetings will be held every other week in the offices of the Quaker City Phil. until other quarters can be procured. The members to date are: Rawson, Davish, Smith, Kroneberg, Rickter, Haines, Zelluer and Evans.

Also Philadelphia will have a new aspirant for fame, the "Qua-

ker City Phil." It will be issued every two months and undoubtedly meet with success, as the corp of writers only includes those of sterling quality. Although the publishers will stick it out whether they receive the support at first or not, if they live up to their promises, they will surely succeed. Let us wait and see.



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" 20c, "	.40	.10

	cat. price	our price
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