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OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(For The Quaker City Philatelist.)

## THE POSTAGE STAMP.

BY YUM-YUM.

Only a small piece of paper,  
Gummed, and less than an inch square,  
Yet the greatest civilizer  
That any this world can compare;  
I visit all climes and countries,  
No matter how far and remote,  
There is not a sea or river  
On which I am not found afloat.

I find my way to peasant's cot,  
And to the palace of the king;  
Knowledge I spread from pole to pole,  
And Truth from all quarters I bring;  
I never divulge a secret,  
And glad tidings I bear to all,  
Though oft sealed within my breast,  
Are deeds that would the world appall.

Yet whether trouble or pleasure,  
I carry with care to each door,  
I bind all lands fraternally,  
Be they Pagan, Christian, or Boor;  
For Science:—I scatter its light;  
To poor:—Lead Hope to their hovel;  
My moral for all:—Read and write,  
In Ignorance no longer grovel.

## THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Two o'clock, on the 13th of September, was the time set for the opening of votes by the National Committee; it was, however, nearer three, on account of the tardiness of Mr. Mekeel.

The committee proceeded at once to the opening of the ballots; before doing which they adopted the following rules:

"That it shall require 100 votes to make an election for any one office."

"That the officers so elected shall be considered permanent."

"That a *plurality* shall elect."

The count was then proceeded with, Mr. Henderson opening the letters, and seeing that remittances were correct, Mr. Cuno reading the ballots, Mr. Bradt recording them on the tally sheet, and Mr.

Mekeel "bossing the job," and keeping an eye on the first-mentioned committeeman, seeing that he did not slip any of the postal notes in his pocket.

The count proceeded slowly until the committee got a little accustomed to their new positions. There were two hundred and nineteen votes cast in all. There were several interruptions with the count. Mr. Cuno raised the point, if the votes of members under 14 should be received. It was decided to receive them and leave the question to the Convention. When Mr. Henderson reached the vote of Bishop, of LaGrange, Ill., he at once moved that it be rejected and his money returned, but the Western men thought the committee had better gather the pennies in and leave the matter to the Convention, and it was so decided.

The count being finished, Mr. Bradt proceeded to figure up the totals. The vote in detail is as follows:

President, Tiffany	127
Durbin	43
Bogert	35
Bradt	8
Scattering	6
Vice-President, Bogert	106
Sterling	20
Mekeel	14
Cuno	10
Scattering	43
Secretary, Bradt	137
Cuno	47
Mekeel	10
Scattering	20
Librarian, Tiffany	53
Hubbard	21
Shuman	14
Scattering	33

Treasurer, Durbin.....	100
Whilden.....	48
Bogert.....	25
Scattering.....	45
Counterfeit Detector, Chute.....	71
Holten.....	12
Scattering.....	19
International Sec'y, Rechert.....	58
Patterson.....	9
Scattering.....	15
(No election.)	
Supt. Exchange, Mitchell.....	101
Warner.....	13
Scattering.....	13
Official Editor, Chute.....	46
Cuno.....	34
Abbott.....	17
Scattering.....	16

Next place of meeting, Boston, 16; New York, 1; Chicago, 11; Washington, 2. (No choice.)

It being now quite late in the afternoon, the committee decided to next vote for the restaurant, and they adjourned till 8 P.M.

#### MEETING, SEPT. 13, 8 P.M.

This meeting was only held through the courtesy of the National Philatelic Society. It was their regular semi-monthly meeting, and they, after hurriedly transacting the necessary business, adjourned, so the Convention might use the room. We wish, on behalf of the Philadelphia collectors, to thank the National Society for this generous act.

As usual the Convention had to delay coming to order on account of the ever-tardy Mr. Mekeel and Mr. Bradt, also, this time. It was at one time feared that they had been lost down at "The Five Points," but this report could not be verified.

It was nearly nine o'clock when Mr. Cuno rapped for order, and said the nomination of a permanent Chairman was in order. Mr. Warner nominated T. F. Cuno; there being no objection, he was declared elected. Messrs. Bradt, Mekeel and Henderson were nominated for permanent Secretary. Mr. Henderson declined the nomination, whereupon a vote was taken which resulted as follows: Mekeel, 8; Bradt, 5. Mr. Mekeel was elected.

The Chairman then appointed Messrs. Bogert and Isenstein as a Committee on Credentials. After a short deliberation they reported that one hundred and five members were represented at the meeting; ninety-two by proxy, and the balance delegates. They were Messrs. Cuno, Bogert, Isenstein, Warner, Calman, Miller, Aue, and Goldsmith (New York), Mekeel (St. Louis), Bradt (Chicago), Henderson (Phila.), Rechert (Hoboken), Mitchell (Bergen Point).

Mr. Cuno then rose and announced that it was his pleasure to call to order the first Convention of the American Philatelic Association. He made a short address eulogistic of its purposes, etc., after which it was moved that the Convention proceed to the adoption of a constitution. It was moved that a committee be appointed to draft one; it was amended that the National Committee should act. Mr. Cuno announced that the National Committee had agreed upon no report. Mr. Henderson called his attention to the fact that the constitution would have to be considered, argued, and adopted section by section, and he, therefore, moved to proceed with the rough draft Mr. Cuno had prepared.

The first thing to cause any discussion was the name, and it all hinged on whether one of the words should be "philatelic or philatelic." Mr. Bradt favored the latter, but could give no good reason; while most of the delegates favored the former. The following was finally adopted:

#### THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

After the adoption of several more articles, Mr. Cuno, being wearied with his day's task, moved that the meeting be adjourned till 9 A.M. on September 14th. Adjournment took place at 11 P.M.

#### MEETING, SEPT. 14, 9 A.M.

The Convention reassembled and finished the adoption of the constitution, which will be printed and sent to the members. The principal features of it are as follows: Elective officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and International Secretary. The other offices are filled by the fore-named board of officers. The next place



of meeting was then put to a vote, and Chicago got it by a vote of 76 to 61. The dues are to be \$2.00 per year.

In the evening, on account of the announcement on the circular, an informal meeting was held, at which there were about thirty. H.

### INDEPENDENT MAIL COMPANIES.

It is quite surprising to note the lack of interest taken in these most interesting stamps, as they represent the first postage stamps used in the United States; not to go further and say that it might have been that the ever delinquent government would never have awakened had it not been for the enterprise of a few citizens who established these routes and made money while they lasted. Hale & Co. did a large business by carrying the mail much cheaper and more rapidly than the government. It is claimed that this company began its operations in 1841, but I am inclined to disagree with this, as I have handled a great many letters of that and later years, and while I have seen letters of 1842 which bore their stamp, it has not been my fortune to see any of 1841.

This company recognized the value of the postage stamp as means of securing more mail by selling 20 of these franks for \$1.00, at the same time charging  $6\frac{1}{4}$  cents for one letter which was payable at either end. Probably also the stamp was issued at the lower rate to induce prepayment. The same might be said of nearly all the other companies issuing stamps, among whom The American Letter Mail Co., W. Wyman, Pomeroy & Co., Hartford Mail, Overton & Co., and Brainard & Co. were most prominent.

These stamps are not so expensive as might be supposed, which is owing partly to the lack of interest taken in them, as the quantity in existence is probably quite limited. Hale & Co. (Scott's type II), blue, and American Letter Mail Co. (type I), being among the commonest, and bring about 75 cents each. This price should not be a bar to such a desirable stamp. One stamp as a representative of these curious issues would certainly lend increased interest to any

collection, beside which it would be one more.

H. McALLISTER.

### ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Allow us to congratulate you, Mr. Mekeel, upon your unanimous election by the convention to the office of Janitor of the new Association.

What is the difference between the National Philatelic Society and the Quaker City Philatelic Society?

In the former the *beers* are taken in the meeting room, while in the latter the *biers* are kept on the first floor, near the ice-house.

Socialistic and Western blood does not mingle well, as was shown at the late convention.

While the convention was in session on the evening of the 13th, they had the pleasure of listening to a serande.

One of the members of the convention while engaged in giving a reporter a few points on the science, got so enthusiastic on the subject as to say: "Even a king is numbered among the collectors." "What!" exclaimed the reporter, "Let me have his name." There was a silence, which the member immediately improved upon by changing the subject.

Mr. Bradt was the most dignified man in the convention, which he tempered now and then with a little sarcasm. He, however, was the most popular man on the ticket, as the vote will show.

Mr. Bradt very kindly corrected several members of the convention and informed them that his name was pronounced "Brat" (long a). He may be an Eastern man, but we did not know it.

Mr. Mekeel had a stenographer taking down the proceedings of the convention, and then before it adjourned had a resolution passed that the Association pay one-half the bill. Many of the Philadelphia members are not at all pleased at the drift the affairs of the Association are taking.

Mr. Bogert introduced a resolution, and it was adopted, to discourage the collection of other than government reprints.

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WE are well pleased with the ticket elected at the Convention of "The American Philatelic Association," and hope to hear from them in their new offices soon.

ONE of the brightest lights west of the Mississippi in philatelic journalism is *The Stamp*, located at Denver, Col.

PUBLISHERS who sell the use of their columns to dealers in nasty pictures and worse, deserve the most severe censure, and it is a surprise to us that *Plain Talk* has not been taken in hand before this, as it has allowed a class of this kind to insert cards in their paper which would be a disgrace to the *Police Gazette*, and when one considers the class among which *Plain Talk* is likely to circulate, such action is little less than criminal. We are not disposed to specify the particular cards which we object to, but refer the *Plain Talk* Publishing Company to their own columns.

THE reduction which we have made in our subscription price has been under consideration for some months, but we have not till now felt sufficiently sure of our success to try an experiment of this kind. Having entered into it, we are determined to try it thoroughly and see if our effort to place a first-class journal at a low price will not meet with encouragement from collectors everywhere. It is certainly an object to every collector to get the paper regularly, and we now leave no excuse not to do so. Special effort will be made to present accurate information on all matters relating to philately, and everything possible will be done to keep the venders of counterfeits from defrauding the innocent. We are convinced that the only way to do this is to watch for them all the time. We are now doing this, and each advertisement which seems to us to be impossible is carefully investigated.

THE new letter sheet has provoked no end of discussion, and reports that it was to be stopped have been thick. This will certainly come at some time, as the public is not likely to want them, for the best of all reasons, that there is no object. Nothing whatever is gained by their use except to travelers, when carried in tablet form.

The disadvantages are legion; among them, poor gum, the trouble of folding and the expense, which is greater than envelope, paper and postage-stamp would cost, to say nothing of the limited space.



W. F. BISHOP appears to be settling *retail customers'* claims by sending stamps to select from, and, as one of them states, that this is the best that can be done it is perhaps advisable to take what you can get and beware of him in the future. Two months ago we published his statement that he would settle all claims presented, and while this may be settling from his point of view, the victims are not likely to think so.

He is nineteen years and five months old, and will pay the numerous wholesale dealers the amounts he owes them when he comes of age.

Some further developments are promised which, we think, will make him stir his stumps very lively.

Now that the Convention is over, let us have peace.

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## Chronicle.

EDITED BY L. W. DURBIN.

*Antioquia*.—Of the new issue the following additional values have been received: 10c., carmine; 20c., purple; 50c., buff; 1 peso, yellow on blue, 2 pesos, green on lilac.

*Bosnia and Herzegovinia*.—Letter cards of the value of 3 and 5 kr. have been issued.

*Chamba Post*.—This is another of the Indian State which is using the stamps of British India, surcharged "Chamba State" in black.

*Cochin China*.—A provisional stamp has been made by surcharging the current 25 centimes of French Colonies "C. H.," and the new value, 5 centimes.

*Curacao*.—The color of the new 12½ cents is yellow.

*Faridhot State*.—This State has given up its primitive stamps, and is now using those of British India, surcharged "Faridhot State."

*Guatemala*.—In addition to the stamps mentioned last month there is also a 75 centavos, carmine.

*Hungary*.—3 and 5 kr. letter-cards have lately been issued.

*Iceland*.—A newspaper wrapper, 5 aur., green, is said to be in use.

*Martinique*.—A provisional 5 centime stamp has been prepared by surcharging the French Colonies 20c. with the new value and "Martinique."

*New Republic*.—This new Dutch Republic in South Africa rejoices in a set of stamps of which two values have thus far been seen, viz: 1 and 2 pence, lilac on buff paper, perforated.

*U. S. of Colombia*.—The 5 pesos is now perforated and printed in brown on white paper.

*Victoria*.—A couple of new wrappers have been issued: ½ penny, gray, and 1 penny, green.

## Editors' Waste Basket.

Publishers of philatelic papers please notice that you get a copy of our paper each month.

We have taken extra pains that all papers shall get a copy every month, and if you do not wish to be cut from our exchange list, please forward your papers promptly.

We have received the following papers. Publishers please accept thanks.

*Chemung Review, Plain Talk, The Young World, The Empire State Philatelist, Agassiz Companion, Canadian Philatelist, Capital Philatelist, The Sylvan Muse, The Philatelic World, The Philatelic Journal of America, The Garden City Philatelist, The Philatelic Monthly, The Stamp and Coin Gazette, The Mohawk Standard.*

The *Collector's Review* (Denver) for October is the latest star in the philatelic heaven. If its succeeding numbers show the usual improvement over first attempts its lustre will be bright indeed.

## Q. C. P. S. Meetings.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1886.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the resignation of Mr. Jeanes as Treasurer was read, and though his resignation was accepted, it was with regrets, and he was thanked for having faithfully performed the duties of his office.

The election of a new Treasurer was then in order, and resulted in the election of Mr. Pearce by acclamation.

The Philatelic Society at Montevideo, Uruguay, was elected as corresponding member.

It was resolved that Mr. Henderson represent members of this Society, who were going to join the National Society, in voting for temporary officers.

Auctioneering was indulged in until a late hour, when the Society adjourned.

WM. E. SCARLETT,  
*Secretary.*

MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1886.

The President, Secretary and Librarian being absent, no business was transacted beyond congratulating the National Society on its selection of officers, and wishing it success.

THEODORE SIDDALL,  
*Secretary, pro tem.*

Cut out the printed blank on page 83 and send it to us, with 15 cents. For this you will receive Philadelphia's representative journal for one year.

It is truthfully said that the Quaker City Philatelic Society contains more cranks to the square inch than any similar organization in the U. S. It is certainly a great aggregation, *but it arrives at the location all the same.*

Mr. R. K. Pearce was elected Treasurer of the Q. C. P. S. in September, to insure his attendance at the meetings. As he has a friend, and is an active Prohibitionist (owing to a boil) we doubt the wisdom of this selection.

Departments are still on the rise; in fact, it seems that the rise which the last few years have seen in these beautiful stamps will be more than eclipsed in a very short time. Executive and Justice have become very scarce, and Agricultural and State are not far behind; Treasury and War, which were very common but a year ago, seem ready to go right up. At all events you cannot do better than to fill your empty spaces up whenever opportunity offers, and you can feel certain that a diminution in value is next to an impossibility.

Do you think they will put a picture (or vignette) of a stuffed goat on the oleomargarine stamps? It would certainly represent a bogus butter! They butter not!

## Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any philatelic question. Those who want any information should send us their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

MT. GILEAD, O., Sept. 18.

*Sirs*:—At a meeting of the Philatelic Association of Mt. Gilead, O., September 7, the following officers were elected for one year: F. B. McMillin, President; H. B. McMillin, Secretary; S. W. Eagleson, Treasurer; E. T. Pollock, Stamp Agent; M. B. Cohn, Director.

H. B. McMILLIN,  
*Secretary.*

## Philatelic Notes.

Among the issue of postage stamps by foreign countries, there are none more curious within recent years than the new issue of Madagascar— $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches long by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide—and none that will be more eagerly sought by collectors. There are eight in all, ranging from 1 d. to 2 s. in value.

They are issued by England for letters mailed at the British Consulate in Antananarivo, and gummed only in the corner. The letters are sent to Mauritius, where the Malagassy stamp is removed and kept for a voucher, and the Mauritius stamp substituted.

C. E. BIRD.



ASSOCIATION NOTES.

[Continued from page 77].

The dues of the N. P. A. will be \$2 per annum.

Officers must be 21 years of age.

The official organ will be called the *American Philatelist*. Its editor is to receive \$10 per month.

Mr. Sterling arrived in time for the Tuesday evening session, and, in response to numerous calls, made a short address.

The next Convention will be held in August, 1887, at Chicago, so the late Convention decided, but you may hear from Philadelphia later on the subject.

H.

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