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With the December number began the list of Foreign Envelopes, which Collectors will find indispensable to a thorough understanding of the subject. You ought to begin your subscription now, while we can furnish early numbers. As an advertising medium its advantages cannot be equaled.

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OFFICIAL DECREES.

JAMAICA.

IN accordance with Law Number 18 of 1881, the use of postage stamps is allowed for any purpose and the fiscal stamps can be used for postage, but only when no writing or mark appears upon them.

FRED. SULLIVAN, *Postmaster-General of Jamaica.*

General Post-office, Oct. 12, 1887.

URUQUAY—GENERAL POST-OFFICE.

By order of the department there shall be issued on the 17th of the present month a new issue of postage stamps, value of 10 centesimos, printed in violet ink.

A period of ninety days is allowed for the redemption of the stamp of this value now in use.

The public is notified that after the period of ninety days is past the stamps at present in use shall be worthless for postage.

FIRST SECRETARY.

Montevideo, Oct. 15, 1887.

THE POSTAGE ACT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

HAVING had access to the original postal law enacted by the Confederate States Government, I have copied the same correctly, and take pleasure in reproducing it below for the readers of THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST.

ROBERT S. HATCHER.

An act to prescribe the Rates of Postage in the Confederate States of America and for other purposes :

Letter Postage.

“The Congress of the Confederate States in America do enact, that from and after such period as the Postmaster-General may by proclamation announce, there shall be charged the following rates of postage, to wit: For every single sealed letter, and for every letter in manuscript or paper of any kind, upon which information shall be asked for or communicated in writing or by marks or signs, conveyed in the mail for any distance between places within the Confederate States of America, not exceeding five hundred miles, five cents; and for any distance exceeding five hundred miles, double that rate; and every letter or parcel not exceeding half an ounce in weight shall be deemed a single letter, and every additional weight of half an ounce, or additional weight of less than half an ounce, shall be charged with additional single postage; and all packages containing other than printed or written matter and money packages are included in this class—shall be rated by weight as letters are rated, and shall be charged the rates of postage on letters, and all drop letters or letters placed in any post-office not

for transmission but for delivery only, shall be charged with postage at the rate of two cents each, and in all the foregoing cases the postage must be prepaid by stamps; and all the letters which shall hereafter be advertised as remaining over or uncalled for in any post-office shall be charged with two cents each in addition to the regular postage, both to be accounted for as other postages of this Confederacy."

Postage on Newspapers, Pamphlets, and other Printed Matter, including Books.

"And be it further enacted, that all the newspapers published within the Confederate States, shall be charged with postage as follows, viz.: The postage on the regular numbers of a newspaper published weekly, shall be ten cents per quarter; papers published semi-weekly, double that amount; papers published thrice a week, treble that amount; papers published six times a week, six times that amount; and papers published daily, seven times that amount; and on newspapers weighing more than three ounces, there shall be charged on each additional ounce in addition to the foregoing rates, on those published once a week, five cents per ounce, or fraction of an ounce, per quarter; on those published three times a week fifteen cents per ounce per quarter; on those published six times a week, thirty cents per ounce per quarter; and on those published daily, thirty-five cents per ounce per quarter.

"And periodicals published oftener than bi-monthly shall be charged as newspapers.

"And other periodicals, sent from office of publication to actual and *bona-fide* subscribers, shall be charged with postage as follows, viz.: The postage on the regular numbers of a periodical published within the Confederate States, not exceeding one and a half ounce in weight, and published monthly, shall be two and a half cents per quarter; and for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, two and a half cents additional; if published semi-monthly, double that amount; and periodicals published quarterly, or bi-monthly, shall be charged two cents an ounce, and regular subscribers to newspapers and periodicals shall be required to pay one quarter's postage thereon in advance, at the office of delivery, unless paid at the office where published.

"And there shall be charged upon every other newspaper, and each circular not sealed, hand-bill, engraving, pamphlet, periodical and magazine, which shall be unconnected with any manuscript or written matter, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, and published within the Confederate States, two cents; and for each additional ounce, or fraction of an ounce, two cents additional; and in all cases the postage shall be prepaid by stamps or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General shall direct.

"And books, bound or unbound, not weighing over four pounds, shall be deemedailable matter and shall be charged with postage, to be prepaid by stamps, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General shall direct, at two cents an ounce for any distance.

"And upon all newspapers, periodicals and books, as aforesaid, published beyond the limits of the Confederate States, there shall be charged postage at double the foregoing specified rates.

"The publishers of newspapers or periodicals within the Confederate States, may send and receive to and from each other, from their respective offices of publication, one copy of each publication free of postage.

"All newspapers, unsealed circulars, or other unsealed printed transient matter placed in any post-office, not for transmission but for delivery only, shall be charged postage at the rate of one cent each."

June, 1861.

ESSAYS.

BY EDWARD H. THORNE.

ESSAYS are designs for stamps printed and proposed to a government in the hope that they will finally be adopted. Should the design or essay proposed be accepted, the designer is, of course, rewarded for his labor.

Could they be obtained, genuine essays would perhaps be interesting enough to a philatelist. It may be questioned, however, whether they should rank in an album as fit companions to postage stamps. Unfortunately, real essays are difficult to obtain, and what are often sold as such are base attempts upon the credulity of eager philatelists. Some years ago a pretense was made that a few sheets of a very rare English essay had been discovered. These were what have since been known as the "Prince Consort Essays." It resembled the old penny black of Great Britain, only instead of Queen Victoria's head, that of Albert, Prince of Wales, was engraved. Many believed the tale of accidental discovery, and eagerly purchased a wished-for specimen. The deception, however, did not long continue, for it was revealed that the high-priced and much-coveted Consort Essays were valueless fabrications.

For a considerable period in the earlier days of philately, two rare stamps were thought to have been in circulation. These were the English V. R., so called because the letters V. and R. were in the two upper crowns, and the one-half anna, red, of India. It has been ascertained that both these were essays, but, when genuine, are still quite valuable. The English V. R. was intended to defray the expenses of official correspondence, but were never really employed, so that the genuine copies are unpostmarked. Every device, almost, has been tried to produce an imitation. One plan was to take a black penny stamp, cut out the top corners, and neatly and cleverly insert an R in the upper left-hand corner. Then in the left an A, with the little bar scratched out and inverted to resemble a V, was inserted. Another method was to scrape off the little Maltese crosses in the upper corners, and to print a V on the one and an R on the other. Both may be detected by very shrewd examination, although sometimes it requires an expert to do it. The originals are on rough watermarked paper, which is not the case with the forgeries. Attempts have also been made to imitate the Indian one-half anna, red.

Another essay much prized by those who like such things is what is known as the Connell stamp. This was designed by the Hon. Charles Connell, Postmaster-General of New Brunswick. It was intended to fill the place of the ordinary five cents, green, the stock of which had been exhausted. The device very much resembles the five-cent of the regular issue, with the exception that Connell's head appears in the oval, instead of Queen Victoria's. At times there has been much wrangling among philatelic writers concerning this essay, some contending that a few specimens passed through the mail. I have thoroughly investigated the subject, and have arrived at the decision *that not a single specimen of the so-called Connell stamp was used for mailing purposes.* Philatelists who have investigated the facts will bear me out in this decision. Connell was dismissed before his essay could become current.

Two others may be mentioned as having given rise to great discussion as to whether they were ever really issued—namely, the 10c. of Dutch Guiana and the 10d. of Van Dieman's Land. No convincing evidence has been given of their having been in circulation, and they are now regarded as essays.

Forgers reap a rich harvest by counterfeiting real essays and by originating bogus ones. It is often very difficult to say whether a so-called essay is genuine or not, and, moreover, there is no end to them. Of Holland alone, for instance, there are nearly one thousand varieties. It is hardly probable that all these are genuine, but should they be, they form a collection in themselves.

U. S. ENVELOPES AND HIGH PRICES.

ON reading the article, signed by Mr. J. J. Casey, in the November number of the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*, I consider it my duty to make a few explanations to the members of the American Philatelic Association and to all collectors interested in it.

There are very few members yet in the American Philatelic Association who collect entire envelopes, and those that do not, cannot form an opinion as to the real value and purpose of Mr. Casey's article.

Let us look at the facts: There are four dealers (I must say respectable men; three out of the four being personally known to me), who formed a pool, ordered envelopes, which were offered by the Post-office Department in certain quantities, and therefore were open to all, at least for the time being. Now those dealers agreed on a price, which you and I call exorbitant (nevertheless I paid the same).

These are the bare facts in the case, but your article tried to represent the matter in a light to suit you, but which does not exist.

It is very kind of you to take care of the collectors' interests; but have you not found out yet that collectors of entire envelopes, and more so of United States, are men who are fully able to look out for themselves, and for their pocket-books? Your own experience, be it in private, or in auction sales, must have proven that long ago.

The second question is: Are American Philatelic Association members, for whom you show such a marked interest, really bound to buy those envelopes? I think no more than any other collector.

Now we come to the question: Shall these envelopes be collected as authorized issues? Most decidedly so. Not only can they be used for postal purposes, but are not two cents Jackson Die D, and three cents Die C, collected, without being special issues, or was not the two-cent so-called Kellogg die issued on Numbers 7 and 8, without ever appearing on the Post-office Department's schedule? All these are recognized by advanced collectors, and to them there is no doubt of the collectability of these high values. The only difference, in our opinion, remains in their value; and this point each collector will settle for himself. All of us know that high prices have been paid for United States envelopes, which were never seen otherwise than with "specimen" printed on them, and it will always depend upon the collector's own ideas in this matter, and his pocket-book, what he will accept in his collection, and what reject.

Mr. Casey feels confident of being able to get these envelopes at schedule rates. If so, I am willing to subscribe for ten sets, and I hope he will not only be successful, but will also find many more willing to subscribe.

HENRY CLOTZ.

A NEW PATENT SAFETY ENVELOPE.

AN official in the General Post-office has recently patented what is known as the Norecombe Safety Envelopes, specially adapted for the safety of private correspondence, bank-notes, and other valuable securities. In these envelopes, the address, the whole of the fastenings, and the stamp (itself an additional fastening) are on the address side, which is under the observation of the post-office officials from the time of posting till delivery. Instead of the usual diagonal folds, with four open corners, there are two folds only, already fastened down, which are on the same side of the envelope as the sealing flap and the address. The reports of the Postmaster-General show that over 25,000 letters are posted annually without addresses, while an enormous number are posted unfastened; but such omission cannot occur where these envelopes are used. The design has met with the approval of the officials of the Post-office.

ORTH H. STEIN, *alias* John Armytage, arrested at Pittsburg, Pa., in December, 1887, for attempting to pass a forged check for \$500, to which was attached the signature of John W. Mackey, the California millionaire, had a hearing lately. As the parties most interested did not seem inclined to prosecute, it was expected that Stein would be released, but he was finally held for trial at court on a charge of forging United States cancellation stamps. The stamps were placed on a number of letters which Stein claimed to have received from California, but which had never been passed through the mails.

MR. H. A. REUSS has favored us with his photo, which shall have a prominent place in our philatelic album. We notice some bargains in his advertisement, on another page, that, we think, will be appreciated by our dealers.

EDITORIAL.

HAPPY New Year. Both to you, gentle reader, and to THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST. And we hope it is as happy a New Year to the reader as it is to the paper, for on our part we find sufficient cause for rejoicing in the fact that from a little eight-page paper, with an exceedingly plain cover, in January, 1886, we are able to show you the number now before you. Those of our subscribers who are the fortunate possessors of a complete file of our paper need only turn to it to verify our assertions, and then you can congratulate yourselves that you have done your share towards building up the most successful philatelic journal in America.

Although Mr. McAllister has withdrawn from active participation in the control of this department, we take pleasure in informing our readers that they will not lose the benefit of his thorough knowledge of things philatelic.

THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST, as the official organ of the Quaker City Philatelic Society and the Section Philadelphia Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, extends the hand of welcome and good fellowship to the Canadian Association, and wishes them all success, and by the way it looks very much to an outsider as though the success had already arrived.

From No. 1, Vol. I, we clip the following: "One year's subscription is offered each person who will send us the earliest information of any Philatelic news worthy of our notice." We still stand by this flag and renew the offer.

To all who have had the opportunity to visit the Quaker City Philatelic Society at one of its meetings, and have not done so, we renew our invitation to call, and to all who have not had the chance we extend the cordial invitation to make the opportunity, and then take advantage of it. Upon the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of every month you will find the Society in session at 1321 Arch street.

When the Section Philadelphia was first organized the New York collectors announced semi-officially that they would have a Section in the fall. We are still waiting, New York, to call thee brother. If you dislike the trouble of starting a new Section, we will allow you to become a branch of the Section Philadelphia. Dues, etc., can be learned by applying to the Secretary.

The latest on the carpet is the organization of a Dealers' Protective Union for the better protection of the trade against professional dead-beats and swindlers. More of the workings of this league will be made public later.

We have it on reliable authority that Mr. Brock, of this city is about to publish a monograph on the Confederate provisionals and regular issues. Mr. Brock's thorough knowledge on this subject should make the book a specially valuable one to all American collectors.

Mr. Mekeel, who was here for a short time, favored our sanctum with a visit the other day. Mr. Mekeel reports things as booming in his Section and that the outlook for matters philatelic was never better. After a very pleasant chat and the examination of some rather rare specimens, Mr. Mekeel departed after wishing all hands, from the printer's devil up, a Happy New Year. Same to you and plenty of them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE collectors of Ohio have organized a society, under the heading of the Ohio Philatelic Association, which is rather a feeble imitation of the American Philatelic Association, to say the least. Whether this organization is supposed to be a national or merely a State League is not stated in the prospectus that came to our notice. We already have one of the former that answers all requirements, but there is plenty of room for just such societies as State Leagues. To it therefore in its capacity of State League we wish much success. Any philatelist desirous of further information can obtain the same by dropping a postal to the publisher of the *Buckeye State Collector*,

of Portsmouth, Ohio. Space forbids our insertion of the article in reference to this Association in the paper mentioned.

THE best thing in the way of a New Year's card that has come to our attention is the card sent out by Nicholson, of Erie, to his friends philatelic. It is neat and to the point, and the postmark on it shows that Mr. Nicholson must have been up bright and early on New Year's morn, or else was having a royal time on New Year's Eve. Which?

THE attention of readers is called to the article on the Confederate Postal Laws published in this number. It is a full reprint of the official decrees and will be continued from time to time as occasion offers.

MR. PAT. CHALMERS has been kind enough to send us a copy of the "Queen's Head," a book published by the Post-office officials of Glasgow. It is exceedingly readable and in the main reliable, and gives semi-official recognition of the justice of Chalmers' claim in regard to the origination of the adhesive label, otherwise the "Queen's Head."

In regard to stamp collecting it gives us some rather startling facts, upon the authority of no less a person than that of the greatest stamp dealer in the world, Mr. J. W. Palmer. According to this leading light in matters stamp, "the greatest collection in the world is that of M. de Ferrari (France), which consists of about a quarter of a million old and many rare stamps, and is estimated to be worth about that number of pounds sterling. This is good; it equals the number of wholesale dealers said to exist in Paris; and it is about as accurate. Two hundred and fifty thousand stamps, worth nearly \$1,250,000! Well, that's only a small collection compared with one belonging to a member of the Quaker City Philatelic Society. There is comfort in that. The member referred to has doubtless been waiting for just such a chance as this to demonstrate his superiority in the matter of the size of collections to the world. Let him drop a line to the great J. W. Palmer and have the fact heralded to the world; probably heralded in poetry at that.

JOTTINGS.

BY F. E. P. LYNDE.

WE SEE by a recent article in one of the daily papers that the expenses of the Post-Office Department was over \$5,000,000 more than receipts. This is a good sign, as it shows that the Department will soon be on a paying basis again. In the same report we see that it is proposed to pay postage on second-class matter with stamps on each piece. We insert the following to explain our meaning: "That the postage on all second-class matter shall be paid by the attachment of adhesive stamps as is required for all other mail matter—the denominations running from one-eighth of a cent in the case of single pieces to any required amount of bulk matter."

There is a marked improvement in the stamped envelopes lately from those of a month or so ago. The dies must have been retouched.

At the present rate of progress in the receipt of the new stamps, some of them will appear in the next decade. Example in our post-office—only five sizes of the new 2c. stamp can be procured and only the one and two-cent adhesive.

The latest definition for stamp collecting, according to one of the daily papers, is that it is a "disease."

A specimen of the large amount of knowledge that reporters have of our hobby, the following specimen is a good one. I remember seeing a few months ago an arti-

cle in one of the daily papers with some of the following remarks: "Have you the twenty-four green Alsace stamp, and how much is it?" inquired a small boy about nine years old the other day, in the office of a well-known dealer. "One dollar," replied the dealer. According to the reporter, he got it.

The following is a report of the conversation between the dealer and the reporter: Dealer—"Brattleboro', Vt., and Alexandria, Va., locals, of which there are but two in existence, are worth \$250 each. The Millbury and Baltimore and New Haven locals are also scarce."

The only canceled Brattleboro' in existence was bought from a rag-picker who found it in a pile of waste-paper, and many other remarks of the same sort. I saw the late Mr. Durbin a few days later and asked him if he had seen it. He said, yes, and that he had taken the trouble of writing out about two sheets of paper with points upon, for the very same reporter, and who threw them into the gutter the minute he left the office.

We are happy to say that we have at last succeeded in getting a branch society of the American Philatelic Association here, and it is very flourishing. Not only that, but some of the kickers have joined. Long may it live.

Our branch of the Dresden is still flourishing. Sixteen members since July is not at all bad, we think.

On the seventh of last month we had the extreme pleasure of participating at a banquet tendered by the National Philatelic Society of New York City in commemoration of the thirteenth anniversary of its foundation. A very elaborate and tasty menu card was laid, and, better still, all the good things, whose name was legion, were on the board. Many witty speeches were made, and the meeting broke up feeling as if a most enjoyable occasion had taken place.

We think that we may justly point with pride to the progress we have made without dropping a single valuable feature, and we propose to keep up our high standard and to add new attractions, from time to time, as we think them fit. We are happy to say that we will be with you for another year, and hope that this column will suit you in the future, as it appears to have done in the past.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WE observe that the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* has appeared again and hope that this time it has come for good. We were a subscriber to this paper and always had a great regard for it. We think though that it would be better if it would stick to philately and drop numismatics. We are still of the same opinion as to mixtures.

We are also in receipt of the *Stamp Collectors' Journal*, published by C. H. Nunn. We wonder that it has not a larger circulation in this country, as it is certainly full of valuable and interesting news. We always read it with much pleasure and profit.

We have also received Mr. Chalmers' latest pamphlet, entitled, "The Adhesive Postage Stamp in England, France and Germany." We see nothing in it, however, to make us change our opinion in regard to this matter.

We have received the following; publishers please accept thanks: "Philatelic Gazette," Nos. 40 and 41; Catalogue R. R. Bogert's third auction sale; "General Anzeiger für Philatelie," No. 10; W. P. Brown's Catalogue; "Youths' Leisure Hour," No. 3; "Plain Talk," No. 32; "Mohawk Standard," No. 9; "Texas Philatelic Journal," No. 4; "Philatelic Critic," No. 4; Hedman's "Miscellany," No. 7; Vindin's "Philatelic Monthly," No. 3; "Stamp Collectors' Journal," No. 109; "Collectors' Review," Vol. II, No. 1; "Philatelic Journal of America," No. 34; "Youths' Ledger," No. 25; "Western Philatelist," No. 12; "Badger State Philatelist," Vol. I, No. 1; "Philatelic Fortnightly," Nos. 13 and 14; "Curiosity World,"

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We also desire to add our quota of praise to the rehabilitated *American Philatelist*. It is full of valuable and interesting articles, which is greatly due to the enterprising editor, Mr. R. C. H. Brock.

THE DEALERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

WE have here, we think, something that will be of interest for all dealers, great and small. We see that they have one in England, which appears to work to a charm, certainly it appears to be certain that something must be done to protect them from the ever-increasing horde of swindlers of various types who prey upon dealers. With all due respect to the American Philatelic Association, it has not done as much in this way as was expected from it. Our idea of this Association is that dues be fixed so as to pay for expenses in the way of publishing bulletins, for the use of the members only, giving standing of all approval sheet swindlers, worthless checks, etc. By issuing this bulletin in this form, not for the public at large, but for members only, it becomes a privileged communication and consequently can not act to the disadvantage of any member by libel suit. Bulletins could be published every month and mailed to members by the Secretary. Let our readers who are dealers write us what they think of the idea. Most of us here stand ready to enter into it.

QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 1887.

MEETING called to order at 8.30 P.M. Vice-President Corfield in the chair. Messrs. Chiles, Corfield, Durborow, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, Scarlett and Miller present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Communications received from Mr. G. W. MacFarland and W. A. Warner.

Report received from Committee on Badges.

Moved and seconded that two of the designs furnished be selected, and committee procure estimates. Carried.

Moved and seconded that reports of meetings be discontinued to be sent to various philatelic papers. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to procure estimates as to cost of a letter-head for the Society. Carried.

Messrs. Durborow and Lynde read essays.

Notice was given that the following amendment to the By-Laws would be offered at the next meeting: To change meeting nights from the second and fourth Saturdays to second Saturday and fourth Thursday of each month.

Adjourned 10.10 P.M.

DECEMBER 24, 1887.

Meeting called to order at 8.20 P.M. President Henderson in the chair. Messrs. Chiles, Corfield, Durborow, Henderson, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, Scarlett and Harve present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Motion to amend By-Laws (notice of which was given at last meeting) carried.

Communication from Mr. R. H. Bliss received and Secretary ordered to make a suitable reply.

The following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, There has lately been offered for sale several varieties both in size and shape of the 10, 30 and 90 cent envelopes of U. S. watermarked paper; and,

WHEREAS, They appear to be the exclusive property of a few dealers, who hold them at 700 and 800 per cent above their face value; and,

WHEREAS, The supply of the old watermark does not appear to be exhausted; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Quaker City Philatelic Society, believing them to be naught but a speculation, earnestly condemns them as fraught with danger to the philatelic public.

A Dealers' Protective Association was then broached, and it was resolved that the Quaker City Philatelic Society encourage all efforts towards it.

Moved and seconded that in order to improve the Society's Library, that fifty cents' worth of papers from a list of those wanted, furnished by the Librarian, be accepted in lieu of the quota of stamps. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a Banquet Committee be appointed. Carried.

Committee—MacCalla, Corfield and Lynde.

Adjourned 9.40 P.M.

F. E. P. LYNDE, *Secretary*.

ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A REGULAR meeting of the St. Louis Philatelic Society was held at their room in the Turner Building, Saturday afternoon, November 12, President Tiffany in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Tiffany exhibited the anniversary souvenir of the "Internationaler Philatelisten-Verein" of Dresden, being a handsomely bound album, containing the pictures of some six hundred of the members of the Society. The souvenir was very much admired by all.

Mr. Dill read extracts from the *Philatelic World* and also from the *Philatelic Journal of America*, in reference to the new 5c., 10c., 30c., and 90c. envelope, and after a good deal of discussion it was decided to draw up resolutions denouncing the speculation.

Moved by Mr. Chandler, and seconded by Mr. Custer, that we go into committee of the whole on resolution. Carried.

At the request of President Tiffany, Mr. Chandler took the chair.

After a long discussion the committee intimated that they were ready to report.

Mr. Tiffany called the meeting to order, after which the chairman of the committee on resolutions reported the following:

WHEREAS, Certain stamp dealers have availed themselves of the provision attached to circulars to postmasters (Form 3337) permitting postmasters to order U. S. stamped envelopes "when desired to do so by a customer," of any size and quality, in the denomination of 10c., 30c., or 90c., when ordered in lots of not less than 1000 in each case, and have ordered for speculative purposes a large number of varieties in size, color or quality of paper of these values, and have also succeeded in obtaining envelopes of the value of 5c. not on the regular schedule, or in the above mentioned permission, and are now offering the same for sale to collectors at exorbitant prices, the 5c. and 90c. at \$5.00 each. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That such practices are detrimental to the best interests of stamp collectors, and have a tendency to discourage the collection of regularly issued envelopes.

And be it further resolved, That the St. Louis Philatelic Society will class such envelopes as speculative issues, and of no philatelic value whatever.

And be it further resolved, That we recommend all collectors not to countenance the collection or sale of any such envelopes, obtained for mere speculative purposes, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the editors of the *American Philatelist*, *Western Philatelist*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *The Stamp*, **QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST**, *Figaro*, *Philatelic Record*, *Le Timbre Poste* and *Der Philatelist*, with a request to publish the same, and that a marked copy of the official journal of this Society be sent to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

N. W. CHANDLER, *Chairman*.

Moved by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Fuelscher, that we adopt the resolution as read. Carried.

There being no further business before the house, adjourned to meet Nov. 26th, at 8 P. M.

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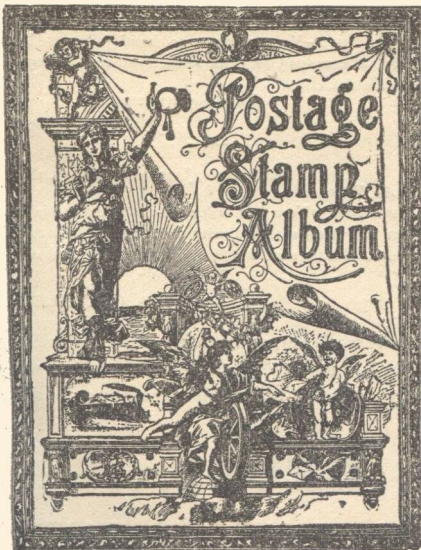
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