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OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

A PARODY.

I want to be a connoisseur,
And in an album stick—
The stamps that make the letters go—
A modern philatelist;
To gather in the rare designs
And paste them in a row,
Oh! that's the joy we often find
When life hangs on us so.

We gather them from Stellaland
And we gather them from France,
We rake the waste basket o'er
And make the office-boy dance;
For we offer him a bonus
If he gathers five hundred or more
And if the stock pans out well
We may get three or four.

As our margins are so very close
And our work so very light,
There's always danger to the trade
If the market should get tight;
But when we make a corner
In a stamp that's out of date
We gently get our album out
And quietly contemplate.

Yes, I want to be a stamp recluse,
Hermetically sealed,
To be numbered with the philatelist host,
A crank sometimes conceived.
Yet it is strange how few can see
The success that's in our trick;
It's here—We have *our* chance
After others have had their "*lick*."

SPHYNX.

C. C. P. S. Meetings.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 1886.

The meeting was called to order with Vice-President Corfield in the chair. Corfield, Henderson, Jeanes, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, Scarlett, McAllister, Hancock, Pearce and Osborne present.

The bills for rent and postage were read and approved.

A communication was received from Mr. Barrie, in which he declared he had given his verbal resignation to one of the members. It was resolved that the above communication be received as his resignation.

It was requested of the exchange editor of the QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST that he keep in the meeting room copies of all papers received at least three months.

Resolved that each member bring a description of his collection and also any rare stamps for examination.

WM. E. SCARLETT,
Secretary.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 1886.

Meeting called to order at 8.20 P.M., President Durburow in the chair. Messrs. Bush, Chiles, Corfield, Durborow, Good, Hancock, Henderson, Henkels, Harvey, Jeanes, Lynde, MacCalla, Osborne, Richards, Pearce, Robinson and Siddall were present.

The Secretary being absent, the reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. F. T. Richards was proposed as an active member by Mr. Durborow. The Executive Committee approved favorably, and he was elected unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Harvey that a Committee of one to three be appointed to provide entertainment. Seconded by Mr. Corfield.

President appointed Messrs. Harvey, Durborow and Jeanes as Committee on Entertainment.

Under the efficient auctioneering of Mr. Corfield, the bidding was very spir-

ited, and stamps realized good prices, thus turning quite a revenue into the treasury. Mr. Siddall volunteered to print all amendments to the Constitution.

Moved by Mr. Henderson that the Society extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Siddall for his kindness. Unanimously carried.

Messrs. Durborow and Lynde favored the Society with some recitations, which brought forth great applause.

Moved by Mr. Harvey that the thanks of the Society be extended to the two gentlemen. Carried. Adjourned 9.35 P.M.

HENRY S. JEANES,
Secretary pro tem.

Chronicle.

EDITED BY L. W. DURBIN.

Austrian Italy.—The following additional values are noted as having been surcharged for the Constantinople office:

5 soldi,	surcharged	20 paras.	
10 "	"	"	1 piastre.
20 "	"	"	2 piastres.
50 "	"	"	5 "

Barbados.—Of the current type we learn that three more values have been prepared, viz: sixpence, gray; 1 shilling, red-brown; 5 shillings, yellow-brown.

Belgium.—The 5-centime post-card is now printed dark green on buff.

Finland.—A new double 10-penni card is announced; carmine and black on buff.

France.—The new 25-centime, black on flesh, has been surcharged 1 piastre for use in Turkey.

German Empire.—The 10-pfennig card now comes with somewhat different inscriptions.

Grenada.—Another provisional has come under our notice, made by surcharging the three half-penny revenue stamps thus: "Postage."

Martinique.—There are two varieties of the provisional lately chronicled, viz: "5" and "05" on 20 cents.

Mexico.—The 2-cent wrapper has been issued with stamp of the latest issue.

New Zealand.—We have the penny postal-card with a new style and more elaborate border than before. There is also a double-penny card with chain border.

North Borneo.—The 50-cent and \$1 stamps now bear the name "British North Borneo."

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 in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

MR. EDITOR:—Has it come to this: that the editors of philatelic papers cannot find enough original matter to fill their magazines, but have to resort to stories of the most harrowing character, in which whole families are saved from the gaping brink of ruin and despair by the finding of a box or drawer full of letters bearing the most improbable collection of varieties on their envelopes; any one of which would be a fortunate find. This kind of philatelic literature is a disgrace, and is disheartening to those who are endeavoring to encourage the pursuit. It casts ridicule on not only the journal publishing such trash, but on philatelic literature in general. People who are not well enough acquainted with the worth of information gathered from a good journal will, very likely, after reading one of these stories, set the whole pursuit down as child's play, and not worthy of their notice. I hope soon to see philatelic editors wake to the fact that such publications are injurious to their papers, and the sooner the better, not only for themselves, but for philatelists in general.

Yours, etc., H.

HOOSICK FALLS, N. Y., Nov. 6, '86.

Editors QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST:

GENTLEMEN:—We noticed your reference in a recent number of the QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST to a certain class of advertisements which appear in *Plain Talk*, and think you said just about the right thing in the remarks made. We also noticed the reply made by *Plain Talk*, and think it entirely uncalled for. As to advertising space, they have given

you twenty-six lines, or, at the rate they mention, \$13 worth, although they say "if you desire to advertise in *Plain Talk* you must pay full advertising rates." We hope you will continue denouncing all such advertisements and the publications which contain them. No real philatelist would subscribe for *Plain Talk* because of the philatelic matter contained therein, as it is comparatively worthless. And no person in his right mind would subscribe to *Plain Talk* on account of humorous pieces, for nine-tenths of them cannot even be called smart. As to 5000 circulation: The writer received five copies of the same number at the same mail, although not a subscriber, and others here have received three and four copies at a time, and *Plain Talk* has not a philatelic subscriber in Hoosick Falls. In answer to *Plain Talk's* free advertisement of you, enclosed find postal note for two subscriptions. Yours truly,

TWO PHILATELISTS.

Editors' Basket.

The Youths' Ledger is one of our most prompt exchanges. It is quite interesting, and has of late had to add a new page that looks well for its future.

The Collectors' Review is another new paper, hailing from Denver. It is small, but bids fair to grow. We wish our brothers of the Far West all success.

The Old Curiosity Shop is a quaint-looking affair, not much like its namesake in appearance. We hope it will not follow in the steps, but live to a good old age.

We are in receipt of Mr. Bogart's Sale Catalogue; also the American Philatelic Association Circular No. 1.

The following philatelic papers have been received. Publishers will please accept thanks:

The Empire State Philatelist, The Curiosity World, Our Home Companion, The Philatelic Monthly, The Stamp and Coin Gazette, The Mystic World, The Agassiz Companion, The Mohawk Standard, The Cumberland Collector, The Museum Bulletin, The Philatelic World, Plain Talk.

FROM the *El Mercurio*, of Lima, Peru, we take the following on Arequipa stamps. The genuine stamps are printed on tissue paper, the counterfeits are on foreign post paper.

Another mode of detecting the counterfeits is that the 18 of 1886 in the counterfeit 10-cent blue, stand vertically on top of the R in Peru; while in the genuine the whole 1886 is on the curve.

THE following appointments have been made by the Board of Managers of the National Philatelic Association: Librarian E. D. Kline, Toledo, O.; Official Editor, W. R. Fraser, Altoona, Pa.; Exchange Supt., E. B. Haines, Providence, R. I.; Pur. Agent, Theo. F. Cuno, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Trustees—E. B. Sterling, Wm. v. d. Wettern, J. C. Feldwisch.

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WE have a letter from Mr. E. W. Doute, of Chicago, Ills., thanking us for the *stand* we take against publishers of philatelic papers who start a good paper and then sell out to a far inferior publication than their own, or else they discontinue and leave the subscribers out in the cold. We should like to publish this gentleman's letter, but lack of space will not permit it.

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Advertisements for No. 1, Vol. II, should be in by Dec. 20.

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THE columns of THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST are at no time open to the use of vendors in counterfeit stamps or swindlers of a like nature. Our utterances on this subject have at all times been so clearly and decidedly against that that we are somewhat surprised that any attempt should have been made to secure our columns for this purpose. The attempt of a party in Chicago to do this was met with a sharp rebuke, which we are ready to repeat should similar efforts be made. No doubt Messrs. Taylor, Dessor, Skinner & Co. would be pleased to witness the fall of THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST, but it will take a better trick than this to secure it.

We have received the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s Postage and Coin Cata-

logues for 1887, and find many changes in them which will interest philatelists and numismatists. The profuse illustrations in the stamp catalogue are of infinite benefit to the beginner in philately.

THE twelfth number will no doubt remind many of our subscribers that it is time to renew their subscriptions, and at the low rate of 15 cents a year we have no doubt that you will all be pleased in doing so. Additional attractions will be given during the coming year, among which is a tasty and appropriate cover which is now being engraved and will be used on our next issue. In concluding this most successful year, we desire to thank our many patrons for their acceptable support and hope to have a continuance of the same.

REVIEWING the past year we find that many changes of great importance to collectors have taken place. A most important association of the advanced collectors of America has been successfully organized, which promises much for the future of our science. Many swindlers and their methods have been exposed, and a prominent offender is now in jail awaiting his trial. Many journals have been issued which still remain with us, and to them is due much credit for their successful endeavors. Numerous "wrecks," we regret to say, have taken place, Chicago being unfortunate and notorious in this line; but failures teach pointed lessons, and it is possible that good may result in arguing for forethought in undertaking such enterprises.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. Hamlin, who was a most able and upright philatelist and journalist.

OUR home critics are most severe and raise their hands in such holy horror over the slightest personal mention that one would imagine them jealous of Mr. Pearce in his trouble.

THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST has been published during the past year by an association of prominent philatelists of Philadelphia. Through the kindness of R. C. H. Brock, Esq., it is about to transfer its good-will and assets to a new company, which will operate under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and will be styled THE QUAKER CITY PUBLISHING Co., Limited.

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GREAT interest is taken in the approaching election of the Quaker City Philatelist Publishing Company, which will take place on the 4th of this month.

The vote will be very close and an unusual attendance is expected.

Vote early and often, if you can!

A VERY small paper seems disposed to take us to task on account of the reduction we have made to subscribers, but fails to make a single point in its favor. Get something new.

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A SUPERIOR class of new members have lately been coming into the Quaker City Philatelic Society, and the regularity with which many of the old and new members attend makes the meetings interesting and memorable social events, apart from the philatelic benefits secured.

MANY of our contemporaries have favored us with copies for exchange. We like this very well, but we should like to exchange with every paper published, and if publishers wish to see us, they must come to see us, or we shall have to discontinue our visits to them.

WE would call the attention of the editor of *The Curiosity World* to two very unsavory advertisements which it contains, and hope he will refer to remarks on this subject in our last number.

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