

ILLINOIS ITEMS.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

As Illinois is now becoming a popular philatelic state and many stamp papers are making notes from Illinois a leading feature, I have requested the editor of Jubilee Philatelists to also put in a column of notes from the prairie state. If these notes appear in print you will know my request has been granted.

The Moline Stamp News published by L. Maher, of Moline, Ill. has been sold to Mr. R. L. Doak of Pearl, Ohio and will be consolidated with the Ohio Philatelist commencing with the March issue. Certainly stamp papers in Illinois are very unlucky. The Stamp Exchange, a quarterly of no great merit is now the only stamp paper published in this state.

The Prairie State Philatelist which was announced to appear from Chicago on Feb 15 has not yet appeared. Mr. George Dold, the publisher claimed so much of it that we will be rather disappointed if he doesn't get it out.

In this city (Kankakee) there are two coin dealers. One of them claims that coins are growing more and more favorable all the time and proves his statement by issuing 10,000 copies of a 24 page and cover buying list, for which he has been selling for 10c. and claims they are going fast. The other coin dealer claims that coin collectors are selling their coins and taking up stamp collecting. This dealer proves his statement by selling his entire stock of coins at auction. The sale has not come off yet, but when it does we expect to see some rare coins put up. The former of these two dealers was lately joined in matrimony.

Mr. C. B. Sawyer of Kankakee states that he will publish a new journal for stamp lovers sometime during the summer.

Mr. F. N. Massoth, auction manager of the Chicago Philatelic Society has held two auction sales this season. The first was held at the club rooms in the Marquette building and proved a grand success. For the second sale it was found necessary to have the sale at a leading hotel—the Tremont House. I have not got a report of the sale.

In a Montreal daily paper, some weeks ago it was stated that a scheme was on foot to abolish postage stamps. This would be a very unfortunate thing for Philatelists; but it is not at all likely that it will be carried into effect.

How to Collect Stamps Intelligibly.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

The beginner in philately should first procure a lot of common stamps, mixed, then a stamp album and good hinges, and last but not least, a copy of Scott's latest catalogue. Equipped with these essentials the novice has a fine opportunity to become a real member of the vast army of Philatelists. Without a copy of the standard catalogue the beginner collector will in the majority of cases collect a few months, or even years, then his interest in things philatelic will relapse or die out altogether. And why is this? Because to excite a lasting interest and enthusiasm in philately in the breast of beginners it is necessary to study one's stamps, and without a catalogue to serve as a guide, this is an impossibility. Those collectors who acquire a great deal of information concerning their hobby at the start will remain collectors to the end of their days. I have known of persons who could see "no sense in stamp collecting" until they learned of the various kinds of stamps, adhesive, unpaid, newspaper, etc.,—then these persons admitted that stamp collecting was, after all, no mere child's play. Advanced collectors should make it their duty to disseminate philatelic knowledge among beginners, who in after days will be grateful to them for doing this.

And the beginner in philately can avoid many mistakes if he has a copy of a standard catalogue to direct him. The novice if he does not possess a catalogue will lose many a good scarce and sometimes even rare stamp the real value of which he is ignorant of because the difference may exist in a watermark or rare size of perforation. And this observation also applies to dealers: some stamp dealers either through a mistake or ignorance of its real value mark the price of a stamp far below catalogue price, and the wide-awake collector—he must possess a catalogue—can take advantage of this, and thus buy many stamps, scarce ones, at a merely nominal price. I could cite many such experiences in my own case, but have not got the space left to do so.

If the beginner collector is helped and encouraged at the start, by some advanced collector, he will never tire of this, the most interesting of hobbies and pastimes, or, as the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Science has decreed it "Science of Philately."

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