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Philately as it Should Be.

NOTE.—In this column we shall publish each week discussions on "Philately as it is and as it should be," and hope that it may prove interesting as well as instructive and beneficial to the readers of the Weekly. There is room for great improvement in the literature and legislature of the philatelic world, and we will endeavor to point out the faults and suggest the remedies. We will be pleased to receive ideas and suggestions from any of our readers, and invite criticism. This week we publish "The Philatelic Press as it should be" and will continue the discussion on this theme until it is thoroughly discussed.

The Philatelic Press as it should be.

There is undoubtedly room for great improvement in the quality of contents and general condition of the philatelic press of to-day. In many cases the contributors to our journals are amateurs who wish to spread their unbounded knowledge the wide world over, thus debarring intelligent and experienced writers from spreading their superior views and knowledge, for a first-class writer does not care to have his articles mingled with second-class or second-hand "stuff." Again, in most of our monthlies we find letters or notes from various parts of the country containing gossip on items that were news a month ago, of interest only to those that write them. We find very little matter that would tend to elevate the mind and line of action of the average philatelist. In the large magazines such as *Munsey's*, *Strand*, etc., we find interesting and instructive articles on different subjects properly dealt with by those capable of doing so. This has the effect of educating the people to the wonders and beauty of the world they live in. The philatelic magazine is the only source from which the philatelic student can gather the information which he needs to have in order to collect intelligently, and the object of our monthly should be more to educate than to gossip.

(Continued next week.)

The Philatelic World

In a
WEEK.

Providence collectors have formed a local club.

On account of the change in currency a new issue has appeared from Gibraltar, the values now being denoted in English money.

Mr. R. G. Widdicombe has sold the rights and privileges of the Ontario Philatelist to Geo. Bradley of St. Catharines. Mr. Bradley will consolidate it with the Stamp Reporter.

Trouble is brewing in our D. P. A. over Mr. A. M. Muirhead's (the defeated President) recent disgraceful manifesto. The officers have demanded an apology and Muirhead refused it. What next.

The fourth annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association was held in Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 20. The report of the officers show the society to be in good condition financially and otherwise.

A few Montreal collectors are the organizers of a new society for Canada called the "League of Canadian Philatelists" a very unnecessary action on their part. Why not take hold and build up the D. P. A.

A despatch from Washington, D. C., says: The Post Office Department has ordered an innovation in the postal service by the experimental establishment of a "post office on wheels," to operate in the vicinity of Westminster, Md. The service, which is to begin very shortly, calls for the use of a postal wagon to travel over a designated route in rural districts. Mail boxes can be placed at some point on the route for every farmer living within a mile or two from the proposed route and mail will be collected therefrom.