

Political Note and Comment.

THE action of Mr. Chas. Beamish in refusing to run for President of the P. S. of A. was a knock-out blow to the "little bosses" of the P. S. of A., and it leaves but one candidate in the field, Mr. S. M. Hamilton, who is neither an eastern or western man, but of all sections. He is the popular candidate.

A PETITION has been circulated among the L. of A. P. members in the east, asking signatures for the removal of the *Philatelic Newsletter* as official organ of that Society, and that the *Columbian Philatelist* be appointed instead. It seems to us that this is giving the C. P. too much of a good (?) thing, as that paper is already official organ of almost a dozen societies, and when one is a member of three or four societies, he does not care to get so many copies of one paper. Give it to the *Evergreen State Philatelist*.

E. A. STIGELER is a popular candidate for President of the L. of A. P.

C. W. KISSINGER has nominated and is supporting New York City for the '98 meet of the P. S. of A. Kissinger would like to have all the meets near his home if possible, but the members want *Omaha*.

MISS MABELLE F. JONES is a candidate for Inter-Sec'y of the P. S. of A. Come, boys, for once, let us be unanimous and give Miss Jones the leading vote.

THE Dominion P. A. got a very poor apology for an official organ in the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News*. We hope the members will select one of

the hustling Canadian monthlies at the next election.

FROM personal observation I note that the majority of the U. S. members of the D. P. A. are supporting the Muirhead ticket.

THE S. of P. official organ is a failure, as it hardly averages six Nos in twelve months. Martin's promises for prompt appearance never could be relied upon.

BEN L. MORRIS.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE *Perforator* is one of the cleverest papers we have seen. Mr. Chapman is an old hand and knows how to wield the editorial flail in a manner that makes our heart glad.

OUR opinion of the *Philatelic Era* took a great big drop the other day. We discovered that it was a partizan journal, and thus another of our gods has fallen. We would fain weep over the shattered remains of what was once our most cherished idol, but since it has so earnestly espoused the cause of ring rule in Canada, it will, we suppose, have to share the ignominy of defeat with its chosen friends.

THE *Trans-Mississippi Philatelist* came to us this month, and we hate to criticize, brothers, but you really ought to get it printed at a printing office, not a cheese factory.

OUR Toronto correspondent advises that rumor says Mr. Weldon has been unable to prevail upon anyone to accept a nomination for the D. P. A. Presidency, under his auspices.