

above bust, in same sort of letters as in the one and three-cent stamps, is "U. S. postage," and below "twelve cents," plate impression 19 x 25 m m, color black. On September 29th, 1851, there were two stamps issued, as it was desirable to keep the amounts collected and paid for delivery by carriers separate. One-cent bust of Franklin in profile to left, the inscription above was "Carrier's," and below "stamp." It was very similar to the 3-cent stamp, and was 19½ x 24 m m in size, printed in indigo blue ink on white paper. This stamp gave way in November of the same year to the "eagle carrier stamp." One cent, eagle poised for flight, turned to the left, resting on a branch of laurels, above in colorless Roman capitals was "U. S. P. O. despatch," below "Prepaid, one cent." The plate impression was 19 x 25 m m, and it was printed in blue on white paper. These stamps were printed by Messrs. Toppan, Carpenter, Cassilar & Co. of Philadelphia, and were used principally in Philadelphia, Washington and Cincinnati.

After a little debate as to why these three values were issued, our president promising to enlighten the society further at our next meeting, we adjourned.

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## Convention Reports

### American Philatelic Association

The eleventh annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was held August 11, 12 and 13 in the Hotel Lafayette, Minnetonka Beach, Minn. About thirty-four members were present, Mr. C. W. Kissinger at the afternoon ses-

sion of the first day withdrawing his nomination, owing, no doubt, to the grave charge of buying votes and proxies, which charge was pressed against him by Mr. H. Gremmell of New York. The following officers were elected:

President—F. Polney.  
 Vice Presidents—Messrs. W. C. Vanderlip, G. L. Toppan, J. L. Kilborn.  
 Treasurer—N. W. Chandler.  
 Secretary—Joe F. Beard.  
 Assistant Secretary—H. B. Phillips.  
 International Secretary—E. Doeblin.  
 Supt. of Sales—Geo. D. Mekeel.

The members of the Association accepted the invitation that was tendered them to visit St. Paul and Minneapolis. As we go to press we have not learned where the next convention is to be held, but we suppose at some summer resort.

### Sons of Philatelia

Late reports announce the following officers elected, with the number of votes polled for each successful candidate:

President—Benj. P. Thomas, 234.  
 Vice-President—J. E. Tahn, 102.  
 Secretary—R. M. Miller, 292.  
 Treasurer—P. L. Messer, 256.  
 International Secretary—R. J. Russell, 139.  
 Librarian—Fred M. Townley, 184.  
 Supt. of Sales—Chas. E. Shaw, 254.  
 Auction Manager—E. L. Kelland, 207.  
 Purchasing Agent—Leon G. Lambert, 175.  
 Counterfeit Detector—Frederic Noyes, 150.  
 Attorney—J. A. Wainwright, 185.  
 Trustees—H. A. Parks 186. H. F. Dunkhurst 181. W. F. Ward 159. Washington, D. C.

The motion of Mr. Kissinger to make *Pennsy* the official organ was lost. The next convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn.

### Philatelic Sons of America

Reports reach us that Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen has been elected