

lot of course the collector bought them up. It goes to show that the seller could not be in any way familiar with stamp matters, or he would have never sold them at that price.

Hamilton is a great philatelic centre. There are many good collections to be found here ranging from 3000 to 5000 varieties. There are also one wholesale and three retail dealers here.

Mail orders are the order of the day, which line of business is very brisk at present. It is hoped it will continue.

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## Over the Border.

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### *From Wisconsin.*

Mr. R. W. French, editor of the *Evergreen State Philatelist*, speaks editorially on the Omaha Exposition stamps as follows;—

"To make the assertion that they are put out to replenish our government treasury or to call them speculative considering the nation that issues them is the height of absurdity, and they are no more unnecessary than has been any issue since the war."

Admitting that they are not speculative, can they be called necessary? The majority of collectors are well aware of the fact that they are to be issued for the sole purpose of advertising the Omaha Exposition, the directors of which were instrumental in bringing this about. In the face of the facts can they be called necessary?

The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society is now an assured fact. The *Omaha Philatelist* is now publishing blank forms for

membership, etc. With such leading lights as J. F. Beard, R. W. French and R. L. Shepard as officers, we have no doubt but that it will be a success.

The *Wisconsin Philatelist* is announced to appear shortly under the leadership of Archie L. Gowey, of De Pere, Wis.

I am informed that Uncle Sam will issue two new document revenues at an early date, the same being necessary by the adoption of the Dingley Tariff Act.

The ignorance shown by many town and village postmasters of the U. S. government postal issues is astonishing. In a conversation with one recently I made mention of the fact that certain stamped envelopes of the 90 cent value were extremely rare. Imagine my surprise when this P. M. informed me that 90 cent values were never issued, and that the highest value was the 10 cent. After a lengthy discussion and with the aid of Scott's Catalogue I not only convinced him that he was mistaken, but gave him many interesting facts about stamps and philatelic matters generally.

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### *From Virginia.*

The seventh monthly meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Society was held at its room on Thursday, March 10th. The weather not being the most inviting outside kept many of our members at home,—only the brave weathered the storm for a few moments of stamp talk. After the regular routine of business was disposed of, Mr. John F. Mayer was elected Vice-President of the Association. Mr. Mayer is a collector