

Three Postal Reforms.

1—Our ambitious Postmaster-General—the Hon. Wm. Mulock, introduced into Parliament a Bill providing for a special service to catch trains at the last moment with late mail. As much injury is frequently done to business and other interests by letters being posted "too late" to catch the mail, it is the intention of the Postmaster to have the late fee of one cent, on payment of which the letters will be sent up till the mail train has left. In large cities special carriers will be provided.

2—Another reform intended provides for the indemnifying of persons for losses of registered mail matter to the extent of \$25.00. At present there is no compensation for losses.

3—The third reform contemplated is in the interest of publishers, by which they will be allowed to enclose in sample copies, circulars, etc., as is at present the law in reference to papers sent to subscribers.

2ND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The second annual meet of E.S.P.S held at Park Avenue Hotel, New York City, August 23-25, was a grand success. It was one of the most successful meets held in the Metropolis. The writer noted the following in attendance:—

Dr. Wm. Evans, Westtown, N.Y.
 C. W. Frown, Syracuse, N.Y.
 Jacob Weigel, New Brunswick, N.J.
 E. I. Shove, Unionville, N.Y.
 J. H. Miller, Elizabeth, N.J.
 Ross D. Breniser, Johnstown, Pa.
 O. B. Sherman, New Brunswick, N.J.
 C. W. Parker, Meriden, Conn.
 Thaddeus P. Hyatt, M.D., Brooklyn
 George W. Ring, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 W. J. Coleman, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 S. Schachne, New York City
 I. Schachne, "
 A. Herbst, "
 Wm. A. McDonnell, "
 Otto Van Besser, "
 L. Beringer, "
 S. Beringer, "
 B. Cohen, "
 Edward W. Stern, "
 Joseph Frank, "
 A. Goldsmith, "
 M. Tausig, "
 M. A. Bettman, "

The first session was called to order by President Evans at 11:30, a. m. August 23. The president then appointed the following on the credential committee:—

A. Herbst,
 Otto Van Besser,
 M. A. Bettman.

The second session was called at 8:20. At this session the president addressed the convention in a few words. The credentials committee then submitted their report, which was as follows:—

President—Wm. Evans, M. D., 76 votes.

Vice-President—Wm. Verbeck, 48 votes; F. P. Gibbs, 9 votes; George S. McKearin, 14 votes; George C. Hartung, 5 votes.

Sec.-Treas.—A. Herbst, 76 votes.
 Exchange Supt.—C. W. Browa, 61 votes; H. Smith, 12 votes.

Auction Manager—Wendelin Weber, 64 votes; J. H. Petersen, 12 votes.

Attorney—C. F. Bridge, 76 votes.

Counterfeit Director—J. H. Petersen, 60 votes; O. H. Williams, 12 votes
 Supt. Bureau of Information—Wm. J. Coleman, 53 votes; J. W. George, 22 votes.

Librarian—E. L. Shove, 74 votes.

Trustees N. Y. City—A. Goldsmith, 62 votes; L. Beringer, 56 votes; A. M. Trujilo, 41 votes; J. F. Farrell, 27 votes; Dr. M. H. Block, 21 votes; Thos. A. Frank, 13 votes; B. Cohen, 5 votes.

Proxies held as follows:—

A. Herbst	40
M. A. Bettman.....	1
W. A. McDonnell	3
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Respectfully submitted,

A. HERBST,

OTTO VAN BESSER.

M. A. BETTMAN.

President Evans then appointed the following committees: Standing Rules, Finance, Library, Exchange Department, Official Journal, Branch Societies, Constitution and By-Laws.

Mr. W. J. Coleman was heard on Branch Societies. He stated that he had in mind the formation of a Brooklyn branch of the society. Mr. Coleman further stated that Mr. Geo. J. Carter would assist him in forming their branch.

Mr. Herbst, in behalf of the uptown collectors, then called for a list of those present who would join a Harlem branch. Twelve of the members present immediately affixed their names.

Dr. Evans then resigned the chair in favor of Mr. Herbst.

Mr. Evans moved to have the constitution amended so that only members residing in the state of New York can hold office. As those present in person and by proxy constituted a majority, the motion was carried by acclamation.

President Evans then distributed souvenirs bearing the illustrations of some of the Westervelt Locals, of which he possesses several of the original plates from which these locals were printed. Several of the members requested Mr. Evans to relate a brief history of these stamps. The president held the interest of the members for fully a half hour with this subject. Mr. Evans promised to write a history of the locals for the benefit of the members who were not in attendance. A vote of thanks was extended President Evans for his interesting remarks on these stamps.

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