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OUR SANCTUM.

N. A. P. A.

We cannot suppress a smile; and oft times indulge in a hearty laugh, as we peruse our exchanges, on noticing the petty quarrels and bickerings of several amateur journals across the water.

As the time approaches when the National Amateur Press Association's Convention will be held, each amat ur paper selects and publishes the names of there favorite candidates, and to our astonishment, allow themselves to talk at random.

We on this side of the water, cannot boast of an Amateur Press Association, but, if such was the case, we feel confident it could be conducted fairly and honestly, every amateur would be entitled to and have their vote.

We do not approve of the present style of managing affairs, it is not liberal, only such amateurs as can spare the cash and devote the time to attend have the privilege of voting; this is unfair in every respect, and we have no hesitation in saying, "the N.A.P.A. wants re-organizing; it has fallen into a state of lethargy, and in a few years, it will be considered "a thing of the past."

Some amateur is wanted to fill the Presidency who has devoted his time, money and attention to the advancement of the cause, and who thoroughly understands the

terrible situation of the affairs, to seize upon the reins of Government, and by unanimous assistance from his fellow-amateurs, to re-organize it, wholly, totally and radically, and by placing it upon a sound foundation, behold with what pleasure, its future career to success.

Now, we may ask, "who is that amateur? cannot one be found who will devote his time and talent to the advancement of amateur journalism?" Echo answers, "who?"

But, hark! a still, small voice whispers, and we hear it say, "despair not, for there is one, who, if elected at the next Convention, will free it from its fetters, one who has devoted himself to the cause, one who is still active, and may be considered one of amateurdom's brightest ornaments." Thinks we, if such be the case, rejoice! oh, ye amateurs, rejoice!!

But you may ask, "who is this amateur?" For the present, we cannot favor you with his name, suffice it to say, time will tell.

And now, fellow-amateurs, you have our views on the subject. Are you going to allow your best interests to remain in a state of dissolution? like the ruins of some ancient castle, crumbling to dust.

No, like men be up and doing, With your hand and heart to work; You shall never gain the victory, If you from your duty shirk.

Editorial Effervescences.

- -Blow-yer-nose.
- -A tune for sailors-Nep-tune.
- -The end of man-the letter N.
- -When shall we see a N. S. A. P. A?
- —"Our Devil" is just like his name, take him backward or forward, he's always the same.
- —Some curious folks want to know if our nose is blue. Now we would respectfully inform all, that we often blow our nose, and, as yet, it has not become blue, but we sincerely hope it will never be-

to come red, although the BLUENOSE at, is often read.

- —The Southern Star is a model amateur paper. If it had a well conducted and ably edited puzzle column, we would have no hesitation in placing it as Amateurdom's best. It supports Correl Kendall, so do we.
- —We have received several exchanges. It is impossible to notice the merits of each and every one, as our space is limited, however, in a few months we intend to enlarge our *nose*, then we can *blow* the londer.
- —Has the editor of the Snark ever tried to solve any intricate brain twisting puzzles? If not, he should do so, then he would have an opportunity of testing the amusement and instruction derived from that pleasing and fascinating art, puzzleing.
- —As that well known puzzler, "Sphinx," is a candidate for the presidency of the N. A. P. A., we, as ardent supporters of puzzles and Puzzledom, take this opportunity to appeal to the Puzzlers of America to support one who has worked with and for their interests. All who have Puzzledom at heart, will, we have no doubt, vote for him. His career is to well known for any further remarks, suffice it to say, he is the puzzler of America.
- -"Whittier" is personally responsible for anything that may appear in his department.
- —ATTENTION!!-We would like to devote a column or two of the BLUENOSE for the special benefit of our lady patrons. Will some young lady kindly offer her services to edit such a department? Let us hear from all the young ladies interested in this paper.