

ILLINOIS NOTES.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

Everything around here is very dull at present and I am afraid that my notes for this month will have to be a little short. But I assure you that it is a great pleasure for me to contribute regularly to such a paper as the Jubilee Philatelist.

The most important event to chronicle this month is the robbery of the Chicago office of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. Thieves broke into several offices in the Journal building and among these was the editorial office of the Weekly. Stamps to the value of fifty dollars were stolen from the desk of Mr. C. E. Severn, the editor. All the dealers in the city were notified of the theft and to be on the lookout for the stamps. The stamps were offered for sale at the office of the United States Stamp & Coin Co. Mr. Severn happened to be present at the time, and after questioning the man found out that they had been given to him to sell by one of his customers. The man proved to be a saloon keeper. Mr. Severn got the stamps back I believe and up to the present time no arrests had been made.

Rev. G. C. Rheinfrank attended the Methodist Conference recently held in Chicago. Mr. Rheinfrank will be remembered as the gentleman who was selling the stamps received from foreign missionaries. When he first advertised these stamps he was at Minneapolis, Minn. but was since located at La-Crosse, Wis.

The next issue of the Stamp Exchange will be a special issue devoted to the interests of the Junior Stamp Dealer's Protective Association, with cuts and sketches of the officers and leading members, also a history of the society.

It is queer how much cheek some people have. I have had a postal card request for a sample copy of the same paper from one person six times. If this is not cheek, I would like to know what it is.

I hear that the Prairie State Philatelic Ass'n. is prospering, but to what extent I do not know.

I see a new hinge advertised in one or two papers by a Chicago dealer. Geo. C. Hartung. They are called Hartung's Hinges.

I have not seen or heard anything of the new Illinois Philatelist.

Stamp business around here is pretty dull at present. The beginning of the summer months usually brings on the dull season.

One of my eastern collector friends informs me that he has just fallen heir to a little fortune in

Chicago and that he will probably spend a couple of the summer months in Chicago and Rankakee.

The youngest member of the Chicago Philatelic society is the son of the President, P. M. Wolsieffer. Mr. Wolsieffer jr., is now 10 years old and has been a member of the society since he was five years of age.

Three months more and all eyes will be turned toward Milwaukee, Wis. the convention seat of the three representative philatelic associations of America. August has been selected for the month on account of the G.A.R. meet in Chicago, there being excursion rates on all roads at that time to Chicago and the fair from Chicago to Milwaukee is very cheap. There ought to be a very good attendance from Chicago and surrounding cities.

NOT RECEIVED—Up to date we have not received Ottawa, London, Eng., or Montreal notes. As we do not know Mr. Holmes' present address we cannot get the C.P.C. reports for this month.

A MISTAKE—In the Editorials on page 68 it reads "One inch advt. 15 cts." This should be 35 cts.

A. R. MAGILL—Next number we will publish the cut and biographical sketch of A. R. Magill, Montreal.

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