

From our Regular Correspondent.

Northwestern Happenings.

BY BOWSWORTH.

Mr. Alson Brulaker of Fargo, North Dakota, has refused to take the office of International Secretary in the Sons of Philatelia, assigning as his reason the lack of time. Such modesty is unique, if nothing else.

Davenport, Iowa, is waking up in stamp matters. A short time ago we knew of a single collector who made anything of our pursuit, but at present recruits are beginning to make themselves known, and they promise soon to have quite a colony of active Stampies.

Some of our Minneapolis brethren were on needles and pins a short time ago, because of the attempt of a man by the name of M. S. Ketcheson to commit suicide. The daily papers reported the affair, giving the place of the man's residence at Belleville, Ontario, and of course all the boys connected with him H. F. until they found that M. S. was too old to be the well-known philatelist.

The new Northwestern Philatelic Association is progressing nicely. It was started in October last and already numbers about fifty members. This society is only intended for philatelists who reside in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the two Dakotas, and while it is a sectional society, it is not intended as a rival in any sense of any national society. Its president is Mr. Frank Brown of Omaha, Neb., the secretary, G. W. Achard, Minneapolis, Minn. The official organ is the Northwest. All honest collectors who reside within the prescribed limits are invited to become members.

Auction sales and raffles are all the rage here now. Everybody is looking for some snap, and your correspondent is informed that four of the fellows are casting longing eyes at the Capitalization Prize of the Louisiana State Lottery. They say that if they win the big stake they intend to buy out Scott and run a stamp business as it should be, i. e., to line their pockets with filthy lucre. Well, success to you, fellows.

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NOTES FROM GOTHAM.

BY D. E. WILSON.

The annual meeting of the N. Y. Branch S. of P. was held on the 4th inst., at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Dr. Paul Allen, our most prominent philatelist, was elected President, R. P. Spooner retiring; Mr. Chas. W. Grevning was re-elected Exchange Superintendent.

Messrs. W. L. Richard and O. E. Wilson are endeavoring to organize a philatelic circulating library for the members of the N. Y. Branch S. of P. Their idea is to have each member subscribe 25 cents each to a fund, to be devoted to subscribing to every philatelic paper published, and form a circuit each member to receive the papers in turn, and when the circuit is completed to turn the papers over to the library of the Branch.

New York Branch No. 1. S. of P. had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pa., at their regular weekly meeting, held on Thursday, January 4. Mr. Kissinger arrived in New York just about

the time his Xmas number of the *Pennsy.* arrived. We were glad to see both, and the opinion here is that he has exceeded all expectations and has given us a magazine worthy of his abilities.

Mr. Kissinger has spent most of his time visiting the leading dealers and taking in all the points of interest, and left us well-pleased with his visit. We tried to induce him to remain with us longer, but as he had an engagement the next day with L. M. Lang, of Baltimore, Md., he could not be prevailed upon to stay. Beecher Ogden and "yours truly" saw him off to Baltimore.

I think it would be a splendid idea for this and other branches of the S. of P. to have their members read papers on stamps and philatelic matters before the society meetings, as they do in all the big societies. It would help and instruct the members and would do a wonderful lot of good. All we do to do at our meetings is roll-call, nominations, elections, new business and auction sale. Is this helping the members any? Our auction sales do not amount to much, sometimes not one-half of the stamps offered are sold, and once in a while there are some very good stamps offered, but there is always a high reserve price on them or else their owners are ready to bid them in. Ramsay Penget, for instance, has a national reputation for putting us about forty lots of stamps at each meeting and, hiding himself behind Waldemar Wurtz, will bid them all in, very often not selling one lot.

We have one member, thank heaven, who puts up stamps and lets them go at whatever price they will bring, his only thought being to get enough money out of it's sale to pay for my lunches next week." The guilty party is J. B. Brevoort, our "learned counselor" who has recently been admitted to the bar (not a saloon).

TESTIMONIALS.

Without being loudly heralded, in fact without any announcement so far as we have seen, Bro. Staehler has launched forth his new weekly stamp paper, *The Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, and if the standard is kept up to the first issue it will be the best weekly published. No. 1 consists of 4 pages, of 3 columns each cut and pasted, and the publisher announces that the size will vary from four to sixteen pages, according to the amount of matter on hand. We wish the paper the success it seems to deserve, and hope it will live long and enrich the coffers of its enterprising publisher.—*Boston Philatelist*.

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Yours truly,
J. W. MILLER.

AFTER HOOPER AGAIN.

The Prisoner to be Promptly Tried for Attempting to Drown His Wife.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain, Attorney-General of Quebec, has decided after due consideration to take prompt action at Three Rivers against John H. Hooper, who will be charged with attempting to drown his wife, the details of which came out during the late trial at Joliette.

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