

The "Seebeck" Issues. In the *Eagle Philatelist* for July we note an article on the Seebeck issues which is of more than passing interest.

The writer is in our opinion, a little too severe in his criticism of these issues, not that we consider them worthy of the place, which if their beauty was taken into consideration they would occupy; but notwithstanding our knowledge of their source and origin, we can still find points that will counterbalance all negative opinions. One of the leading arguments advanced by philatelists, as a reason for their adherence to our science, is the beauty, the originality of design, the harmony of colors, and other similar reasons. Now the above characteristics are the leading points which claim our adherence to the issue of those so-called "Seebeckized" countries. We can also commend the "Seebeck issues" for another thing, viz:—their low price; had their controller placed an exorbitant figure upon them we could justly complain. If the plates of these stamps are destroyed, as Mr. Seebeck guarantees, another strong objection is removed. There is but one strong objection that bears any forcible weight on the subject, and that is: We have already more varieties than we can well collect, and from *this standpoint*, Mr. Seebeck and his speculative issue are, *in a sense*, a nuisance. The latest victims to fall into his grasp are, Ecuador or Bolivia, and it is hinted strongly, that the recent issue of Liberia comes from a like source. Shall we collect these issues? Or shall we not? "That is the question?"

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The World's Fair. The philatelists of United States have of late been taking great interest in the proposed stamp exhibit to

be held. Not only has it been talked about, but already their preparations for this event have taken definite shape. The large local societies have all taken more or less action in regard to it. Many of these societies have already appointed councillors to look after their interests. The American Philatelic Association and its committee are looked up to as the leaders. We believe the A. P. A. committee have already made arrangements for 1000 feet of space. The Staten Island Philatelic Society, at a recent meeting, passed a motion asking that the stamp exhibit be mounted on the sheets of the Staten Island permanent album, and that these sheets would be supplied free. The Philatelists of the United States and Canada should awake to the fact that active co-operation by all must necessarily be given in order to have it a success. With proper parties in charge of the exhibit it would serve the purpose of showing what the standing of philately really is. We expect to be able to lay before our readers much in regard to the plan of action taken by our U. S. brethren by next month. As yet, Canada has made no arrange-

ments. It should be done and done quickly. To this end we would suggest that a committee of Canadian Philatelists be appointed to represent Canada at the World's Fair. Nominations are now in order; committees should consist of some (3 or 4) of the leading collectors, who will work. Any correspondence in regard to this will be cheerfully answered by the editor. Let us hear from you.

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Five Great Conventions. The past month has been an active one among the societies, five important and successful gatherings have been held, all of which passed off without the usual wrangling which is so common at conventions of all kinds. The First Annual Convention of the Sons of Philately was held at Gettysburg, Pa., on July 4; the American Philatelic Association held their Seventh Annual Convention at Niagara Falls, on August 15, 16 and 17; the Canadian Philatelic Association held their Convention on the Canadian side, the three following days; the Philatelic Society of Canada Convention was held at Ottawa, on August 18, 19 and 20; the Iowa Philatelic Association met at the Kirkwood House, Des Moines, on August 30 and 31. Let us congratulate ourselves on the happy termination of these gatherings.

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"In Haste" on a Letter. The Canadian Post Office people are naturally very obliging to their customers. If you wish to send a letter through as quick as a telegram, all you have to do is to write "In Haste" on the envelope. Then your letter will be hurried through. The postmaster and his clerks will fall over each other in their haste to get it on the first mail, then the postal clerk will yell at the engineer: "Pull her wide open, here's a letter that's in a rush," and the train will just fly with it. It is quite expensive for the railroad and accidents are liable to happen. The officials will not thank us for giving it away, but it is just the way to get your letter through quick.

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Bradt's 7th Sale. The S. B. Bradt Company held their Seventh Auction Sale, the first of this season, on September 14, inst. The Company have removed to new quarters, at 132 Wabash Avenue, where this sale was held. The sale consisted of 421 lots; no exceptional rarities were offered, the stamps being mostly of the cheaper kinds. Mr. C. M. Wilbur conducted the sale.

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The I. P. A. We have to thank the officers of the Iowa Philatelic Association for a neat and well got up invitation to their First Annual Convention at Des Moines, August 30 and 31. We regret that distance prevented our attendance.