

From our Special Correspondent.

CHICAGO NOTES.

BY CHRIS PETERSON.

The case against *George J. Byrnes*, which was put into the hands of *post office inspector Fleming*, is still being worked up, and chances are that the accused party will learn a new trade in prison before long. By the number of letters which are now being held at the post office, directed to accused party, it seems that quite a number were taken in, dealers and collectors alike. The case was, however, in the hands of the secret service before the party got much cash.

SOME PHASES OF LIFE

Is an interesting article written by C. E. Severn in *The Chicago Evening Journal*, Saturday, Feb. 17th. So has our philatelic brother graduated from an amateur to a professional newspaper writer?

The C. P. S. held their regular meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 15. A large number of members and visitors were present. Quite a number of applications were posted, and the society is rapidly rising, as well in growth as good standing. After the regular routine of business, the 29th auction sale took place. The bidding was very spirited and the department stamps especially brought good prices.

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The editor of the *Puritan Philatelist* wishes to thank his many friends and patrons for their kind wishes and congratulations on the appearance of the paper. Next number will appear in May, in which some great improvements will be made. It will be printed in three languages.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of an introduction to *Mr. E. B. Powers*, the other evening. Mr. Powers hails from Denver, Colorado, but has engaged quarters in the *Masonic Temple* to carry on the wholesale business of imported cigars. He makes a specialty of British Colonials. He put in an application to the *Chicago Philatelic Society* and was quite an extensive buyer at the last auction sale.

An article appeared in the *McKeel's Weekly Stamp News* that Columbians had taken quite a drop in this city. However, the correspondent who furnished the news was offered a good price for his whole stock of Columbians, but refused to sell. The firm of Pierce & Peterson have been offered greatly advanced prices for their whole stock of Columbians, but the demand is very large for them, and in a very few weeks they will be worth double.

The resignation of one of the *Board of Trustees* of the *P. S. of A.*, has been accepted with regrets. Mr. Kissinger, president of the *Philatelic Sons of America*, has appointed Mr. J. A. Pierce as Mr. Glass' successor.

Mr. J. P. Glass is sending in his resignation to all *Philatelic Societies*, and he says it is his intention to relinquish Philately entirely. We shall very much miss him as a brother of the cause, but still more so as a writer. His Philatelic writings are interesting and instructive.

Mr. Wm. Rowley, agent for the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York, has removed his stock of coins and stamps to 167 Clark street, in the rear. Mr. Wendt is also back at his old quarters on Clark street. This makes Clark street the stamp town and the centre of attraction for stamp collectors.

On the 12th of February, Chicago was visited by one of the worst blizzards ever known in this city, and after this the 12th day of this month will be known as *blizzard day*. The snow was piled up mountains high and all transit stopped and mail greatly delayed, which made business rather dull for a couple of days, but the last of the week business was good considering the hard times.

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COLLECTORS VS. PHILATELIC WRITERS.

BY W. W. SABOURIN.

PHILATELIC literature has advanced wonderfully during the past three or four years, and we now have in our ranks many writers who are constantly giving to the collecting world useful hints pertaining to the study of philately. We must venture the assertion that the articles of to-day have reached the highest standard, not only in the eyes of those who are interested in our hobby, but also to outsiders. Never before have we seen so many take an interest to further the study of stamps as at the present time, and also to the surprisingly large number of names which are being added to the already overflowing list of the different philatelic societies. The science of stamp collecting has come to stay, and its devotees are increasing by thousands every year.

Have publishers been idle in their work? Take a glance over all the philatelic papers which have been published during the last fifty years and you cannot but say that each has done his best to promote and push forward the interest of philately. It is the next thing to impossible for a publisher who has pluck enough to enter into the publishing of a stamp paper, to do otherwise than work hard and insure the interests of his followers and supporters.

In every philatelic paper published in the present day we have a great deal of reading matter from the pens of our most prominent collectors in all parts of the world. America stands first for the number of writers of philatelic subjects, and the amount of work brought out; while the publications of the Old World, though not so numerous, are usually of a more important nature, and the result of considerable scientific research study and investigation.

Editors have and will continue to do their duty towards giving their subscribers only such reading