

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1891

Officers

The officers of 1890 continued in office until March, 1891, at which time the following were elected for the balance of 1891:

President Geo. J. Bailey    Secy-Treas. Carl N. Stockwell  
Vice-Pres. Chas. Kress    Librarian M. E. Hessler

Mr. Bailey, however, declined to serve a second term as President; and Mr. W. H. Schneider was then chosen President, and served the balance of the year.

Members

During the year, three new members were admitted, as follows:

George S. Lockwood #22  
Lawrence Hitchcock #23  
Albert W. Hoffman #24

At the beginning of the year, one application was pending -- that of Mr. Henry C. Crowell; but the application was withdrawn at the meeting of March 18, 1891.

On February 3, 1891, the Club's first Treasurer, Clyde A. Brobst, died -- the first club member to die.

Thus the total gain in membership was three; the total loss, one; making the net gain, two.

The total number of members at the end of the year was twenty-three.

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Meetings

Seven meetings were held -- one each in January, March, June, September, October, November and December. According to the minutes, the total attendance was 56, including 11 visitors.

All meetings were held in Mr. Bailey's office, on the third Wednesdays of the months named.

To show their appreciation of Mr. Bailey's kindness in allowing the Club to use his office as a meeting-place, Mr MacLaren, on behalf of the Club, at the meeting of December 16th, presented Mr. Bailey with a fine and evenly-centered copy of the 90 cent carmine-and-black 1869 U.S. stamp.

Adoption of a Constitution

At the first meeting of the year, it was decided to adopt a constitution; and Messrs. Bailey, Schneider and MacLaren were appointed a Committee to draw up a constitution. At the March meeting, the President reported that, owing to his recent illness, he had no report to make on a constitution; but he read one which was accepted by the Club after a few changes had been made. Unfortunately, a copy of this constitution has not been preserved.

Changes in Dues

The dues were \$1.00 for 1891; but, at the December meeting, the dues for 1892 were reduced to 50¢. The minutes state "that amount being found sufficient for current expenses."

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Local Exchange Department

In June, Mr. MacLaren was appointed Local Exchange Manager and instructed to start a Local Exchange Department. It was provided that exchange sheets bearing the stamp of the Club were to be purchased from the Exchange Manager at one cent each.

Later in the year -- on October 21st -- the advisability of extending the facilities of the department to out-of-town members was discussed; but no decision was reached.

Entertainment

On January 21st, Mr. Schneider's collection was exhibited. There is no record of exhibits or other special entertainment at subsequent meetings that year; but the minutes of the meeting of September 16th show that, "the President was requested to furnish an essay on the first issue of United States postage stamps to be read at the next meeting. And all members asked to bring such specimens or varieties of the same as they might have." The minutes of later meetings do not contain any reference to the essay.

Auctions

At the September meeting, it was decided to hold an auction sale at each meeting, and that ten per cent of the proceeds would be given to the Exchange Manager.

The first auction was held at that same meeting and consisted "of several lots offered for sale by Messrs. Schneider and Bailey."

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Official Club Organ

It was decided, at the January meeting, not to adopt any official organ for the present; but to publish all notes of interest in Mekeel's Weekly.

Publicity

At the January meeting, the Exhibition Committee reported in favor of postponing the frame exhibit until after the Club had adopted a constitution. It is not clear why the adoption of a constitution had any bearing on the exhibit.

The records do not show when the frame exhibit was put on. The constitution was, as before stated, adopted in March.

Purchase of Hinges for sale to Members

Gummed hinges were evidently hard to get; for, in September, the minutes of that meeting show that "it was decided that gummed hinges be placed for sale to members of the Club at the rate of 12¢ per thousand and the Exchange Manager was instructed to purchase five thousand for this purpose."