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President Hall's Message.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 11th, 1879.

Gentlemen of the National Amateur Press Association, in Convention assembled:

As my term of office is now drawing to a close, and convention day is fast approaching, I deem it necessary to indite a final message to my brother amateurs, informing them of the principal happenings during my administration, etc.

I am now connected with the local staff of the *Chicago Daily Tribune*, and am grieved to think that it will be impossible for me to be with you on the 16th, but I feel reassured when I think into what excellent hands the chairmanship will fall, in my absence.

During my term of office, I have done all that was in my power to further the best interests of the association, and, though I have been often discouraged by the cries of a few sore-heads, I think I have done my duty.

Our official organ has made its appearance regularly, and I think that it has been a credit to the association as well as to its editor and publisher, they having fulfilled their arduous duties with an admirable zest.

I have received bids for the printing of the official organ during the ensuing year, closing them just one month previous to the date of the convention, as prescribed in the constitution, the result being only one bid from Mr. Huss which I enclose herewith.

I also send the report of the judges of awards, Class "A," which I have found satisfactory in every respect. While admiring the promptitude of these gentlemen, I can but deplore the tardiness of the judges, in Class "B." The three gentlemen originally appointed were separated, and became inactive, so I directed the third vice-president, Mr. Morris, who has charge of this department, to send the articles for competition to Messrs. Misner, Jenkins and Van Vechten, at the same time requesting these gentlemen to report to me as soon as possible, but as yet I have heard nothing. I also enclose the articles sent in for competition in Class "A" for the perusal of the curious. Regarding their character, I can but concur with the opinion of the judges.

From all that I have heard, I judge that the reception committee has been hard at work, and have no doubt that the delegates will be received with true Washingtonian hospitality.

In regard to the appointment of the date of convention, I think I have succeeded in satisfying all parties concerned.

In accordance with the constitution, I have appointed as orator, Mr. Edward Oldham, vice Snyder, resigned; as poet, Mr. Frank Morris; and as essayist, Mr.

Will W. Winslow. In making these selections I have had an eye to sectional feeling, and think I have pleased all, and that the appointees will acquit themselves with due credit.

I have countersigned two bills against the association, finding them all right. One from Mr. Huss, for printing the official organ and constitution, the other from Mr. Wright, for the official stationery. I have no doubt the association will approve both.

I have seen the invitations issued by the corresponding secretary, Mr. Eberle, and think he deserves considerable credit for their neat and tasty appearance.

I wish now to give my opinion and decision on a few points which seem to have raised considerable controversy in our ranks.

The first is concerning the sale of the constitution. It was decided by vote at the Chicago convention that it should be sold by the corresponding secretary for ten cents per copy. This may be shown by the minutes.

The second question is of more importance and concerns the election of officers. I hold that *only* those ballots shall be received that were cast *at a meeting* of one's state association, held during the month of May, the person being *himself present* at such meeting, and also being a *regular member* of the N. A. P. A., as defined in our constitution. This is according to the constitution, and I cannot see how it can be otherwise interpreted.

I have been glad to see the decline that has overtaken the so called "Boys' Weeklies," and think this due in a great measure to the efforts of the amateurs.

As but two of the original examining committee are liable to be present at Washington, I have appointed Messrs. Heuman, Fry, Wright, Sullivan, and the secretary, Gee. I think this will meet with universal approbation.

I now wish to say one word in praise of my associates in office, who have rendered me invaluable assistance. Mr. Huss especially has shown a great interest in the association and has aided me to a considerable extent, as have all the other officers.

I sincerely hope that there will be no disputes at the convention and no cry of "fraud" afterwards, as I can say from experience that it is disheartening. There are too many sore-heads in our ranks that cannot take defeat like men, but whine like puppies, through letters to the amateur press, and snap at the heels of their successful competitor.

And now I wish to bid my amateur friends good bye and thank them for their kind treatment of me while in the ranks. I find that I shall have no more time to devote to amateur affairs, but it is with great reluctance that I give them

up. I have formed many pleasant associations in the ranks and the thoughts of my amateur associations and friends will always live in my memory.

Thanking you once more and bidding you good bye, I beg leave to sign myself, for the last time,

Your most obedient servant,

W. T. HALL,
Pres. N. A. P. A.

President Briggs' Message.

Gentlemen of the N. A. P. A.:

I need not say that it is a source of exceeding pleasure to me, whom you have chosen president of your association, to address you this letter of greeting.

The campaign is at last over, and with it I trust are buried all the temporary animosities which it may have engendered. Yes, the fourth annual convention is now recorded with the past; brother amateurs and members of this association, let us look to the future.

The noble cause of junior journalism is at present in a most flourishing condition; our papers are noticeable for the bright, witty and intelligent nature of their contents, while their typographical appearance is all that could be desired. For all of this the amateurs of to-day are indeed to be commended.

Now, gentlemen, that this happy condition of the good old cause may continue not only through my comparatively short term of office, but aye, even long after I have sadly severed my connection with you. I shall, while one of your number, seek to embrace every opportunity for sustaining amateur journalism in the exalted position it now claims.

And since you have seen fit to make me the chief executive of the N. A. P. A., I trust through the instrumentality of the office, to accomplish all that can be expected. But, brother amateurs, I shall need the earnest co-operation of each one of you. We must pull together, steer our course towards the haven of success, crush discord from our midst, and allow only honest ambition to gain admission to our ranks.

Here I must say that although president of your association, I deem you too sensible to suppose that I am to furnish *all* the brains and suggestions beneficial to our cause. No, if I can but keep pace with even the majority of your number in furnishing ideas for our mutual progress, I shall consider myself in no wise deserving of your disapprobation. Yet, gentlemen, I am fully alive to the duties and responsibilities devolving upon the president of the N. A. P. A., and wish to assert that they consist not so much in providing my *own* suggestions for the advancement of amateur journalism, as in putting into practical

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operation the suggestions of *others*, in fact to become merely the willing instrument through which you are to accomplish your aims.

And now having made known my sentiments on this score, I wish further to state some of the points by which I desire to characterize my administration.

First of all, it is my earnest desire that the members of our association be united in closer bonds of friendship than have yet existed, that we in truth become brothers in every sense of the word. And also that the N. A. P. A. may increase its sphere of usefulness, and become an organization of the masses. I intend to take measures to speedily increase its already large list of membership and that I as your chief officer, may become a more efficient tool in your hands, I wish to at once become better acquainted and be on more familiar terms with each member of our association and therefore I earnestly solicit a more general correspondence with all of you. Write to me whenever you have any suggestions to make which you consider will prove of benefit to our noble cause, and now I come to what I consider a most important portion of this letter, for I wish to speak of the finances of the N. A. P. A. It is hardly necessary to argue with our intelligent amateurs the extreme necessity, of placing our association upon the most solid financial basis. Unless we not only insist but succeed in sustaining our National credit, the National Amateur Press Association, our fondest organization, will inevitably go to pieces. Recognizing therefore, the vital importances of promptly paying all our debts, and of having our National treasury supplied with all the monies due it, I exhort each of the present members to at once forward to treasurer Morris, whatever in the way of dues he is indebted.

If this exhortation prove unavailing, it may be necessary to employ a little correspondence in order to stir up our members. The association is indebted for the printing of the last year's official organ and stationery, and for other things. These bills must be paid. We already have in the treasury nearly sufficient to cancel this indebtedness, and as soon as vice-president Wright arrives home, or at least at some known destination, the money will be transferred to the newly elected treasurer and paid out to the proper parties. The remainder of the bills will be paid when more money reaches the treasury. We *must* sustain our reputation for good faith and credit and therefore I once more exhort all who owe the association any sums, to at once forward them.

But I must not prolong this letter as space in our official organ is valuable. Only one thing more of which I wish to speak and it is that our amateurs of the country drop all their political prejudices, and lend a hearty co-operation to the present administration. Our association is too valuable an organization to be allowed to go to pieces through

discord and desertion of its members. Gentlemen, you realize the situation, let me credit you with the sensible determination to banish your partisan hostility, and to at once work with me for the best interests of the N. A. P. A. and the holy, noble cause of amateur journalism.

I remain, brother amateurs,

Your obedient servant,

J. EDSON BRIGGS,

Prest. N. A. P. A.

Reports of the Judges of Awards.

CLASS "A."

The undersigned, appointed by your worthy president, as a committee to serve in *Class "A"* devoted to *Serials, Sketches and Stories*; report hereby that they have faithfully attended to their duties, with the result as appended. From second vice-president, F. M. Cornell, we received the only article that were entered in competition. These two articles were *Sketches*, entered for the title of LAUREATE SKETCH WRITER, and were as follows:

a. "Her Bold Cavalier," by C. E. Stone. b. "Noble Revenge," C. J. Ficke.

A careful system of *marking* was devised by the Board, and in every step taken care was used to preserve perfect unanimity and impartiality of opinion.

The decision was *unanimous*, and was that the sketch, *Noble Revenge*, by Chas. J. Ficke, of New York City was "in all respects the best" of the two competing articles. Therefore, they recommend that the title of "Laureate Sketch Writer—'79-'80," be bestowed on Mr. Ficke, in accordance with the constitution of our association.

In conclusion the judges of awards, while felicitating themselves on the speedy accomplishment of their comparatively easy task, yet regret the fact that more interest was not displayed in the departments under their charge. The two sketches that were entered were both decidedly mediocre in plot, thought and expression; a fact which you will pardon us for calling to your attention; but which alas, is but too true. It would seem, since no serials or stories were entered, that this class of writers are totally dufunct among us. This is something to be extremely regretted.

Let us venture a guess that in the ensuing year the competition for the various laureate titles of sketch, story and serial writers will be infinitely more generous than in '79. Where are our Winslows, our Yelrafs, our Heumans, our Millers, our Gerners and our Mills?

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. FYNES, JR., Chairman,

CORREL KENDALL,

GEO. H. FERNALD,

Board of Judges Class, "A."

CLASS "B."

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA, July 8, 1879.

W. T. Hall, Esq., *Prest. N. A. P. A.*

SIR—The undersigned judges of awards in *Class "B"* duly appointed by

the proper officers of the National Amateur Press Association, hereby certify that in their judgment, the best of the poems entered in competition for the special awards offered by the association, is the one entitled "Music," and that of the essays the best is the one entitled "Orator and Journalist."

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK L. MISNER,

C. N. JENKINS,

RALPH VAN VECHTEN,

Judges of Awards, Class "B."

The following is a complete list of the compositions received by the judges of awards from the third vice-president of the N. A. P. A., in his official capacity:

POEMS.		
"Music,"	-	G. M. Huss.
"The Poet,"	-	F. M. Morris.
"The Lay of Lady Alice,"	-	"Stuyvesant."
"Idalia,"	-	W. J. Campbell.
"Caro Mio,"	-	C. Kendall.
"Progress,"	-	"Quince."
"Retrospection,"	-	F. L. Seaver.
"In the Woods,"	-	T. G. Harrison.
"The Life Boat,"	-	Netos.
"Gold,"	-	W. F. Ritter.
"The Coming Storm,"	-	"G."

ESSAYS.

"Orator and Journalist,"	-	J. A. Fynes.
"Chivalry,"	-	Ed. Oldham.
"Amateur Poets and Poetry,"	-	E. W. Frye.
"Amateur Poets and Poetry,"	-	H. S. Livingstone.

Those Badges.

On the afternoon of the 17th of July, the official editor offered, in convention, a resolution, empowering the president to appoint three members to serve as a committee on badges, (the morning papers called it a "committee on constitution") whose duty it should be to procure for the association a suitable badge, symbolical of its aims, to be made of gold, at a cost not to exceed three dollars.

This resolution was adopted, and president Briggs appointed as such committee, Messrs. Chase, Gee and Ficke, who are already at work securing bids accompanied by designs from the leading manufacturing jewelers of New York, Washington, Chicago, and Omaha. From those, the committee will adopt the design which combines cheapness with beauty and appropriateness. The jeweler to whom the job is given is then allowed the exclusive manufacture of the society pin for the United States, to sell them to members only of the N. A. P. A. No contract is made for so many pins at such a price. The association does not pay for them from its treasury.

The committee are relieved from further duty as soon as the jeweler takes charge of the matter. Then will brother members have a distinguishing mark, whereby they may always be known and recognized, and of which, it is hoped, they may ever be proud.

W. L. Wright and E. L. Comings of Cairo, Ill., flew from Washington to the White Mountains in order to cool off from the 'vention, and take the rest which all good little amateurs deserve.

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The National Amateur Press Association is composed of the amateur editors, authors, publishers and printers of the United States, who meet yearly, during the month of July for the purpose of acquaintance and transacting such business as may come before it. The next Convention will be held in Cincinnati, O., subject to the call of the President.

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Resalutation.

Pleasant as was the task of last year's writing yet with more pleasure do we anticipate the compilation of the four coming numbers of the NATIONAL AMATEUR, in the editorial chair of which we were again placed by the generous vote of our amateur brothers at the late Washington convention. We deplore, with the rest of Amateurdum, the confusion at the convention which prevented steps being taken for the enlargement of the official organ, but will endeavor to make up in contents what we lack in quantity. Proud as we are of the greetings with which last year's issues met, and grateful for the kind notices extended by exchanges, we take yet more pride in our second term, and hope that with new vigor added to experience, we may, if such a thing be possible, repay the National Association in some manner for its compliments.

Afterthoughts.

By the misconstruction of a clause in the constitution, nearly all the amateurs who joined our association at Washington thought it only necessary to pay the initiation fee of one dollar, leaving the other dollar for dues until they should see fit to send it to the treasurer. This "mistake"—for mistake it must have been—because known only when it was too late to rectify it; and so the association lost some twenty odd dollars, which, in all probability, the treasurer will never see. The clause so badly translated was one providing for old members who may or may not be present at meetings, but who can keep up their membership (unless removed on account of fossilization) by the payment of the annual dollar at any time within three months from the date of a convention. It cannot be applied to new members,

who are expected to pay the round sum of two dollars, with no discretionary reserve in the bargain.

Such blunders as the above, which arose at the late convention, together with the despotic bonds placed on all actions by the wording of the new constitution, quickly convinced us that the aforesaid document was not such a paragon of perfection after all. And here arises the pertinent question, "who shall decide when doctors disagree?" Who may be referee, to whose judgment shall be submitted disputed sections and by whose decisions the association may abide? In corporations, the attorney for the corporation is the judge to whom all disputed matters are referred. In the N. A. P. A., why should not the official editor be given the task? This is not said for "Buncombe;" we speak for our successor, for by the time such a privilege is granted, we shall have gone out of office. Anyhow, it is very evident that a disputed point in the rules that govern us can never be settled by the association as a body, and any attempt to vote the meaning of a clause would be, in every case, decided by whatever party that might be in the majority, to serve, and only to serve their pending interests.

The galling dictations of that despotic document—enthusiastically hailed a year ago as the "new constitution"—were so oppressively felt at the late meeting that the delegates soon realized the white elephant on their hands, which increased in bulk every moment. (The elephant, not the hands. Pardon us.) It was found quite impossible to make head or tail of the "State ballots," and so the election (as everybody supposed it would be) was thrown to the house, and the constitutional plan then and there declared impracticable. Every amateur present was "unanimous" for enlarging the official organ, and yet it was found that it could not be done, or even the size of type changed without an amendment to that constitution. And how could it be amended? Only by submitting the amendment *one day*, having it read the *second day*, and then wait a *year* before it could be voted upon. In that time an amendment would dry up and blow away.

So everybody declared that such an iron-clad and arbitrary set of rules were never seen, and wondered greatly at the blindness of the Chicago convention in allowing such a yoke to be slipped on their necks. It could not be touched without a series of parliamentary technicalities which one party in the room were unwilling to waive, and another party quite as unwilling to wait for. It was found to be the most high handed, unapproachable, obstinate document that ever man or amateur conceived. Finally, quite in dismay at the valuable time already flittered away over the smallest of small quarrels, and the probability of at least

two more days session before an attempted amendment could be even as much as seconded, the Washington conventionites, eager to see the wonders of the beautiful city, gave up in disgust and left the whole matter to be decided at Cincinnati, left the NATIONAL AMATEUR too small to be proud of, left the iron-clad rules still in force, dropping no old ones and establishing no new ones. So that, unless the convention of '80 waive formalities and waive precedents by destroying entirely our white elephant, that bulky (or balky) animal will be quite likely to remain with us two years more before an amendment can be introduced, voted upon by States separately and finally adopted by a convention a year later, made up, in ten chances to one, of amateurs of an entirely different mould of sentiment from those of the year preceeding.

A Model Meeting.

Probably the pleasantest affair that occurred in connection with this year's conventions, was the literary entertainment of the Eastern A. P. A. in the parlors of Mrs. E. E. Briggs' residence on Capitol Hill. Arriving in a body, the young gentlemen were introduced by John Edson, son of the hostess, who welcomed each one most cordially. The boys separated into congenial groups for conversation and singing, which was carried on with great zest until order was called for the exercises of the evening. We were delighted with the character and ability displayed by the speakers, and particularly enjoyed the debate on Cremation vs. Interment, in a vote, on which, bye-the-bye, cremation came out ahead. Nor will we ever forget DuHamel's childlike rendition of "Mary had a little lamb!" which brought down the house. Del Gee's prize medal, a gold maltese cross, for the best sketch, was given to Geo. W. Baidon. Delicate refreshments followed, and this most model meeting adjourned with a high regard for the hospitality of the cultivated mistress of "Maplewood."

As no official report of the proceedings of the last convention of the N. A. P. A. have been sent to the official editor, it cannot be expected that this journal should publish one. Last year the editor wrote the report himself, but is, necessarily, a transgression, being unofficial. The new secretary states that he has not the report in his possession as yet. Verily, the mills of the N. A. P. A. grind slowly.

—Still another. Briggs, himself, is a reporter on the Washington daily *Republican*.

—Alexandria, Va., is a very dry place, but for one thing, and eight amateurs can vouch for the authenticity of that.

—A Nebraska A. P. A. to meet at Lincoln, during the State Fair, is talked of. It could muster a dozen.

THE NEWS,

Amateur Press Associations.

The Third Semi-Annual Convention of the Eastern A. P. A., met at Washington, July 15th electing the following new board of officers: president, G. W. Baidon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 1st vice-prest., J. F. DuHamel, Washington; 2d vice-prest., C. F. Crosby, Milford, N. H.; rec. secretary, F. N. Reeve, Newark, N. J.; cor. secretary, A. B. Perry, Norfolk, Va.; treasurer, R. Topham, Washington; official editor, M. B. Tausig, Harrisburg, Pa. A committee was appointed to complete arrangements for publishing an Amateur History. The next meeting is to be held in Boston, probably in January.

The Third Semi-Annual Convention of the Southeastern A. P. A. was held at Washington, July 14th. Election as follows: president, John E. Overton, Portsmouth, Va.; 1st vice-prest., J. M. Howard, New Berne, N. C.; 2d vice-prest., W. C. Potter, Alexandria, Va.; 3d vice-prest., O. L. Williams, Richmond, Va.; cor. secretary, J. R. Tucker, Washington; rec. secretary, C. R. Waller, Washington; official editor, Thos. J. Hope, Norfolk, Va. An official organ will be published by the association in which each State association connected with the S. E. A. P. A., will be allowed one column. Next meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, December, 27th.

The Western A. P. A. has been postponed by president Harrison from Aug. 6th to Sept. 24th, when it will meet at St. Louis.

The Editors' Lyceum met in Washington on July 18th, electing as officers for the ensuing year, president, W. W. Winslow, Punxsutawney, Pa.; vice-prest., F. N. Reeve, Newark, N. J.; sec. and treas., C. S. Elgutter, Omaha, Neb. No official organ will be printed this year.

The National A. P. A.'s Enemies.

All good institutions have enemies—the National A. P. A. has many enemies—therefore by following these often verified premises we might easily come to a correct conclusion.

That all good institutions *do* have those continually desiring their downfall is an easily proven fact, and it is shown over and over again in history, one of the most prominent being the burning of the temple of Diana by Erastatus, who did this merely to establish his name in history, and he succeeded, although the name he bears is not at all creditable to him. That all good institutions or association *should* have enemies, can be seen by a little reasoning. A man with a small, low disposition upon attempting to secure a position or some object and failing in the end, immediately desires the destruction of

that object, and does all in his power towards accomplishing his nefarious wish.

Our National A. P. A. being a good institution has from necessity many enemies, who would gladly see it abolished and overthrown. Enemies from three causes; yet all can be traced to selfish desires being unsatisfied.

The first class of enemies are of the dog-in-the-manger style, who running for positions and failing, immediately desire the association's destruction, and exert themselves to their utmost towards accomplishing it. When the two women came before Solomon, the one with the dead and the other with the living child, both claiming the latter; the mother of the dead child eagerly desired the living one slain. This is a parallel case to our dog-in-the-manger amateur.

Our second class are on the Erastatus order, believing that by attacking our chief association they can gain notoriety—and so they can, all who attempt it, but alas! it will be dearly bought, and once secured found to be an article extremely common.

The third class who wish the National abolished, are, perhaps, the most excusable of all. They being unable to attend our conventions raise a hue and cry that the association does no good and should be done away with. To this class also belong the habitual growlers found in every position of life, persons who would quarrel about the passage, were a free entrance to Heaven offered them.

All three classes have, however, one common end—the destruction of our principal association, the National A. P. A. We can only guard against such characters as we would against so many vipers until they make themselves known, when they can be shunned and abhorred. The only way to defeat these is by working in unison, and presenting a front that cannot be overcome. Let every true amateur having the good of the cause at heart stand by its chief support and denounce the hypocrites as they become known.—*Arthur B. Perry.*

Audacious Amateurs.

Mount Vernon, (accent on the last syllable?) was the object of an excursion during the 'vention, of course. To fully appreciate the old homestead with its queer rooms, to drink in the spirit of the very air which surrounds the former home of George Washington, and to fully enjoy the scenery with its sacred associations, one must be alone, or at least with sympathetic friends. But with amateur editors off on a lark, never! No, *never*. For of all the wicked puns on the surroundings, atrocious stories of every relic displayed, capers on the lawn, and exciting searches after "that cherry tree," never ever equalled those of July 17th last.

Like a flock of sheep they "followed the leader" from cellar to garret. At one time a grand rush was instituted to

view the "original" cook of George W., and the boys all filed by a window and stared at an indignant old colored woman who was kneading bread. Then an aged darkey, who was born on the place, and dipped water from the "original" well for strangers, was interviewed by our crowd, one at a time, after the manner of Mark Twain's party at the grave of Columbus. Pretty soon another cry was raised that the "original" nurse had certainly been found, and another old aunty was gazed at, much to her astonishment.

Many people beside the conventionites came down on the steamer, and as the guide pointed out interesting spots or explained the curiosities, continual inquiries were made by the boys for "Georgie's hatchet;" "show us George's hatchet," but unavailingly. A fowl was caught by a delegate from New Jersey, and displayed as the "original" rooster that crowed for independence. Then half the boys wanted to try a swim in the Potomac, and half didn't, and finally all backed out; then a big snake was killed, (so 'tis said), and finally they all composed themselves in striking attitudes and had a highly artistic sketch taken of the crowd.

—Chas. E. Chapin, an old time editor of Hamburg, Iowa, now owns an interest in the *Hotel World*, a large and wealthy advertising journal of Chicago. We acknowledge a call.

—The gentlemanly clerk at the Palmer House in Chicago, says he is "glad the boys had a good time last year." Ahem, he's very forgiving.

—Roland B. Gelatt, formerly of the *Gate City Amateur*, Keokuk, Iowa, is in the War Department, Washington.

—The Hub Amateur Journalists' Club will not convene again until October. Vacation now.

—Will Hall has forsaken Amateurdum and now slings his lively Faber as a reporter on the *Chicago Tribune*. They all do it.

The Napa sat at Washington; and ate; And sat again; which acts are much the same;

In consequence,—they try to make ends meat,—

A meet attempt. The new elected Board

Wood surely fill their office with that grace

The dignity demands—or walk the plank.

We then

Will stride on Sinsinatti, where our Clark

Fortells forbearance, sweet. There will we load

The street car down, laden with pretty girls.

Which costs us more than Clark has prophesied,

For on the fare we lose five cents, enough,

But on the fair,—five senses!