

### Massachusetts Items.

Gardner R. Kennedy, formerly with Frank P. Brown, informs the writer that he will probably locate in Worcester, Mass. He hopes to open business with a fine stock in a down town store, making a specialty of United States issues.

President Weaver of the Sons of Philatelia has appointed E. B. Horn, jr., resident vice president of the society for Mass.

A fraud by the name of Lyman J. Hastings and giving reference to the Suffolk National bank has furnished Boston with considerable free advertising during the past month.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, held January 18th, was marked by a splendid attendance. Over fifty were present, including such old timers as Messrs. Trifet and Holton. Pres. Van Derlip presided. The reports of the officers showed a splendid financial condition and numerically over two hundred and fifty members. The treasury is strong to the extent of \$400. A. W. Dunning, Cambridge, was elected to membership and G. A. Flagg, manager of the Liberty Stamp Co., was proposed for membership. The newly elected officers for 1898 are: Pres., W. C. Van Derlip; vice president, H. E. Woodward; secretary, Geo. L. Toppan; treasurer, L. L. Green; superintendent of auction sales, E. L. Smiley; exchange manager, J. F. Johnson; board of directors, Edward A. Stevens, H. Corbett, M. H. Lombard, S. R. Sircom and E. P. Sturgis.

The next meeting of the B. P. S. will observe the anniversary of the society and a very interesting programme has been prepared. Mr. John N. Luff, New York, and Mr. Francis Foster, Boston, are to take the prominent parts in the evening's entertainment. The members will be prominent when the refreshments are served.

Willard O. Wylie, Boston, is now

manager of the Boston Stamp Book. The February number is to appear February 15th and March number on time.

New England is favored with five handsome representatives of the philatelic press. We refer to the Eastern Philatelist, Weekly Era, Perforator, Philatelic Bulletin and the Stamp Book.

Drew's gilt-edged sale on the evenings of January 19 and 20 was eminently successful. Our department will not give us space to make extended quotations. His twenty second auction sale will be held Monday evening, January 31st, in Elks' hall, Boston.

The Springfield society has about fifty members in good standing. It is one of the best local societies in the state.

J. Francis Bowen, 39 St. James Avenue, Boston, has been posted for membership in the S. of P.

Howard Paine has been elected secretary of the O. C. P. S. and Otto C. Cliff exchange superintendent.

Boston, January 20th, 1898.

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