

ACROSS THE LINE.

Massachusetts Items.

BY HERBERT GILE.

It is generally conceded by New England collectors that the affairs of the D. P. A. are somewhat mixed. While we have not heard any sweeping declarations for either candidate (candidates no longer) nevertheless it is certain Mr. Muirhead has gained friends by the petty maliciousness with which some writers are attacking him.

The new New Foundland issue is all the rage at present. It is now about time for a new set to appear.

We have noticed that a certain G. Kohn, of Detroit, Mich. has been arrested as a stamp swindle. It was our experience last April to receive several letters from him requesting stamps on approval. As the tone of his letters did not suit, we communicated with a prominent Detroit firm and as a result did not get caught up. We wish that many other shady characters could be put in a "cooler" as Mr. Muirhead aptly puts it.

We notice that the Weekly contains a short piece declaring that "ambitious pen-pushers" have usually noted that the coming season is to take on great dimensions. Whether this is so or not (we take McKeel's as law down this way) it is pretty near a truth in saying that the prospects are certainly bright.

They must have a very poor

postal service in Peru. No discredit to the authorities though.

Chicago Notes.

BY CHICAGOAN.

Chicago may have a new stamp paper. Mr. Lewis Robie will publish the Stamp Hunter if, after "Stamp Hunting" is out, he can find sufficient time to devote to it.

On interviewing several of the post office clerks all of them say that there will be no more Omahas placed on sale here. If the other large cities are in the same position as Chicago in not having any more Omahas they are not likely to be so common as the Columbians.

Mr. S. T. S. Doncyson, secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society has shown me a partial sheet of the one cent documentary which is not rouletted horizontally, only the vertical rouletting shows. These stamps have a ready sale at 25 cents per pair.

There are many hobbies in this world. A young lady has the most numerous collection of baggage labels in the world. In the album in which the specimens are pasted are to be found labels from all parts of the globe.

A Boston lady has a collection of curious and famous shoes, outrivaling the specimens in both number and interest gathered together in the Cluny museum, Paris. Her little hobby has cost her up to the present time \$12,-

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