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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Massachusetts Items.

Notwithstanding the amount of criticism that has been showered on the Omahas and new revenues, the public has taken kindly to both issues, the Omahas because of their variety and beauty and the revenues because—well because the people had to. Of course some people, for instance express companies, have tried to transfer revenue obligations from their shoulders to the pocket books of their patrons, but the courts have protested in an emphatic manner. Boston dealers assert that our new stamps are proving a blessing in these very dull times.

Several times since the Omahas appeared, the Boston Post-Office has exhausted its supply of the lower values, and this too in face of the fact that they are supplied only on demand.

An inverted surcharge has been discovered in this city, in fact both the 1c and 2c, surcharged in the same manner, have been unearthed by the New England Stamp Co. It seems that they were discovered in the stock assigned M. R. Warren & Co., stationers.

The convention of the A. P. A. to be held in New York in August will not prove a very great attraction to Boston philatelists. I learn that Mr. Batchelder will attend, but I have yet to find a second delegate.

Two new papers are reported. The Bay State Philatelist I have not seen. The New England Philatelist has appeared from Jamaica Plain and is a small eight page paper, one column to the page. The initial number is

a typical first number and we shall expect rapid improvement.

Willard O. Wylie, who has been corresponding for the Metropolitan Philatelist, will report Boston news in the future for Mekeel's News.

Hon. F. F. Olney, Providence, R. I., visited the rooms of some of our dealers last month.

Ernest M. Carpenter has returned from a trip to the west, where he has been gone some four weeks.

Several of our dealers are laying in a stock of the Canadian maple leaf issue, with the idea that this issue will be good property in the near future.

Philatelic Literature announces a change in its management by which Lewis H. Benton retires. I understand Mr. Benton contemplates a literary venture of some kind.

The Lowell Philatelic Society is showing remarkable signs of activity, by holding regular monthly meetings during the summer.

At the meeting, July 6, while no new members were admitted a very enjoyable session was held. The secretary of the society, Charles E. Edson, is a very active and interested member.

My letter will not contain this month very much in the way of news. You know this is very "dry" weather. I will try to do better next time. Good luck and prosperity to the MESSENGER in its new home.

BURNHAM.

With the September number, the Pennsylvania Philatelist is to be incorporated with the Perforator.