

### Massachusetts Items.

The Boston Philatelic Society, after adjourning over the summer months, has resumed its meetings. The September meeting was marked by an excellent attendance of members though most of the officers were absent. There were several propositions for membership, one that of C. F. Rothfuchs, formerly of Washington, now located at 66 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Rev. J. L. Kilbon read a paper relating to certain unpaid letter stamps of Uruguay. There was no auction sale.

W. H. Suydam, a New York collector, was a recent visitor to the Hub; also C. A. Needham of Hamilton, Can.

Considering that the book was only about 5 x 9 inches in size, the writer felt considerable interest in examining the more than \$30,000 worth of stamps contained therein, and found at the office of the New England Stamp Co. Mr. Carpenter exhibits the rarities with a keen sense of the pleasure they awaken. On one cover are two St. Louis, priced at \$3000. Mr. Batchelder reports his New York, Philadelphia and Washington trip as very successful.

The Old Colony Philatelic Society held its fiftieth meeting October 6th, and took steps toward the formation of an insurance fund for the exchange department. Fred Perry, Attleboro, was listed in membership and J. W. Chadderton, Mansfield, and B. P. Thomas, Pemberton, N. J., resigned.

Massachusetts has several candidates for official recognition at the annual convention of the S. of P. to be held at Nashville, Tenn., this month. For treasurer, Geo. M. Frame; for superintendent of sales, Charles E. Shaw; for attorney, I. A. Wainwright; for purchasing agent, Gardner R. Kennedy. They may not all be elected.

The first auction sale of the season was held in Elk's Hall, Tuesday, September 28th. Four hundred lots were disposed of by the Colonial Stamp Co. in less than two hours, the sale being very successful from the buyers' standpoint. There were no stamps that

brought catalogue price. We don't think much of auction sales as giving a fair estimate of the value of stamps, yet the craze for prices is so great, that we append a few comparisons:

		Cat. price.	Sold for.
1861	U. S. 3c, pink, fine copy, used	\$3 00	\$1 75
1869	do 10c, reprint, unused	12 50	2 00
1870	do 6c, fine used copy	4 00	1 50
1870	do 10c, national, unused	20 00	3 50
1875	do 6c, used, ribbed paper	5 00	1 25
1891	do \$1.00, unwm'ked, used (four)	8 00	2 00
	U. S. carrier, Scott's No. 423, unused	7 00	1 40
	do justice 3c, unused, o g	2 00	90
	do do 12c, do	3 50	1 50
	do navy, 12c, used	2 00	0 65
	do do 12c, unused, o g	2 50	1 10
	do do 15c, do	3 50	1 60
	do agriculture, 12c, used	8 00	2 00
	do do 21c, do	4 00	1 60
	do do 1c, unused, o g	1 00	1 75
	do do 12c, do	10 00	4 00
	do do 15c, do	4 00	1 60
	Prince Edward Island 4c, green	8 00	1 10
	British Bechuanaland, 2sh, unused, o g	4 00	1 10
	do do 2sh 6p, do	4 00	1 05

Between five and six hundred dollars were realized from the sale. The second sale will take place Tuesday, October 26th.

A new stamp paper has appeared from Salem and is called the Philatelic Bulletin. It is published by the Naumkeag Stamp Company, and C. A. Hall is editor.

B. L. Drew & Co. will hold their nineteenth auction sale of stamps October 18th. There are in all 330 lots of which about 200 are United States. This firm held ten sales last season.

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