

## Local Items.

The 1 cent and 3 cent stamps with numerals in lower corners have been placed on sale here.  
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Stamp business continues to hold good although dealers say the summer months are generally very dull.  
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Various writers said there would be six contestants for the D. P. A. Official organ, but we notice there were but three nominated.  
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What is needed now is a stamp club. There are numerous collectors who would be willing to come and make it a success. Can't someone start it?  
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We were pleased to have Mr. Chas. Needham of Hamilton, call on us the other week. He came to buy Jubilees and new issue, but as his visit was an unexpected one the dealers were not ready for him. When going to pay us a visit again kindly let us know.  
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Mr. R. A. Oswald, lately a publisher of this paper and who has resided here for a number of years, left the other week for Sacramento, California where he intends going into the sheep raising business. His first stop is at Chicago, where he will remain for a few weeks to transact some business with dealers there. From Chicago he goes to Sacramento. He will continue in the stamp business and his ad, small or great, will always be found in this Magazine. We wish him success in his new home.

## Massachusetts Items..

BY HERBERT GILE.

There seems to be much indecision concerning the Omaha issue. We were first informed that they were to be bi-colored. Later we were told, that, through lack of time, they would be of one color, and lastly we find that in all probability they will not be placed on sale until late in June; but it is more than likely that the labels cannot be purchased until late into July. Who can blame the weary collectors who complains at this delay?

This summer promises to be a lively one in philatelic circles. Especially so is this true of the dealer advertising extensively at this season and wins his rival's trade.

Will the kind friend who sent a stone through the mail kindly forward the "chink" and square up? The charges amount to 48c.

Someone is putting forth a strong effort to "boom" the stamps of Hayti. It is the belief of many serious collectors that this "booming" of the stamps of certain countries is an evil. Perhaps so.

Dealers claim that U. S. Rev. stamps will be the rage shortly as the new one will bring added interest to them

If it appears to the reader that my last to remarks are rather inconsistent, he should bear in mind the fact that I write what is so, rather than that which we could desire.