## Massachusetts Items.

The Springfield Philatelic Society has adopted a resolution protesting against the issue of stamps in honour of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. The Boston society has done likewise. Philatelic societies may protest, but the government keeps right on, carrying its original intention into effect.

The Postal Card Society of America elects new officers in March. Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, and John N. Morse, Boston, are the Massachusetts members who are slated for official position. The society numbers nearly 100 members.

Boston dealers report business good and feel satisfied that philately is on the threshold of greater activity than has marked its course for a number of years. Some of the new dealers are showing brains and business in the use of printers' ink, and mail order returns are very satisfactory. The work of the New England Stamp Co. in sending its manager, Mr. A. W. Batchelder, across the continent, speaks volumes for the business enterprise of this firm.

W. L Brown, Springfield, in a letter to the writer, expresses strong desire to revive his Worcester Co. Philatelist. His business duties just at present make it impossible for him to grapple with the undertaking.

We regret our space will not permit us to give all the good things said at the anniversary celebration of the Boston Philatelic Society held on Tuesday eve, Feb. 15, in Elks Hall. The night was a very stormy one, yet the hall was filled with philatelists and their friends who had assembled to enjoy the good things that were planned for them, as already (Continued on page 41.)



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