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### Editorial.

In the December number of the "Philatelic Advocate" we noticed an article in the editorial column taken from the Wesley Era which explained how the controversy between the Halifax Philatelic Magazine and the Advocate was stopped by no less personage than the Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster General. We think. Mr. Starnaman that this is too much of a boast on your part. Your paper, surely, is not so good that even the Postmaster General has fallen in love with it. It is likely it would need a little stitching and better printing before that took place.

The editor would be pleased to receive for publication letters of interest to collectors from our readers.

#### Nebraska Notes.

Mr. S. W. Hacker of Auburn, Neb., was married recently. Mr. Hacker is the honorary-president of the Nebraska Philatelic Society. We extend to him our congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. B. C. Smith is business manager of a stamp company recently organized in Beaver City, under the head of the Nebraska Stamp Co. We hope the company will succeed in every respect.

The Kid, Beaver City, has been given the office of official organ to the Nebraska Philatelic Society. Mr. Shephard, publisher of the Omaha Philatelic, resigned about three months ago.

The Nebraska collectors have secured room in the Nebraska building at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to exhibit stamps.

## Special Postage Rates.

Mr. Mulock, Postmaster General, announced some time ago that it was his aim to reduce the postage rates. Lately he gave out that the rate, after Jan. 1st, 1898, to Great Britain would be three cents in place of five. However, when he communicated with the British Parliament they told him that by the Treaty of the Universal Postage Union he could not change the rate of postage without first obtaining the consent of all the nations named in the Treaty.

Dhar, a native Indian State, which has a population of 170,000 and an area of 1775 square miles, has issued a set of stamps.