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JOB PRINTING. The Job Department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work. PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO LAW PRINTING.

The suggestion to change the date of inaugurating the president has been revived, and the commissioners of the District of Columbia will try to enlist public interest in the matter.

A marked feature of the times in the transportation world is the rapid increase of trolley roads. It is more noticeable in the east than in the west, and the more densely populated the country the more rapid the development of trolley roads.

Some one has discovered that sunstroke is also the work of a microbe of peculiar shape and kind. It only remains now to find the germ which causes people to freeze to death in winter time.

"Viseogen," the new compound used in adulterating milk, is composed of sugar, lime and water. The lime in the compound, turned by the lactic acid of the milk into a white, thick substance, aided by the sugar, gives the adulterated milk the appearance of great richness.

Volcanic eruptions in various parts of the earth show that the universal excessive heat has been due to the fact that Mother Nature has chosen this time to bake an unusually large baking in her subterranean oven.

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The Porto Rican regiment, composed of natives of that island, commanded by American officers, has outlived all the other volunteer regiments, and by special permission is to be continued on the rolls of the army, it being very likely that the organization will ultimately be incorporated into the regular establishment.

This is not the only country that has labor troubles. An elaborate report just published by the statistical bureau of France shows that during 1900 there were 902 strikes in that country, in which 222,714 workers took part, at a loss of 3,760,577 days' wages.

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AMERICAN FUTURE TRADE.

Paucity of Free Trade Facilities About Foreign Business Conditions.

The Baltimore Sun professes to regard with apprehension the future of American trade. It is unnecessary after making this statement to inform the reader that the Sun is devoted to the ideas inculcated by Cobden. It is only the free traders in this country who are seriously concerned themselves about the vapourings of foreigners, who are dissatisfied because the United States has become a competitor in markets which they once fancied could be securely held by themselves.

It is the failure to keep this latter fact in mind that causes American free traders to make many stupid blunders in discussing the question of the expansion of our exports. They invariably assume that Europe is in precisely the same position as the United States, and that it can safely and economically resort to the imposition of heavy import taxes.

It is absurd, therefore, for the Sun to indulge in such puerilities as the following: "Europe is compelled to attempt to buy our grain and our meat products, but if it should become independent of us in these particulars the American farmer and cattle raiser would at once feel the shrinkage in the demand for their products."

Nothing could be further from the truth than the implication of the Sun that patriotism has been appealed to or is depended upon by Americans to support the manufacturing industries of this country. The policy of protection rests on no such shaky foundation. It is built upon the firm belief that the imposition of high duties encourages the development of domestic resources, and that the result must necessarily be a cheapening of manufactured products by bringing the mine, the field, the factory and the consumer close together.

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TOWNE TAKES A TUMBLE.

Bryan's Former Running Mate Experiences a Change of Heart and Pocket.

Charles A. Towne's repudiation of the silver issue is attracting almost as much attention as the same action taken by the Ohio democracy. And naturally. He has been one of Mr. Bryan's principal advisers, and would have been Mr. Bryan's yokemate in last year's campaign if the Kansas City convention had been as logical and courageous as the situation demanded.

A few years ago he was sent to congress by a Minnesota district. He was what is called "a sprightly man"—ready of speech and a good campaigner. But he had no reputation as a student of finance. Still the financial question was the first to attract him in congress, and the result was his leaving the republican party and going over to the party of silver.

But shall we call this man a financier? Are his views on the money question of any particular value one way or another? A few months in congress changes him from sound money to silver. A few months in New York changes him from silver back to sound money again.

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THE DIE IS CAST.

A General Strike Order Is Issued by President Shaffer.

All Members of the Amalgamated Association Employed in the Mills Owned by the United States Steel Corporation are Ordered to Cease Work on August 10.

Pittsburg, Aug. 7.—The die is cast. The battle of the giants is on in earnest. Up to last evening it had been merely a skirmish, each side trying to find the vulnerable spot in the other's armor.

The strike call includes practically all Amalgamated men in the United States Steel Corporation's employ now on strike. It was issued from the Amalgamated's headquarters and mailed to all Amalgamated lodge officials, who are expected to call their men into the strike.

"Brethren: The officials of the United States Steel Corporation have refused to recognize as union men those who are now striving for the right to organize. The executive board has authorized me to call upon all Amalgamated and other union men in name to join in the movement to fight for labor's rights."

"No notice has been or is being sent to the managers of the mills. We think their notice has come from the other side and that they have had warning of this ever since the inauguration of the strike. That ought to be sufficient."

The order given above is expected to swell the number of idle men to over 100,000 at the end of the week. President Shaffer was asked if the call was intended to go to the union men of the Carnegie Steel Co. He said that he could answer no questions on that score. The Amalgamated has lodges in the upper and lower Union mills of the Carnegie Co. and a foothold in the Homestead, Duquesne and Braddock mills.

Pittsburg, Aug. 9.—The contending sides in the steel strike are centering their energies for a show of strength on the day that the general strike becomes effective. The United States Steel Corporation is re-opening mills closed by the first strike call, to show its independence of unionism and gathering strength wherever it may to lighten the effect of the general strike order.

Wood Knows His Business. Fort Hill, O. T., Aug. 7.—John Wood, of Weatherford, O. T., who drew No. 1 in the Lawton land district, created a sensation at the land office yesterday when, in filing his claim, he chose 160 acres running the entire length of the town site on the south.

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HAD FUN WITH THE PARSON.

Incidentally That Functionary Worked Off a Little Jollity on the Cowboy.

A clerical friend of mine told me a capital story of a Yale man who was the stroke ore of his crew, and the chief athlete on the football field, says a writer in the New York Times.

He entered the ministry and spent years in missionary labor in the far west. Walking one day through a frontier town, a cowboy stepped up to him and said: "Parson, you don't have enough fun. Take a drink!"

"Parson, you don't have enough fun. Take a drink!" The minister declined. "Parson," said the cowboy, "you'll die if you don't have some fun."

Curfew Law Invalid. County Judge Smith at St. Paul, Neb., has declared the Nebraska curfew law unconstitutional. A week ago four young women, daughters in each instance of prominent families, engaged in a charivari. All are grown, but of an age which brings them within the provisions of the curfew ordinance.

The Chip Off the Block.—"I can tell you one thing, Maria. If Johnny is like me, he will have good staying qualities, anyhow."

Not a Congenial Pursuit.—"And will you devote your son to art?" "No. He has too good an appetite."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Muffins with Dates.

Remove the seeds from half a pound of dates, and chop the flesh fine. Beat two tablespoonsful of butter to a cream, add the dates and two eggs well beaten. Stir all together and add one cupful of milk. Sift three cupfuls of flour with two level teaspoonsful of baking powder and one teaspoonful of salt. Mix to the liquid ingredients, pour into well buttered iron muffin-pans, and bake half an hour in a quick oven. Good hot or cold; nice for children's lunch.—Ladies' World, New York.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn? Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes Feel Easy. Cures Corns, Itching, Swollen, Hot, Callous, Smarting, Sore and Sweating Feet. All Druggists and Shoe Stores sell it, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

So Say We All—MeJigger—"You don't mean to say you believe in divorce?" Thingumbob—"Well, I do in the case of the man who is wedded to his opinions."—Philadelphia Press.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N. Y., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

After a railway collision we generally read that "the line was blocked for some hours." If the line had been "blocked" before, the collision would not have occurred.—Ally Sloper.

Relieve Whooping Cough With Hoxsie's Croup Cure. Nonarsenic. 50cts.

An Unkind Cut.—Tess—"Do you think the cut of my skirt pretty?" Jess—"Yes, indeed; very." Tess—"Do you, really?" Jess—"Yes; I had two like that when they were in style."—Philadelphia Press.

Any place with just the right pair in it is as much of a paradise as was the Garden of Eden.—Good Cheer.

FRAGRANT SOZODONT a perfect liquid dentifrice for the Teeth and Mouth. New Size SOZODONT LIQUID, 25c. SOZODONT TOOTH POWDER, 25c. Large LIQUID and POWDER, 75c. 25c. At all Stores, or by Mail for the price. HALL & RUCKEL, New York.

SKIN TORTURES And every Distressing Irritation of the Skin and Scalp Instantly Relieved by a Bath with Cuticura SOAP. And a single anointing with CUTICURA, the great skin cure and purest of emollients. This treatment, when followed in severe cases by mild doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, to cool and cleanse the blood, is the most speedy, permanent, and economical cure for torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusted, and pimply skin and scalp humours with loss of hair ever compounded. Millions of Women USE CUTICURA SOAP, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough, and sore hands, for baby rashes, itchings, and chafings, in the form of baths for annoying irritations and inflammations, or too free or offensive perspiration, in the form of washes for ulcerative weaknesses, and many sanative antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to women and mothers, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. No amount of persuasion can induce those who have once used these great skin purifiers and beautifiers to use any others. CUTICURA SOAP combines delicate emollient properties derived from CUTICURA, the great skin cure, with the purest of cleansing ingredients and the most refreshing of flower odours. It unites in ONE SOAP at ONE PRICE, the BEST skin and complexion soap, and the BEST toilet and baby soap in the world. Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humour, Consisting of CUTICURA SOAP, to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales, and soften the thickened cuticle; CUTICURA OINTMENT, to instantly allay itching, inflammation, and irritation, and soothe and heal; and CUTICURA RESOLVENT, to cool and cleanse the blood. A SINGLE SET is often sufficient to cure the most torturing humours, with loss of hair, when all else fails. Sold throughout the world. English Depot: CHAS. COOKE & SONS, 27 and 28, Charterhouse Sq., London, E. C. FOSTER DRUG AND CHEM. CO., Sole Props., Boston, U. S. A.