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JOB PRINTING. The Job department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work.

Germany heads the list as a reading nation, and Russia is falling to zero. In 1893 23,697 books were published in Germany, as compared with 8,082 in Russia.

The biggest monkey ever exhibited is a gorilla 6 feet 10 inches high, with an arm spread of 9 feet 3 inches.

The new Springfield rifle is probably the most effective military arm in the world. At a distance of fifty feet it penetrates fifty-five one-inch pine boards placed one inch apart.

The production of coal in Belgium is one of its richest resources. The pronounced capability of the miners, experts for generations, brings from the earth's recesses an annual production of 23,000,000 tons.

Six women and four men were sentenced by the Paris criminal court recently to terms of imprisonment for a series of ingenious swindles by which they represented that they were legatees and executors of fortunes which legal difficulties alone prevented them from enjoying.

Three men in Paris, whose names are well known in the scientific world, are projecting a balloon voyage across the Atlantic. They are Capassa, the aeronaut; Berget Sorbonne and M. Reclus, the famous geographer.

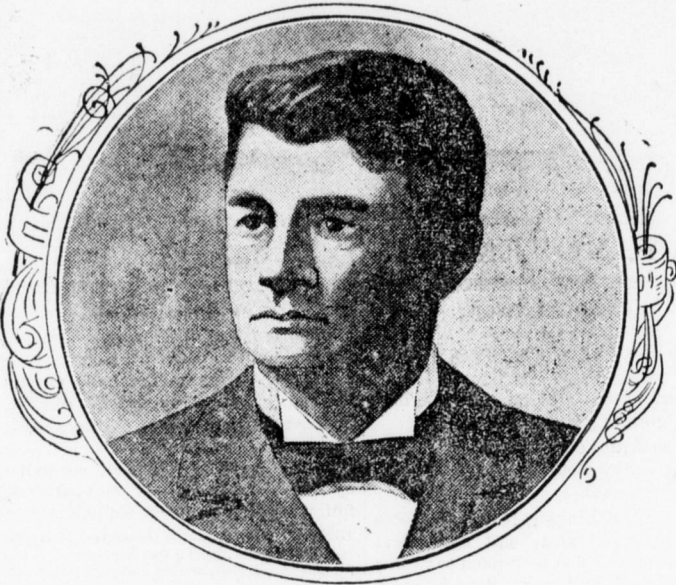
Notwithstanding the fact that women reach a greater age than men they have proved a losing venture to life insurance companies. Women are not prone to the excesses, nor exposed to the rough weather, nor liable to the accidents which shorten life.

Mrs. Overton, who lives near Gleason, Tenn., went to town the other day for the purpose of seeing a passenger train. She is 90 years old and has lived within 15 miles of the railway nearly all her life.

Dr. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the agricultural department, seems bent on finding out whether or not the chemicals used in curing meats and embalming beef are injurious to health.

Postmaster-General Payne has approved the new design for a two-cent stamp, which will succeed the flag stamp. The latter stamp has been in use about six months, and it has been greatly criticized by hundreds.

HON. J. FRANK HANLEY.



Mr. Hanley, who is a prominent member of the bar at Lafayette, has recently announced himself as a republican candidate for governor of Indiana.

WOMEN LAWYERS IN FRANCE.

Admission of Ladies to Bar Has Had Good Results on Manners of Opposing Advocates.

Since the Paris bar has been open to women, not a few members of the fair sex have taken advantage of the new privilege accorded to them to plead at the Palais de Justice, says an exchange.

The pioneer in this direction was Mile. Chauvin, whose debut as "advocate" excited a great deal of attention, and whose presence in the cap and gown made a great sensation at the Palais.

But the other day two women lawyers found themselves antagonists in a case. It was funny to see the embar-

AN ACROBATIC STATESMAN.

Congressman Who Is Said to Burst His Suspecters Every Time He Makes a Speech.

The most vehement speaker in congress in recent times was Representative Brosius, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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TURTLES BORN BEFORE CHRIST.



The oldest living inhabitants of the earth are believed to be a family of turtles which have recently been exhibited in London. The youngest is a trifle over 2,000 years old.

Assessment of the judges, for each lawyer did her best to captivate the bench. Unhappily the bench could not get out of the scrape by awarding the victory to both sides, so the chivalrous judges took refuge under a well-known formula and reserved their decision for a fortnight.

Nerve System of the Army. The signal corps claims to be the nerve system of the army. Telegraphy, telephony, ballooning and heliography are its specialties.

Potatoes Versus Education. Pennsylvania farmers refuse to pay more than \$20 per month for school teachers, but are offering \$2 a day for men to dig potatoes.

In Crowded New York. The tenement inspectors in New York city have found over 325,000 occupied rooms which have neither light nor ventilation.

Funds Belonging to Other Banks. The 45 national banks of New York city hold from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 deposits of other banks.

Colt Must "Pony." Rhode Island republicans have nominated Col. Colt for governor he will have to pony up for campaign expenses.

Trees Are Taxed. In certain parts of Syria, Palestine and Arabia the fig trees and date palms are counted and a tax is levied on every tree.

THE BECHTEL TRAGEDY.

Coroner's Jury Returns a Verdict—Arrest of the Murdered Girl's Lover and Her Family.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 31.—The coroner's inquest in the case of Mabel Bechtel, whose body was found in an area way outside her home on Tuesday morning last, was concluded last evening with a verdict by the jury that the young woman's death was due to a fractured skull from a blow inflicted at her home by some person unknown to the jury.

Mrs. Bechtel and the members of her family and Aloise Eckstein, the girl's lover, were called before the jury, but on the advice of their attorneys they declined to answer questions, on the ground that they might incriminate themselves. The text of the verdict is as follows: "We believe that Mabel Bechtel came to her death at 627 Cedar street (her home) between Sunday evening, October 25, and Tuesday morning, October 27, and that death was due to a fractured skull from a blow inflicted by some person in the house unknown to the jury.

Warrants of arrest were served upon Mrs. Bechtel and the members of her family and Eckstein. They were taken before Mayor Lewis, who accepted bail for Mrs. Bechtel in \$1,000, Myrtha Bechtel in \$400 and Eckstein in \$500.

John and Charles Bechtel were committed to jail. Application for a writ of habeas corpus will be made today.

Catch 'Em Both Ways. The Chamberlain family in England is certainly in position to catch the popular sentiment "a-comin' an' a-gwine," remarks the Baltimore American.

Sugar in France. The price of sugar in France has recently been reduced by less than half and the consumption has been nearly doubled.

Bounty for White Labor. In the interest of making Australia "a white man's country," a government bounty is paid for sugar grown by white labor.

PARKS CONVICTED

Jury Found Him Guilty of the Crime of Extortion.

The Prisoner, Who Glared Defiantly at the Jurymen When They Returned Their Verdict, was Remanded for Sentence One Week Hence.

New York, Oct. 31.—For the second time within two months Samuel J. Parks, walking delegate of the House-

It was shown at the trial that Parks had obtained \$500 from the Tiffany firm as an "initiation fee" last January when the housemiths and bridgemen were on strike on three of the Tiffany contracts in this city.

This accusation was not denied by the defendant or his counsel during the trial, but the latter contended that Parks had given the money to the treasurer of his organization and that the entire transaction was a business deal which, instead of being a crime, afforded considerable business advantages to the firm which paid the money.

James W. Osborne, Parks' chief counsel, made an excellent defense, although he had weak grounds to stand upon, while Assistant District Attorney Rand placed Parks in an unenviable light both to the public and his fellow labor unionists in his summing up to the jury.

In his charge Judge Newburger, said that it made no difference what disposition Parks made of the money after he had obtained it from the representatives of the Tiffany firm, if in the belief of the jurymen he had obtained it under a threat, direct or implied, as that fact would constitute extortion, the crime charged against the prisoner.

When the jury was polled and the verdict rendered Parks glared at the jurymen with the same look of defiance which he maintained during this, as well as his previous trial.

He was remanded for sentence a week hence. Parks is now awaiting the decision of the higher courts on a writ of error, having been sentenced after his first trial to a term of not less than two and a half nor more than three and a half years in Sing Sing prison.

The charge on which his former conviction was secured also was extortion.

"Tim" McCarthy, who, together with Sam Parks is under two indictments for extortion, failed to appear in court and his bail of \$2,000 was declared forfeited. A warrant for his arrest was issued.

Eulogized His Dead Wife.

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AN EMPLOYERS' UNION.

Citizens' Industrial Association of America Is Formed at Chicago—D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, Elected President.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—With the election of D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, as its president, the formation of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America was completed last night.

Delegates from 57 cities from San Francisco to New York, including several in Canada, were present at the convention and at the concluding session all details of the plan of carrying on and extending the work of the organization were completed.

J. C. Craig, of Denver, head of the Colorado State and Denver Citizens' Alliance, first vice president.

E. M. McCleary, of the National Electrical Contractors' association, Detroit, second vice president.

A. C. Rosenberanz, of the Citizens' Alliance, Evansville, Ind., treasurer.

Some trouble was threatened through the action of several of the New York delegates who were not in sympathy altogether with the Citizens' Alliance, which admits employer, employe and others and went on record as opposed to it, favoring among other things a postponement of the matter.

Resolutions were then adopted. They refer to strained relations between employer and employe and their bad effect on business conditions; demand ample protection for all seeking to earn a livelihood and continue in part:

"In carrying on a firm and uncompromising contest with the abuses of unions as now conducted, at the same time acknowledging the free right of workmen to combine and admitting that their combination when rightly constituted and conducted may prove highly useful, we earnestly desire to act, and believe we are acting in the true interests of the workmen themselves."

Mr. Parry, who is president of the National Manufacturers' association, was then elected head of the organization, there being no opposition to him nor to the other officers.

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WHITE SUPREMACY.

Senator Gorman Says It Must Be Maintained in the South.

Baltimore, Oct. 31.—At a democratic mass meeting held last night at the close of the campaign speeches were made by Edwin Warfield, the candidate for governor, and a number of leading democrats, including United States Senator A. P. Gorman.

"President Roosevelt is a man of fine attainments and of honest convictions. He is young in years, impulsive, ambitious; is a partisan and believes in his party. In his anxiety for its success he is liable to make mistakes, and in my judgment he has committed a most grievous error in forcing to the front an issue which must be deplored by all the conservative men of the country."

"In every country where the race issue has arisen it has always carried in its wake lamentable results, and has been attended by evil consequences. I trust his earnestness and impetuosity may be restrained and that he may be prevailed to accept wiser counsel in his treatment of the negro problem."

"The Anglo-Saxon has never, and will never tolerate the social equality or the political domination of the negro race. The south has passed through scenes of turbulence and disorder and rape and riot. By amendments to state constitutions and by legislation the whites have secured control, for the time being, of their own local governments, and the colored race is no longer a political factor in any state south of the Potomac."

"For more than 30 years this question has aroused sectional feeling and divided parties. It has threatened the peace of the states, put in jeopardy homes and paralyzed industrial efforts. All thoughtful men realize that this canker upon the body politic must be eliminated and the supremacy of white government assured."

LAND FRAUDS.

Grand Jury at Portland, Ore., Returns 15 True Bills, Some of Them of National Importance.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 31.—The federal grand jury, which has been in session in this city for 11 days, presented its final report to Judge Bellinger yesterday and was discharged. Sixteen federal cases were inquired into, entailing the examination of 89 witnesses and resulting in 15 true bills being returned, among them being some of national interest.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 31.—Capt. M. W. Mercer, who is mentioned in the suit of the government brought at Fergus Falls, Minn., against the Commonwealth Lumber Co., for timber alleged to have been unlawfully taken from the government land, is now stationed at Uintah Indian reservation in northeastern Utah.

"I certainly had authority for all contracts made by me," says Capt. Mercer, "and there were no operations except under contracts approved by the interior department. The operations were under the immediate charge of a competent superintendent of logging, and the scalers were competent as shown by the tests of their scales, submitted to me, which was satisfactory in every instance that I now recall."

JOHN MITCHELL DAY.

Miners in the Anthracite Region Observed the Anniversary of a Victory for Their Union.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 30.—Thursday was John Mitchell day. That is to say all the United Mine Workers of America in the Lackawanna and Wyoming regions were out on parade to the number of 50,000. Mr. Mitchell and Alexander T. Connell, mayor of the city, rode in the first carriage. It was a holiday in the two valleys. All the mines were idle and every train brought throngs to Scranton.

In his speech at the mass meeting which followed the parade, Mr. Mitchell referred to statements made that he was ambitious in a political way and said that he could not be induced to accept any political office. His only ambition, he said, was to further the trades union movement.

A Murderer Is Executed.

Uniontown, Pa., Oct. 30.—With the coolness that has characterized him throughout and without a tremor, William Hays, the colored murderer of Edward Perkins, colored, at Masontown, in November, yesterday paid the penalty for his crime. The execution was carried out with remarkable celerity.

Collision Caused Three Deaths.

Confidence, Pa., Oct. 30.—John Bietner, conductor; Benjamin Brown, engineer, and Alexander Thomas, brakeman, were killed in a wreck of a Baltimore & Ohio freight train near here Thursday.