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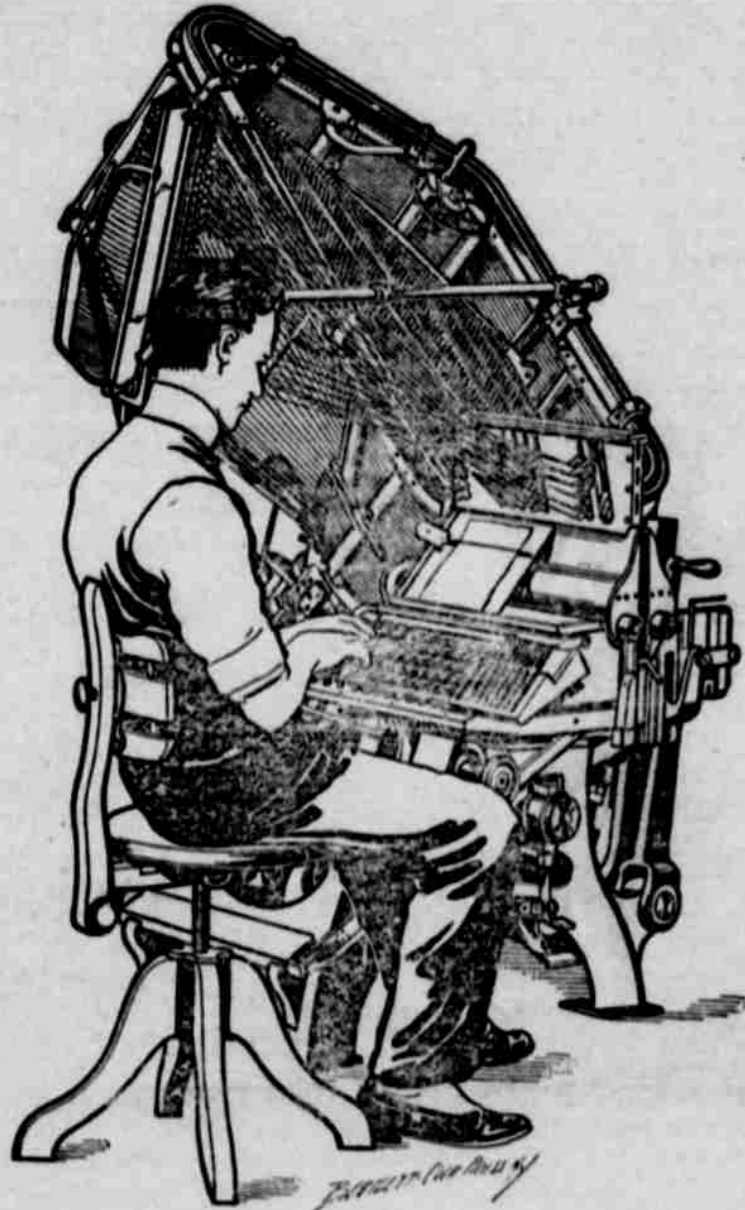
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OUR NEW TYPE-SETTER

Will be a Great Aid in Helping us to Get Out a Larger and Better Paper When We Get Onto It

We have decided to call it "she" Portland Monday morning, she had turned us down cold. She is just as innocent as a girl until she sees you are not thinking and then she will say "I've got my fingers crossed," and play us a mean trick. Mr. Collins assures you we will soon get used to her playful ways and that we will get along like a pair of twins. We will have to ask our readers to bear with us if our news columns are not very fat and just remember that we had to do a good deal of sparking in order but on Monday morning she would hardly speak to us and by the time Mr. Collins, the gentleman who introduced us, had come over from



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DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

An Interesting Session Tuesday Evening in Which a Small Budget of Municipal Business Was Disposed of

The city fathers met as usual Tuesday evening and ground out the usual grist. Attorney Perkins appeared for Mr. Jackson and inquired as to the status of the Philadelphia street matter. He was informed that the regular steps were being taken to establish the grade on that portion of the street he was interested in.

Mr. Hendricks then appeared in behalf of the fire department and reported the breaking of the soda-water wagon. He stated that it was a man killer and that there was not a man in the city who could run a half dozen blocks and hold the tongue up at the same time. He suggested that it would be economy to trade the wagon for a four-wheeled vehicle if a reasonable exchange could be made, for the reason that it was impossible to get this machine to a fire with any degree of celerity. He stated that this machine was all right for a floor where all was smooth and no great speed was desired, but where much depended upon the quick transit of the machine from the engine house to the fire as always obtains in the city, the present machine was an aggravation. He said the breakage was not due to any carelessness on the part of the fireboys, but to the fact that it was impossible to hold and control the machine when making a run to a fire. He also stated to show the economy of the exchange he suggested, that if the chemical had not broken down they could have put out the fire with a loss of but about \$50, while as it was the loss was about \$600 or \$800, and that this kind of accidents may be expected so long as this machine is retained here. After some dis-

ussion Mr. Hendricks was instructed to ascertain what sort of an exchange could be effected.

Petition of Sam Downey and others to have grade established on Hayes street from the south side of Catlin street to the Weyerhaeuser tract was read and on motion petition was granted.

Ed Stockton in behalf of the Ferry people asked permission for that company to operate their launch after the regular closing hours and to charge ten cents for each passenger on these occasions. So far as the council was concerned there seemed to be no objection.

The report of the committee and chief of police on the cow barn of J. Mortensen was to the effect that it was about as stated in the complaint and the chief of police was instructed to notify Mr. Mortensen to either remove the barn to the rear of the lot away from the wooden water pipe or to not keep his cows in the barn any more.

The resolution authorizing the establishment of the grade on Hayes street was then offered and passed the council.

Nineteen bills to the amount of \$219.00 was allowed and ordered paid.

The ordinance asking for the correction of the records in regard to the vacation of Charleston street passed the second reading. There was a tie in the vote of the council and the mayor voted in favor of the ordinance thus passing its second reading. When it came to the third reading, however, there was no second to the motion, which tabled the ordinance for another week.

The report of the viewers on the proposed extension of Willis boulevard

was read. They estimated the damage to Mr. Maples as \$600 and to Mr. Penny as \$175, and assessed the benefits to the abutting property to cover the damages.

On motion of Doble ordinances on street improvements was referred to the committee on streets to report at the next meeting. These are the ordinances which we thought should, by all means be published, that all the citizens might know what they were up against when it came to improving their respective streets, and although we offered to publish them at half rate in order to get them before the people the council ignored the proposition. There is too much of it and it costs too much for machinery and labor for us to print them free. Besides, we do about three times as much free work for the city as is usually done.

On motion of Hunter the matter of a license for hucksters in the city was referred to the license committee.

The mayor vetoed the weed ordinance and on the vote to test the veto it was sustained by the council with the understanding that there would be forthcoming an ordinance having in it the desirable points covered and the objectionable ones eliminated from it.

Here Alderman Hunter brought up the delinquencies of the Pacific States telephone company and after reading some sections of the franchise under which they are pretending to operate, it was decided to have the recorder call their attention to their short comings and to ask that a remedy be applied. This was especially applicable to their charging a higher rate than their franchise is warranting.

question to touch upon if you do not wish to be called an "undesirable," and therefore must be sidetracked. But just the same it was the study of that problem that led to a scientific knowledge of the workings of capitalist society.

"Cut out knocking the government, obey the laws that are made and work for more equitable laws." When you say: "Work for more equitable laws," you admit that the present laws are not equitable laws. Certainly not socialist. Were they made inequitable because of incompetence on the part of the law-makers? If this is the case, then the legislators that are incapable of formulating equitable laws, have no right to annex the title of "statesmen,"—but, perhaps it is because the laws are drawn up in the interest of some special class, that they conflict with the interests of the majority of the people.

In either case, it seems to me that they are deserving of criticism, and as officials, from the president down, should be considered as servants of the people, and not as tin gods, or oracles, that we must bow down to. Then why should we hesitate to criticize them? It is, to my mind, our duty.

Mr. Editor, we are working for equitable laws, and an equitable system of production, from a working-class point of view and the way we propose to get it is, not by violence but by electing legislators from our own class, men who are class-conscious enough to stand for our interests, and, as the working-class constitute ninety per cent of the population, that will be majority rule, instead of minority rule, as at present.

Respectfully,
P. J. McCARTY.

Our socialist friend evidently misunderstands the source of amusement he furnishes us in his Cleonranian display of talent. It is not the description of the misery of the tenement dwellers which brings the smile God knows we have seen too much of that already; but it is his distorted views as to cause and remedy. It reminds us of the efforts of an ant trying to draw a grasshopper up his bill. He will get it up a little way and then the grasshopper will roll over a time or two and land at the bottom, carrying the ant with it.

We fully agree with him, and have so expressed ourself, that the American people are confronted by one of the hardest problems of their history or for that matter of the present age; but we contend that this problem cannot be solved by tearing down what little good we have in our system of government, but in reforming

the same by eliminating from it the evils which exist. Our estimate of the delinquency of the tenement dwellers was possibly too high, and yet if anyone should come into close personal contact day after day with these unfortunate people, and they are unfortunate, one would come to the same conclusion, namely, that they spend too much of their substance for liquor, and that if they would but cut that there would be not a tithe of the suffering and poverty that now exists among them. We have seen them come from their work day after day by the hundreds and enter the liquor dens and every day some of them would be drunken before they came away. It was not the cost of the liquor alone that contributed to their poverty; but the debilitating effects of the liquor which incapacitated them for work and at the end of the month that the paycheck would not more than settle the whiskey bill. We really believe that more real good has been done by a few earnest workers among these tenement dwellers than has been done by all the socialistic oratory of the universe. These workers teach the people the folly of wasting their substance for that which debilitates and renders them unfit for the duties of life, and that cleanliness is next to godliness, a thing which is far from the apprehension of a large class of these people and is a fruitful source of much of their misery.

There are many things which the socialists advocate that we so fully endorse that were to give expression to our views at this time they would declare we were a socialist indeed; but there are so many other things to which we take objections that were we to as freely express our views, we would again have our socialist friend on our back. We do not wish to detract from the good that the socialists are doing, for we believe the pressure they are bringing to bear upon the old parties will result in a reform that exist and at the same time prevent the wrongs the socialists would fix upon us. We do not believe that any good can come of the efforts of some public speakers who have nothing but words of defamation for the officials and their work, when if the speakers themselves were placed in the offices under discussion would perhaps not have done so well.

The Adventist brethren are holding a very interesting series of meetings in their tent near the post office between Jersey and Ivanhoe streets. There is good attendance and services nearly every evening.

GOOD TIME AT NEWPORT

G. A. R. Encampment and the W. R. C. Convention Held at the Same Time and Place

Mr. Editor:—Perhaps through the columns of the Review some of its readers would like to know something of the good time at Newport the G. A. R. had at their encampment with the W. R. C. at the same place at their convention. I do not know so well how the G. A. Rs. got on, but a more peaceful and harmonious gathering it was never my lot to attend before. Delegates from all over the state from the different corps were present and the work of business though often interrupted, by delegations from G. A. Rs., was quickly and thoroughly done. Many of the sessions were very interesting and instructive. It being the pleasure of your humble correspondent to be one of the delegates, I enjoyed every hour of the day, as it was the first time I ever attended one of the encampments. Many changes as to new officers were made and among the number was Mrs. Sarah Kemp, St. Johns, who held the office of department captain last year was re-elected. Her report was the best ever given in this department as to her work.

Another feature of the convention was that the name of our Past Department Commander Mrs. Cora M. Davis, was sent to the G. A. R. for endorsement for national president endorsement was unanimously given. We all hope that she will receive the nomination, for if any one deserves an honored place, it is Mrs. Davis. Her personality is so pleasing and during all the trials and grievances which more or less are to be borne in such a large concourse of people as gathered before her, she was always ready with a smile to listen to and do what she could for the best of all concerned.

It is hoped that the year now at its beginning with the new regents, will close as happily and harmoniously as has the past one, and that both organizations may prosper and grow and work together for the best good of all its members.

Newport is a lovely camp ground for any kind of an outing. The people were kind and very obliging, and truly did their best to have the strangers "within their gates" feel at home. I can speak for more than one on this point, that the W. R. Cs. had the best there was to be had and many grand old Newporters all the honor due her for her hospitality and good cheer which she dispensed with openhand to all, especially those of the Abe Lincoln corps, who worked so faithfully and earnestly to do their

best in giving the Grand Army and its auxiliary the best time on record. Much more could be said and not wear the subject out, but more in the future. Hansen

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL.

The Odd Fellows installed their newly elected officers last Tuesday night and passed a most enjoyable evening. There was not the full attendance that characterizes the meetings of Laurel lodge, but there were enough of the boys out to make it interesting and to give Deputy Noble Grand Harry Circle all the assistance he required.

The following officers were installed: Chester Paul Gates, N. G.; Wesley Overstreet, V. G.; E. B. Holcomb, secretary; Dr. Rambo, treasurer. After the ceremony of installation the tables were placed and the ice cream, cookies and orange sherbet was beautifully provided and all we lacked was our good sister Robekahs to make the evening perfect and we thought of them just the same.

The Robekahs installed their officers Wednesday evening of last week and we would have been very happy if we could have witnessed the ceremony for we have been told that the work was beautifully done, but we were about eleven sevenths under the weather and after we had assisted in carrying the ice cream up the left stairs we were "all in" and took a hike for home. We would like to tell all about it, but bless you not one of the Robekahs would offer to give a poor devil any information about the events of the evening. We saw as we were carrying the cream into the hall that there was a fine attendance and that Deputy Noble Grand Mrs. George Hall was putting on the work, and we have learned since that there were 125 present by an exact count, and that there was never a better time enjoyed in the hall. We have been told too that the following officers were elected: Mrs. Hathaway, N. G.; Mrs. Robinson, V. G.; Mrs. Chase, secretary; Mrs. Rambo, financial secretary, and Mrs. Mamie Monahan, treasurer.

Now, we do not wish to criticize our sisters, but think some of them at least could have told us the facts, for we are a full-fledged brother and interested in the meetings as much as the rest of the bunch.

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