#### ANTIQUITY OF SHORTHAND. It Was in Use Before the Beginning of the Christian Era.

Cicero is said to have been the inventor of shorthand writing, and the freedman, Marcus Tullius Tire, his friend, the first stenographer, and he undoubtedly did use a method of short-

hand writing as early as 60 B.C. The first English treatise was by Timothe Bright, entitled, "An Arte of Shorte Swifte and Secrete Writing by Characture, Inuented by Timothe Bright, Doctor of Phisike, Imprinted at London by I. Windet, the assignee of Tim Bright, 1588. Cum priuilegie Regiae Maiestatis. Forbidding all others to print the same." Dr. Bright in this work says: "Cicero did account it worthie his labour, and no less profitable to the Roman common weale (Most Gracious Soueraigne) to inuent a speedie kinde of wryting by character, as Plutareh reporteth in the life of Cato the younger. This inuention was increased afterward by Seneca that the number of characters grue to 7,000. Whether through inure of time, or that the men gaue it over for tediousness of learning, nothing remaineth extant of Cicero's inuention at this day.'

The stenographer who recalls the efforts required to properly master the few characters used in the art to-day will wonder that of Cicero's system, with its 7,000 characters, nothing remains at this day. It was not until 1642, according to the New York World, that the art became of any practical use, and it was first used in the house of lords in 1699 in taking testimony in a divorce suit. Stenographers were not regularly employed in parliament, however, until 1802.

In many of the public schools of the country stenography is a part of the training. An evidence of its recent remarkable growth is shown by a circular issued by the bureau of education issued at Washington. Here it is shown that from July 1, 1889, to June 30, 1890, 57,375 persons received instruc-tion in the art of shorthand in schools and colleges in the United States. Five thousand five hundred and fifty of these were in New York and Brooklyn. A like circular was issued by the bureau in 1884, in which it was shown that during the year 1882 the number of pupils receiving instruction was 12,-470. It is therefore quite safe to say that the number for 1898 exceeded 75, 000. But this number does not take into consideration an army probably equally large who receive instruction from some other source or from professional stenographers. Out of this vast army. however, but a very small minority are either physically or mentally qualified to become court reporters or even office amanuenses.

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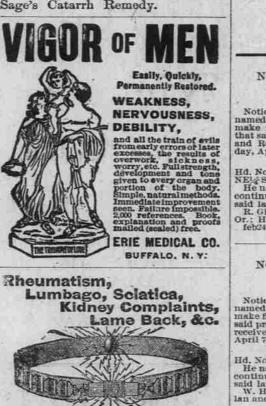


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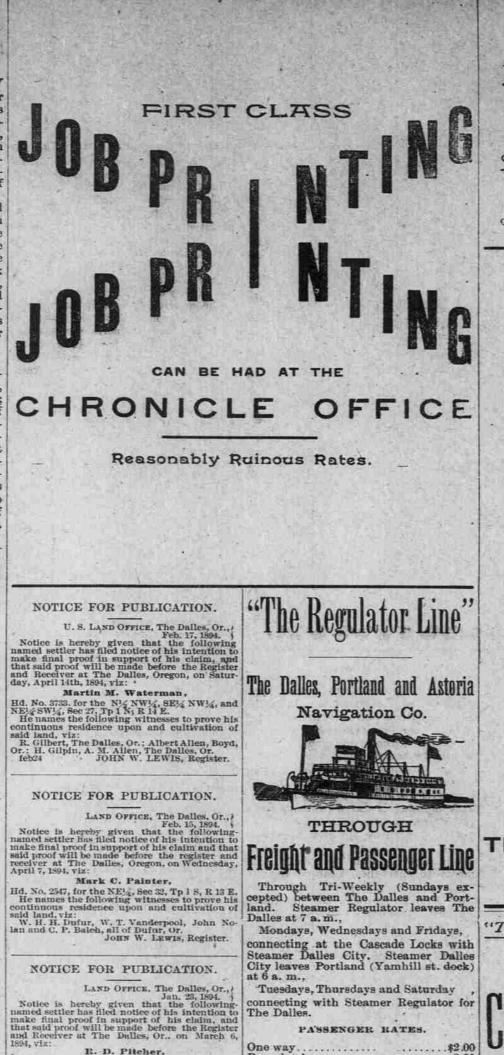
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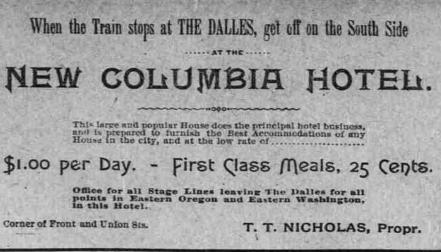
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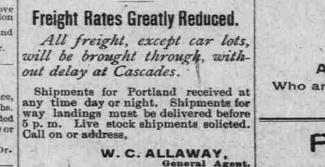


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