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the task well done. It would make those who toll feel that the city appreciated their presence in the community. It would give them greater interest in the welfare of the city, to know that the day set aside for the recognition of Labor's nobility, was made a general holiday and festival occasion.

MAKING NEWSPAPER MEN.

Most of the newspaper men doing duty in the ordinary country and small city daily and weekly offices, "just dropped into the business." Nine out of ten of them accepted a newspaper position as a last resort. They have tried other occupations, with varying success. They caught the fascination, and are now trying to catch the salary. They entered the business in a large number of cases without special training for the duties. They looked upon editing a paper as a sort of diversion, with no great responsibility and many pleasant licenses.

This being the case, as it undoubtedly is, it is no wonder so many failed, and flooded the country with professional centaurs—men who have the semblance of a journalist without the natural ability or the proper training. There is no object in society more pitiable, than this class of "newspaper men," who are not able to keep up with the progress of an occupation they have half followed, and are yet too old to enter a new vocation. They are as helpless as children. They are drifting from place to place, finding at every turn that younger men, with more training, later and more progressive views and changed accomplishments, are in the positions so long held by the unprofessional veterans.

The newspaper business is an unfolding process. In no other profession is the developing tendency of society so quickly felt. It responds to the hunger of the masses for changed ideals and new facts. It yields more readily to the pressure of progress, than any other calling, for it is the mirror of public sentiment.

In endowing a department of journalism in Columbia University, for the education of newspaper men, in the practical and technical details of the profession, Joseph Pulitzer, of the New York World, says:

"In every other pursuit, where men are under an equal moral responsibility to the public for the proper discharge of their duties, they are prepared for those duties by years of careful and conscientious study, but the newspaper men, who are in many directions the informers and teachers of the people, the exponents, and to a degree, the makers of the public opinion which rules communities and governs states and the nation, have hitherto received no special preparation for their delicate and important duties.

"At the time of the last census there were in the United States 141,500 lawyers and 30,988 persons classified as journalists. The legal profession was provided with trained recruits by 100 law schools with 1,106 professors. For a fair proportion, there should have been at least 26 colleges of journalists, with faculties 291 strong. There is not one. Not a single one of the 30,988 newspaper men and women in the country had enjoyed what a lawyer would call a systematic professional training."

That there is truth in the old saying that "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good," has been proved conclusively again, by a Butter Creek man. The swarms of grasshoppers which devastated his garden and fields, have been converted into chicken feed, with astonishing results. This way of utilizing a curse is only applicable in a versatile country like Oregon, however, for usually where grasshoppers flourish, chickens are not to be found.

Oregon will furnish the longest flag pole in the world, for the St. Louis Exposition. It will be 450 feet in height, and will be sawed in four pieces to enable the railroads to haul it to the fair. Oregon should knock the persimmon, with this one.

Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central railroad, says that the merging of the railroads will continue, in spite of the opposition of agitators. The courts are with the railroads, hence the bluff.

Pope Leo's pretended poverty has proved to be a sham. Instead of being a pauper, his private funds just itemized by his administrators, have been found to amount to over 20,000,

000 francs, or \$4,000,000. With this amount he could have equipped an army, if the defense of the vatican demanded it. Besides this fund he was the owner of some of the rarest jewels in the world.

CRUELTY IN FRENCH CONVENT.

It is amazing what horrors can be perpetrated, even in this twentieth century and in the center of civilization, in the name of religion or reform. Vast indignation was created in France some time ago by the exposure of the shocking and abominable cruelties practiced in the House of the Good Shepherd, an industrial convent at Nancy. Now investigation has brought to light an even more terrible and disgusting condition of affairs in a branch establishment of the same institution at Tours. Some of the details contained in the court proceedings cannot be hinted at, let alone printed.

It appears that the wretched inmates had to work for 16 hours out of 24 except in busy times, when work was continued indefinitely. If the girls exhibited symptoms of collapse they were put in straight jackets and doused. On becoming rebellious, as not a few of them did, they were shut up in a damp cellar until they were tamed. Two stout lay sisters administered castigation with knotted whips, when stronger measures were deemed advisable.

One form of punishment compelled the offender to crawl on her knees around the main hall and make the sign of the cross with her tongue on the dirty floor at the feet of each of her assembled companions. Other penalties are quite indescribable. The particular case under investigation was that of a wretched girl who was so misused that she contracted her disease, which was neglected until it became incurable. The sister who presided over the inferno was known as Mother Sainte Rose. An association law of some sort is evidently needed.—New York Evening Post.

NO COLIC IN FOLK'S FACE.

There is no cramp colic in Joseph W. Folk's face. There is no pseudo solemnity in his countenance. There is no need of a theatrical severity in his manner to atone for a lack of honest purpose and sincerity. He does not find it expedient to resort to the cheap tricks of a third-rate elocutionist to make himself impressive. There is about him none of the airs of a peanut tragedian.

The Jefferson Brick style of oratory is quite lacking in the famous St. Louis prosecutor. He doesn't carry his sentences and his apostrophes up to a nasal quaver and then cut them short with a strident snarl. None of these execrable though fashionable affectations are practiced by Mr. Folk and none of them would suit him, since they are all thoroughly sophisticated and meretricious. There is enough good, manly fibre in Prosecutor Folk to enable him to prevail with the public without any of the detestable veneer with which certain so-called orators in Missouri plaster themselves, and with which—more's the pity—they have succeeded in fooling the people.

Let Joseph Folk be thanked not less for the introduction of a natural, convincing and straightforward style of public speaking, in contrast to the miserable imitations of eloquence which he has made odious, than for his work in clearing out the hoodlums in Missouri.—Kansas City Star.

UNCLE SAM'S MONEY FACTORIES

The government runs a great printing office, seven assay offices, and five mints in supplying the country with money. In Washington 3,000 people are employed making paper money, postage stamps, and internal revenue stamps. The bureau of engraving and printing turns out daily 135,000 sheets of silver and gold certificates and United States notes, 25,000 to 50,000 sheets of national bank currency, 215,000 to 250,000 sheets of internal revenue stamps, and 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 postage stamps.

In 1902 there were 106,700,000 pieces of new paper money issued, of a total value of \$466,800,000, or one-fifth of the entire national circulation. The demand is for notes of small denominations. In 1890 there were 37,000,000 pieces of government paper issued, of the average value of \$6.61. Last year the quantity had been

trebled, and the average value had fallen to \$4.

Last year the actual increase in the paper currency was \$76,000,000. The number of coins struck at the mint was 191,000,000, of the value of \$95,000,000, of which \$62,000,000 were gold.—Boyce's Weekly.

TANNING DONE BY X-RAYS.

By a new process it is claimed that leather can be tanned by X-rays. The hides will be soaked about four days in lime to separate the fibres and remove the hair, as is now done. Then they will be soaked for about two hours in a solution of certain chemicals, a part of the invention. Then they will be placed on a highly polished steel plate. There for 20 minutes their entire surface will be exposed to the X-rays diffused from three tubes. Then the hides will be ready for the finishing into enamel, patent leather or other desired article. What has always been accomplished in not less than four months by soaking the hides in chemical solutions can, it is claimed, be accomplished in 20 minutes by exposure to the X-rays. The cost of tanning will be thereby greatly reduced.

SUCCESS.

"O clear-eyed daughter of the gods, thy name?"
Gravely she answered: "I am called Success."
"The house, the lineage whence thy beauty came?"
"Failure my sire; my mother, Weariness."

Church—What an awful odd-looking hat Flatbush wears now! Don't you remember how natty he used to look? Gotham—Oh, didn't you hear about it? He's come into a lot of money.—Yonkers Statesman.

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