

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Forest City.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 5.

Trade here has picked up a little in the last few weeks, although there is yet room for improvement. The fact is, like many other places, it is overdone during the summer months by printers "passing through" on their way to and from the South.

The Typographical Union in this place is now in a flourishing condition, comparatively speaking. About six months ago it was as good as reorganized, and since then has got along very nicely. Our delegate to the International Union, Theo. Coyle, was instructed to use his vote and influence against the International Fund—to repeal it.

There are eight daily papers here—six English and two German. Of this number only three are union offices, although the rate for composition is about the same in all, morning and evening, 30 cents. The number of weekly, semi and tri-weekly papers is very large, while the job offices, both great and small, and the "cock-robin" shops of every description are innumerable. Cleveland can hold her own in the latter respect with any city of her size in the Union. More anon. JAKE.

Detroit Pick-ups.

"Senator" Ludlow is now in Boston. Success, Lud.

Charley Paul, the "printer shooter," passed through here some time since.

Four of the *Evening News* editorial staff are practical printers, which accounts in a great degree for its success.

Geo. C. Grant and Albert Ulrich are in Cincinnati, and Henry Smith is making arrangements to go there, too. Logan seems to like Detroit boys.

The employes of Richmond, Backus & Co., bookbinders and stationers, have recently suffered a reduction of 25 per cent. Oh, business is picking right up, now we have "resumed."

In locking up a job the other day Timms pieced the initials of a man's name and in fixing it up got the letters transposed. John Barnman flew over to where he was and wanted to know what he did that for. Timms looked up with child-like blandness and said, "That don't make any difference, does it?" The boys wilted.

The "brain" men, who set advertisements on newspapers in this city, positively refuse to pay bonuses for that privilege, and consequently are violators of the spirit and intent of all union laws, guilty of unfairness, and should receive the condemnation of all good union men.

There is a Steam Supply Company in this city, the object of which is to furnish steam through large pipes for heating buildings and running engines in different parts of the city, after the manner of furnishing water.

Work has been pretty brisk here, but, since the Fourth, has fallen off so as to make subs as thick as cobblestones.

CAP CASE.

A Visit to Paris, Ont.

Visiting Paris, Ont., after an absence of about four years, I find great changes have taken place in the printing offices of that town. Of the *Star* staff, there only remains one who was on it in '75, Richard Spinks by name, and he has not changed one iota during my four years' absence. He spins the same old yarns, and his travels in the United States, while he was carrying the banner, are told with as much vim as of old.

Mr. Isaac Hunter, the late ever-obliging foreman of the *Star*, has taken his departure for the prairie province. He left Paris on May 6. Mr. Hunter has occupied the position of foreman of the *Star* for nearly seven years, and was found ever ready to oblige; was a skilled workman, and during his stay there made many friends. He intends to secure land and try farming. His wife and family accompanied him.

The *Star* staff is now composed of three journeymen, viz.: Richard Spinks, John A. Powell and James Campbell; no apprentices.

The *Transcript* office, under the management of Thomas Pettengill, seems to be doing a fair business. Thomas is a steady and good workman, and has held a "sit" on the *Transcript* for nearly eight years. An old hand press is still used to grind off the edition. The staff comprises: Thomas Pettengill, as foreman, and three apprentices.

Harry Henderson, who finished three years of his apprenticeship in the *Star* some four years ago, paid this town a flying visit while on his way to the far west. He left Paris station, G. W. R., on Wednesday, 7th May, for British Columbia, where he intends to remain for a number of years, for the benefit of his health.

RAMBLER.