

In Kansas City, Mo., 45 cts. is paid on morning papers and on other papers 40 cts.; book work 45 cts., with \$18.00 for weekly hands.

The Danbury, Conn., *News* claims to be the only newspaper in the United States whose subscription list outnumbered the population of the town in which it is printed.

The New York *Express* complains that although the Centennial Exhibition is closed on Sundays to the great mass of the people, it is open to members of the press and others favoured with special passes.

The New York *Herald*, on the authority of Mr. Geo. Blair, President of the Workingmen's Assembly of that State, says there are 2,000 union and 1,500 non-union printers at present in that city, and of this number 1,000 are idle.

The *Voice of Angels* is the name of "a monthly journal edited and managed by spirits," in Boston, Mass.; spirit, L. Judd Pardee, editor-in-chief; spirit, D. K. Miner, business manager; D. C. Densmore, amanuensis and publisher.

Mr. Frederick R. Guernsey for some time city editor of the Bangor, Me., *Commercial*, was recently on a visit to that city. Mr. G. has been connected with the Boston *Herald* for the past two years, principally as legislative correspondent, in which department it is said he has met with very fine success.

The San Francisco *Spirit of the Times* has issued a Centennial number which it is claimed is the largest newspaper in the world. The paper contains 40 pages, each 28x21 inches, making 42 inches when spread. It is printed on tinted paper, and contains 160 illustrations of men and matters pertaining to the United States.

Levi Sharp of Pittsburgh, who was killed in Pennsylvania on the railroad track recently, was a journalistic maniac. He thought that he must furnish all the matter used by the Pittsburgh press, and daily sent to the papers huge envelopes of manuscript and clippings. The manuscript was written in a fair round hand, but was perfectly unintelligible.

The last annual circular of the Richmond, Va., Typographical Union, No. 90, reports "business exceedingly dull in that city—duller than it has been for the last ten years—many of our best and fastest men being on the 'loaf,' and the number of subs almost innumerable." It also reports a reduction of 20 per cent in the scale of prices since the previous report.

The *Miscellany* is an unsurpassed medium through which to advertise your surplus second-hand printing and bookbinding material.

A STENCIL plate has been invented on which all the letters of the alphabet and numerals are so combined that any combination of them may be made.

After having written a squib with much care and deliberation, the dignified compositor up stairs halloos down the pipe: "Is this a joke or an advertisement?" such a salute is calculated to make a funny man take an interest in the means of cheap suicide.—*Eaton Free Press*.

PRINTING OFFICE SECRETS.—A properly conducted printing office is as much a secret society as is a masonic lodge. The printers are not under an oath of secrecy, but always feel themselves as truly in honor bound to keep secrets as though they had been put through triple oaths. An employe in a printing office who willingly disregards this rule in regard to printing office secrets would not only be scorned by his brethren of the craft, but would lose his position in the office at once. We make this statement because it sometimes happens that a communication appears in a newspaper under an assumed signature which excites comment, and various parties try to find out who is the author. Let all be saved the trouble of questioning the employes or attaches of the printing office. They are "know nothings" on such points as these. On such matters they "have eyes and ears, but no mouth," and if they fail to observe this rule, let them be put down as dishonored members.—*Ex.*

ELECTRIC PEN.—An electric pen has been invented. It consists of a small electric engine on the top of a holder, which is used as a pen. The machine works a needle that pierces the paper, making 5,000 or 6,000 holes a minute, and in writing the needle moves so fast that it does not drag nor tear the paper. The piece of paper is placed in a frame, where the holes are filled with ink; then a sheet of paper is put under it, it is rolled, and a perfect fac simile of the writing is obtained. These fac similes can be produced at the rate of five or six a minute.—*Ex.*

DURING an attack of "passenjaire" the devil of the *Catarangus Union* boiled over thus:

"The devil sat in the editor's chair,  
And thusly spake to the compositor;  
Pick, boys, pick with care;  
Pick, ye lazy compositor,  
And pie, pie, pie if ye dare;  
Pie in the presence of the editair  
If ye wish to hear him curse and swear;  
Then pick, boys, pick with care."

EVERY apprentice, as well as journeyman at the printing business, should subscribe for and preserve the *Miscellany*, and in order to place it within the reach of all, we will mail it for one year to the address of any apprentice for fifty cents.

A printer's devil propounds the following: "What is the difference between a thirty-dollar-a-week position at the 'case' and the chief of the Sioux?" Ans. "One is a bully 'sit' and the other is a Sitting Bull."

As newspapers men receive no pensions and have had their railway passes cut off, it is proposed to dead head them at the cemetery on condition that they do not sit up at night and scare people.

A cotemporary has struck upon a novel idea. When he finds an item going around without credit and he wants to republish it, he gives credit to Shakespeare and goes ahead.