

Globe is credited with turning out over 200,000 ems in a week, eight hours per day. The Mergenthaler operators are competing for a prize, hence Wise's big string. The other operators say he already resembles a nonpareil hair space.

MR. GEORGE A. KELLY, an old pioneer journalist, who had been connected with the large papers in England and Ireland, died in New Westminster, B.C., recently. He was seventy-five years of age, and had done business every day. At the time of his death he was city editor of the *Mainland Guardian*.

IN Ottawa recently the extremes of British colonial possessions clasped hands in the Russell house in the persons of Sir William Whiteway, Premier of Newfoundland; Hon. Mr. Davie, Premier of British Columbia, and Mr. John Coates, C.E., one of the proprietors of the Melbourne, Australia, *Evening Herald*.

THE *Evening News*, Toronto, pulled through the trouble with its compositors without any great annoyance. The machines in that office are handled by fair—not all female—operators, whose averages, if rumor is to be believed, run from 1,500 to 2,000 ems an hour. The typographical appearance of the paper could be better.

A PLATONIC discussion is taking place in Paris respecting the manner a letter ought to be picked up for stick use; should the compositor seize the type by the extremities, the middle or the notch? etc. Perhaps the majority of the printers pick up the letters in the form they most conveniently present themselves—nothing more natural.

OTTAWA Union has obtained control of the offices where machines were in operation and handled by non-unionists. The non-unionists were given 17c. per thousand, but the Union offered to do the work for 16c. The offer was accepted. It now transpires that the supposed non-unionists were members of the Union when the change was made.

TORONTO has now three exclusively evening papers, the *Star* being the latest addition. It was started presumably by the compositors who left the *Evening News*, and is edited by a former editor of the *News*, Mr. T. A. Gregg. The manager of the *Star* is Mr. Hocken, formerly foreman of the *News*. The *Star* hoisted the Union label over its editorial heading, and claims a circulation of from ten to twelve thousand daily. The paper is turned out in the *World* office.

THE *Evening Telegram*, of Toronto, is again a Union office. Several years ago Mr. J. Ross Robertson, proprietor of this paper, had a dispute with his compositors, which ended in the office being declared unfair. The recent deal was consummated by Mr.

Robertson giving his personal cheque for the initiation fee of all his comps., a sum ranging in the vicinity of \$150. This move by the *Telegram* is affecting the *News*, and is not too keenly appreciated by the *Star*.

MR. SHEPARD, the ex-president of the United Typothetae of America, is just recovering from a serious illness, that almost ended fatally. He is not yet able to leave the house. The many friends he has in Canada and the United States will be delighted to know that he will be able to be about again in a couple of months. That he is one of the most popular men in social, business and charitable circles in the city was shown by the great number of people who daily called at his residence, and the anxiety expressed regarding his condition.

THE Keystone Type Foundry, Philadelphia, owned by the Mather Mfg. Co., is not willing to sell out to the "Combine" nor will any proposition be entertained to go into the Trust. Writing to the PRINTER AND PUBLISHER the manager says:—"We have a large and profitable trade which is constantly increasing, and the most complete type founders' plant in the U.S. It is true it is not as old and antiquated as a good many of them, but for character of material and accuracy of workmanship we think our chances for making money are a great deal better out of the Trust than in it."

VERY few visitors come to Canada without being delighted with the country. Mr. John Coates, an eminent Australian engineer, was in Montreal last week. Says *The Star*: "Mr. Coates is also president of the City News Company in Melbourne, which publishes *The Evening Herald* and *The Weekly Times*. As a result of Mr. Coates' favorable impressions of Canada he expressed his determination to urge his Australian friends to aid in the projected direct line of steamers from Vancouver to Melbourne and Sydney." If Mr. Coates swings his papers into line the assistance will be very valuable.

TRADE CHAT

MR. C. D. BINGHAM, printer, whose office is in the *Empire* Building, Adelaide Street, has put in a new two-revolution Campbell pony press.

MR. WM. MEEK, the agent of the Babcock Press, has gone to Calgary, N.W.T. He will remain there some time with the Herald Publishing Co.

MR. GEORGE YOUNG, editor of the *Trenton Courier*, has purchased two new Gordon presses in order to do his jobbing work with greater despatch.

MESSRS. BROWN BROS., Stationers, who always carry a full line of printers' supplies, have just received a large shipment of wedding, cabinets, programme cards, visiting cards, invitation and regret