

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Notes from the "Hub."

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 26.

No doubt you partly rely on me for a statement of how the printing business is in this city, and I am sorry I am not in a position to give you as accurate a report as I should wish, but I think that business is not very good. In order to ascertain what prospects there were to get on sabbing, I visited all the daily offices and found them full. There are none strictly Union except the *Herald* and *Globe*, and as the Union prices are cancelled, the *Herald* pays 45c. and the *Globe* 40c. I did not ask what the prices were on the other papers. The *Transcript* (evening) employs a lot of girls, and the *Traveller* only employs about half a-dozen female comps., and, I think, very few male comps. About every week one or more advertisements appear in the *Herald* of pressmen wanted on Gordon or Adams presses, and occasionally a good job comp. is wanted. I cannot say how business is in the book offices, at present. A young man who has been working with me had visited a large number of offices here for work, but found them all full and work pretty slack, but I think a "boom" is expected in the spring.

An interesting pedestrian tournament took place here on the 19th January. It was a fourteen-hour "go-as-you-please," open to morning paper comps. of this city only. The contestants who started were W. Cummin, S. Cummin, W. P. Kennedy, W. J. Thomas, W. B. Clark, and W. R. Kent, of the *Herald*, and T. Murphy, of the *Globe*. S. Cummin, although lame, took the lead during the first hour, after which he fell rapidly behind. He withdrew after scoring 26 miles and 4 laps. Murphy dropped out after making 33 miles and 10 laps, and W. Cummin succumbed after making 43 miles and 6 laps. The race between Kennedy and Thomas was exciting to the end, the latter finally winning first place by a lead of about 19 laps. Kent was second. The distances covered were as follows: Thomas, 61 miles 19 laps; Kennedy, 61 miles; Kent, 53 miles; Clarke, 50 miles; W. Cummin, 43 miles 6 laps; T. J. Murphy, 33 miles 10 laps; S. Cummin, 26 miles and 4 laps. Mr. Charles P. Daniels acted as referee. The prizes were a Howard gold watch to the first, a gold medal, with composing stick and rule attached, to the second; and a silver medal, of the same design

as the gold, to the third, all being captured by *Herald* typos. Among the trainers were Messrs. Powers, Daniels, Collins, Haydock, Wheeler, and Robinson.

The *Herald* subs held a ball on January 12th, which was attended by about fifty couple.

John H. O'Donnell, formerly foreman of the old State Printing Office of Wright & Potter, and who has been assistant night foreman of the *Herald* for the past two years, has gone back to the old firm as partner. Before leaving the *Herald* office his associates presented him with a meerschaum pipe.

January 3d being the twenty-first birthday of the *Commercial Bulletin*, it was celebrated by a dinner at the Revere House to the present employees and those who have been connected with the editorial and business departments of the paper since it started.

## California Notes.

CHICO, CAL., Jan. 18.

January 3d, the employees of the State Printing Office at Sacramento met and through their foreman, H. A. Peabody, presented to Frank P. Thompson, the retiring superintendent, a handsome gold watch, with quartz chain and locket, and also a *solitaire* diamond collar button. The presents amounted in value to about \$425. The watch bore the inscription, "Presented by the employees of the State Printing Office, Jan. 3d, 1880." A. A. Stickney, on behalf of the employees, at the same time presented to their foreman, H. A. Peabody, a valuable pair of sleeve buttons. Speeches were made by each of the recipients, complimenting the men for their uniformly good behavior and thorough efficiency. Those present, including a number of invited guests, then partook of a bountiful repast prepared for the occasion.

Governor Perkins has appointed Capt. J. D. Young, superintendent, and E. G. Jeffries, foreman, of the State Printing Office. These gentlemen are both citizens of Sacramento, and their appointment meets with general approval. The former was lately connected with the *Record-Union*, and the latter until recently was in business on his own account, making for himself a good reputation as a law printer. Mr. H. A. Peabody, foreman under the last administration, has been retained as night foreman.

Thistleton, of *Jolly Giant* notoriety, finished his year's imprisonment in the Los Angeles jail,