

journalism is at its head. In a few weeks the *World* will be five years old. Subscription price, \$1.50 per annum; three cents a copy.

The *Sunday Press and Mirror of the Times*—a rather cumbersome title—is published by Dennis F. Dealy, from the office of the *Chronicle-Herald*, No. 21 South Seventh street. It is a good-sized, eight-page paper, seven columns to a page. It is in its seventh volume, and in politics it advocates Democratic principles. The *Press* is only a passable Sunday journal, as is evident from the fact that no great amount of ability is discernible in its general make-up, and, withal, is poorly printed and slovenly in appearance. It has a fair sprinkling of advertisements, with limited circulation. A good deal of its space is given up to local matters, while the balance is made up of foreign and domestic news, and miscellaneous items. Subscription price, \$2 per annum; five cents per copy.

At the northeast corner of Seventh and Jayne streets is issued the *Sunday Mercury*. Wm. Meesser is the publisher and proprietor. The *Mercury* is a large four-page sheet, nine columns to the page, and is Democratic in politics. It is now in its twenty-ninth year of publication. The *Mercury*, like the *Dispatch*, has seen its best days. Years gone by, it was classed as one of the best Sunday papers; but age has withered its usefulness, and more advanced and progressive organs have usurped its place. It now jogs along with limited circulation and advertising, although it is printed on better paper and presents a cleaner appearance than some other papers. To sum up the *Mercury* in a small compass—it is dull, drowsy, and insipid, and devoid of animation. Subscription, \$2 per annum; five cents per copy.

The *Sunday Republic* is about the same size as the *Mercury*, four pages, nine columns to the page, and in politics Republican. It is now in its fourteenth year of existence. As a Sunday journal it cannot be classed as A No. 1. It has a slovenly and cheap appearance, and the general contents do not indicate that much talent is displayed in its editorials or selections. Take it altogether, not much can be said in its praise. Its circulation is not large, nor is its advertising patronage extensive. The publication office is at No. 38 South Seventh street, and Messrs. Swain, Keyser & Gales are the proprietors and publishers. Subscription, per year, \$2.50; single copies five cents.

It can be said of the *Sunday Transcript*, typographically speaking, that it presents a neat and clean appearance, and is printed on good white paper. It is a large nine-column sheet, four pages, and is published by the "Sunday Transcript Company," with Wm. M. Bunn as editor, and Harper F. Smith as business manager. The office is 703 Chestnut street. It is Republican in politics, and is in its twenty-fifth volume of publication. As a Sunday journal, the *Transcript* can be set down as only "fair to middling," for it is neither brilliant, spicy, nor very entertaining. It seems to have a good share of advertising patronage, although it is said its circulation is not large. Subscription price, \$2.50; per copy, five cents.

The *Sunday Argus*, started a few weeks ago, has suspended; so also has the *Sunday Herald*, a one-cent paper of recent birth.

There are also published two German papers, namely, the *Sunday Freie Press* and the *Neue Welt*, the former at \$2 per annum, and the latter at \$2.50 per annum.

HAIR SPACE.

Doings of the Craft in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 1.

At present there is very little "astir" at the Capital. Journalism, and that branch of it more fully known to your readers—the printing department—is at par, and that is all. Washington being the capital of the country, and the site of that well-known institution, the Government Printing Office, it naturally follows that it should be the "Mecca" of all the printers in the country. Consequent upon the assembling of Congress, there is a general business revival, which, of course, affects the printing trade both directly and indirectly.

The *Congressional Record* re-appears, thus giving work to some until the adjournment of Congress. A stimulant in the way of printing is given to the Government Printing Office by Congressional work, which, together with the usual Department printing, manages to give employment to quite a number, though, of course, there must be some "banner" subs.

Noticeable among the important events that have lately transpired, is the death of Mr. William R. McLean, the veteran foreman of the *Evening Star* composing-rooms. Mr. McLean has been for nearly twenty-seven years the foreman of the above-named office, and there is not, probably, another man who has served so con-