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EDITORIAL NOTES

THE next improvement in printing presses to come into general use, will be the printing of both sides of the sheet simultaneously. An English invention is said to give great promise of success, and is the result of the study of a practical printer. The result of such an invention, if successful and practicable, would be to double the speed of the printing press. But this is speculation as far as America is concerned, and printers will await with interest definite news of the invention.

THE Page Type-setting Machine Company have given a fifteen million dollar contract to the Webster Manufacturing Company of Chicago, to complete a certain number of their machines in three years. The Page Machine was described in a recent issue of **PRINTER AND PUBLISHER**. The Company must have unbounded faith in the success of their machine. With this machine and the others, such as the Rogers

and Mergenthaler, what will the revolution be like? It will bear heavily on the compositors as a class; and, as all improvements, it will cause a displacement of invested capital.

LAST month we recorded that Mr. A. Lawson, of the Yarmouth *Herald* has entered upon the sixtieth year of his journalistic career. Such an experience is quite unique, and few men ever reach the age that Mr. Lawson has reached, in active journalistic work. He commenced the publication of the *Herald* when he was eighteen years of age, and has spent his fifty-nine years as his own boss, editing his paper to suit himself. No doubt his troubles and trials, disappointments and sorrows, have been many. His tales of threatened libel suits, of promised horse-whippings, of insinuated tar-and-feather coatings, would probably be interesting. Yet one cannot avoid thinking that Mr. Lawson has seen few of the troubled periods, or he would have succumbed years ago, borne down by the perplexities of the editor and printer's chequered career. It would be a delight to the young printers of the day to listen to the experiences of a man who for so long a time has breasted the white-caps of life's troubled sea.

HAMILTON, Ont., is a nice little city, but it should have a morning newspaper. London has two, but Hamilton lags in the race. The *Hamilton Herald* says: "that newspapers are a reflex of the people among whom they are published, and they furnish a good index to the business and social character of the community." Does that mean that the people of Hamilton are a day behind the rest of the world, and are content to remain so? Does it mean that the business men of that mountain city are slow, and their newspapers must march to the same slow tune? Why should not some live editor wake the Rip Van Winkle town up for a short time, by supplying them with news that they may get up bright and early to read? The fresh air would be exhilarating, and might produce a good effect.