

Wichita Daily Eagle

A COSILY NEWSPAPER.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD AND HOW IT IS MADE.

The Speakers in Both Houses of Congress Furnish the Copy and Read "Revisions" of It Afterward—The Stenographers—The Record Office.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—One of the unique publications of the world is now taking its annual rest. The Congressional Record, which will not appear again till congress meets in December, is the most comprehensive, most perfect legislative record in the world. It is the fashion in this coun-



try to sneer at The Congressional Record as a stupid, dull, unreadable daily paper. But this is merely a habit for which there is no justification in facts. To be sure, The Record has no telegraphic dispatches, no sensational divorce cases, and it has no pictures. But it has much wit in its broad columns, many jokes and a few tragedies. Occasionally a murder, like the killing of Clayton in Arkansas, is reported at length, and in most graphic style, in its pages. To say that The Congressional Record is dull and stupid is to say that the four hundred and odd men whom the people send to congress are dull and stupid, whereas they are, many of them, the brightest, smartest, wittiest and wisest men of their neighborhoods and states. The men who sneer at The Congressional Record do not read that unique daily journal. They are not familiar with the true value of its contents.

The congressional newspaper has its reporters, editors, writers and correspondents just as any other newspaper has. To be sure, senators and representatives are its only authorized contributors, but they are continually making investigations and explorations, and asking others to do so for them. The "copy" for The Congressional Record is both written and spoken. It is supposed to be simply a record of the debates of the houses of congress, but in reality it is much more. Hundreds and thousands of pages of The Record are filled with words which were never spoken in debate. In the house the "leave to print" is a privilege which has always been much abused. Under it members load up The Record with long speeches which were never delivered on the floor. In the senate, happily, this custom has never obtained. There the rule is that everything which goes into The Record must be spoken by a senator or read by the clerk, though even here the rule is strained enough to permit the printing of tables and similar extracts which are "indicated" in the remarks of the senator offering them. It is said the only speech of a senator ever printed in The Record without having been delivered in the senate was one of the addresses of O. P. Morton, of Indiana. He was lying fatally ill in his rooms at the Ebbitt house, and by unanimous consent a speech which he had intended delivering in the senate was published in The Record.

For the most part the copy for The Record comes from the official stenographers of the senate and house. There are five of these reporters in each body, and wonderful shorthand writers they are, too. Opinions differ as to whether it is more difficult to report in the house or in the senate. In the popular branch there is more confusion. Often three or four men are talking at once, and in the hubbub the stenographer must have a quick ear and the ability to write at lightning speed without looking at his manuscript. The senate is more orderly, but for that very reason the words come faster. In an average hour about 15 per cent. more words are spoken in the senate than in the house. It is said the greatest feat of reporting ever accomplished in congress was when Mr. B. F. Murphy, of the senate corps, "took" Senator Sargent, of California, for four solid hours, at an average rate of 192 words per minute. Think of taking down forty of these columns in four hours! That is what Mr. Murphy did in following Sargent, who was the lightning-talker of congress.

In their methods of work the stenographers have a very pretty custom. Each man goes on the floor to do "a turn," and "a turn" is not a certain number of minutes, as is generally supposed, but a certain number of words. As soon as the reporter has written in his note book all the words of type which he has written, he sends to the next man on the list and retires to dictate to his assistant. The reporters can tell within a very few words when they are at the end of their stint, and throughout the session Mr. Murphy, for instance, will of his own accord write up his notes numbered 1 to 30, the next man writing folios 31 to 40, and so on. As soon as the stenographer's notes have been written out on

typewriter the copy is brought to the house or senate, and the remarks of each senator or member who has spoken are read before him. As a rule these reports are immediately checked and sent back to the stenographer, and by them are sent to The Record room of the government printing office. It often happens, however, that members carry their copy home with them, rewrite it again and again, and send it to the printing office about 3 o'clock in the morning. The rule is that when copy is received after midnight the foreman of

the Record may leave it out of the next morning's edition and insert it instead. Mr. Blank addressed the house. His remarks



are withheld for revision and will appear hereafter. At 7 o'clock in the evening, which is generally about an hour after the adjournment of congress, the real work of "getting out The Record" begins in the "printing office." In The Record room there is a department distinct from the remainder of the office, a hundred men have their coats off. Foreman Pearson, one of the best printers in the world, and his assistant are cutting up great wads of copy. As the clock strikes 7 eighty-two compositors step forward one after another and get their "takes." Soon eighty-two nimble fingers are picking up the bright brevier types and rattling them into eighty-two sticks. It costs money to set the type for The Record. The eighty-two men earn from \$30 to \$35 a week each. They are paid fifty cents per thousand ems, and are entitled to seven hours' composition per night. In each page of The Record there are, in brevier, 6,000 ems, and the average throughout, extracts and roll calls being set in nonpareil, about 4,000 ems. This makes the cost of each page for composition alone \$4, and during the session just ended The Record reached the unprecedented number of 11,771 pages. The first session of the Fifty-fifth congress, the longest session on record—331 days—filled 10,008 pages of The Record. This session was twenty days shorter, but filled a thousand pages more of the daily journal.

Setting the type is only one part of the expense. Five first-class readers, each with a boy "copy holder," first go over the proofs for typographical errors. After this is done the proofs are passed over to five second readers, who read silently, on the alert for mistakes of any sort, particularly those of grammar, punctuation or style, which may have escaped the first readers. Typographical errors are very rare indeed in The Record. In addition to these ten proofreaders and their boy copy holders there are two revisers, whose duty it is to see that all mistakes marked in the proofs are properly corrected. Reading proof on The Record costs Uncle Sam about \$350 a week. Publishing The Record would be a pretty and satisfactory task if it were not for the vanity and timidity of congressmen. There is an old story (which Foreman Pearson says is true several times over) of the new member of congress who had made his maiden speech, and who not only wanted to read the proofs but went down to the printing office and watched his speech go to press, and with great pride picked up the damp sheets to read his own eloquent words in print. The statesman not only revise the copy furnished them by the stenographers—"revision" often meaning an entirely new speech—but they want proofs sent them from the printing office. How they do struggle with these proofs! How timid they are! They change a word or a sentence again and again, evidently with fear of their constituents before their eyes. Late at night they send the proofs back to the office, and the sheets which went out nice and clean are dirty enough on their

return to make a printer's heart sick.

Sometimes a senator will demand a second proof at 3 o'clock in the morning, and what a howl he will raise if he doesn't get it! Waiting for copy and waiting for proofs is the bane of life in The Record room. Messengers are sent out to hurry the statesmen, but the great men are often found at dinner or at poker, and they refuse to be disturbed. Some of these statesmen have queer notions about orthography. One changed the word "traffic," as he found it in his proof, to "traffick," and when the revise went back to him without the final "k" he wrote on the margin: "What in hades do you take me for? Don't you suppose I know how to spell 'traffick'?"

The Record should go to press at 4 a. m. It is often 6 before the pages are ready. Getting The Record to press is in some respects a different task than that which the foreman of a morning paper has before him. In the newspaper office pages after page may be "closed up" and sent to the stereotyper long before the last "take" of copy has been pulled from the hook. The rush of the closing hour is on but one or two pages, three at the utmost, and then two men can work on each page. But The Record cannot be "made up" till every line is in. It is book work, in that it is a straight story from start to finish, and if some vain or timid congressman is holding out his speech, a "stickful" in length perhaps, fifty pages of matter are held on the galleys till these lines can be corrected and put in their proper place. Only one man can work "on the spot" making up the Record, and twice this year The Record has consisted of 104 pages. The largest Record ever issued consisted of 112 pages, nearly equal in number of words to a thirty-six page Sunday newspaper in Chicago or New York, and greater than the newspaper in amount of white paper covered.

The Record room is a complete and perfect newspaper office. It has its own stereotyping outfit and a web press which is used for nothing else. The edition of The Record is about nine thousand five hundred copies. All but a few hundred of these are sent out on order of members of congress, each of whom is entitled to twenty or so copies. All told 15 persons are required to do the work, and the cost to the government is about \$800,000 a year. The routine from subscriptions would not pay the salaries of the boys who hold copy. The permanent edition of The Record, to be bound in large volumes, is printed from new plates, though the type is not reset. No daily newspaper in the world has a more picturesque record than that which The Congressional Record maintains at the Capitol. It is in a corner of beautiful stately hall, as the feet of the immortal Fulton, who in marble sits with a model of his steamboat in his hand.

ROBERT GRAVES. An Involuntary Question. Ted—That girl loves me so she is almost a nuisance. Ned—Do you think she is in her right mind?—Epoch.

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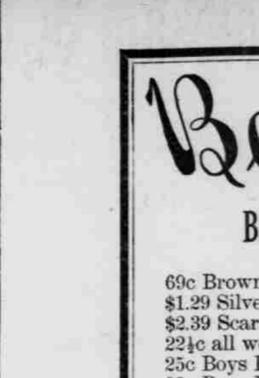
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