

A Reporter's Life.

Young men, anxious to become leading journalists, are usually put at the lowest grade of reportorial work. It is drudgery, but then it shows to the editor if the youth has the qualities out of which a journalist may be made. A story is told of a college graduate who applied to a New York editor for a situation. He was sent, on trial, to report a coroner's inquest, and returned to the office with four foolscap pages of manuscript. "Boil it down to ten lines," said the editor, tossing him the parcel. An hour or two after, the editor inquired of his subordinate manager, "if that fellow had made anything of his report." "Yes, he did pretty well for a graduate—he only left out the verdict of the jury." The following description of a reporter's life may seem exaggerated to the uninitiated. But though it is humorously put, it is not greatly overdrawn:

In order to get the facts with which to construct his numerous articles, he must travel on an average five miles a day, or an aggregate of 1,500 miles a year. During these perambulations he asks several thousand civil questions and gets several thousand uncivil answers; gets ordered out of offices and houses; has dozens of doors slammed in his face; is asked 10,000 questions and returns as many short but civil answers.

He is button-holed 1,300 times by parties who desire to impart a good item about themselves; is let into several political secrets by candidates, which are bare-faced boasts; is welcomed wherever his pencil will put money into people's pockets or give them a little notoriety.

However, he pays full rates for board, best prices for clothes, either walks or pays full fare on the street-cars.

While others are enjoying the social party, lectures, a turn on the roller-skates or marching with a political club, the reporter is wrestling with a mass of chaotic facts and endeavoring to get them into shape for you to read while you quietly despatch your good warm breakfast.

He goes to bed at three o'clock in the morning and between the annoyances of flies, noisy chambermaids and pencils of sunlight boring into his eyes, he does well to get seven hours' sleep by the time he is aroused at noon for his breakfast.

At two o'clock he reports at the office and begins the same old round of duties. But taking one consideration with another, the life of a reporter is not much worse than that of a street-car driver after all.—Oil City Derrick.

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Nov. 19, 1881.

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STATIONS.	Mail.	Saginaw & Bay City Express.	Thro'gh Freight.
Jackson Lv	7 00 A.M.	4 15 P.M.	1 00 P.M.
Rives Junction	7 25	4 40	1 50
Leslie	7 55	5 10	3 05
Mason	8 25	5 40	3 35
Holt	8 55	6 10	4 15
Lansing	9 25	6 40	4 55
North Lansing	9 55	7 10	5 10
Bath	10 25	7 40	5 55
Laingsburg	10 55	8 10	6 45
Bennington	11 25	8 40	7 30
D.A.M. Crossing	11 55	9 10	8 15
Owosso	12 25	9 40	9 00
Oakley's	12 55	10 10	9 50
Chesaning	1 25	10 40	10 40
St. Charles	1 55	11 10	11 15
Saginaw City	2 25	11 40	12 00
East Saginaw	2 55	12 10	12 45
F. & P.M. June	3 25	12 40	1 30
West Bay City	3 55	1 10	2 15
West Bay City	4 25	1 40	2 45
Bay City	4 55	2 10	3 15

SOUTHWARD.

STATIONS.	Jackson Express.	Chicago Express and Mail.	Jackson Freight.
Bay City Lv	7 00 A.M.	5 25 P.M.	11 00 A.M.
West Bay City	7 25	5 50	10 00
Zilwaukee	7 55	6 20	10 45
F. & P.M. June	8 25	6 50	11 00
East Saginaw	7 48	6 30	11 15
Saginaw City	7 58	6 40	11 45 P.M.
St. Charles	8 30	7 10	12 55
Chesaning	8 45	7 30	1 35
Oakley's	8 55	7 40	1 45
Owosso	9 25	8 00	2 50
D.A.M. Crossing	9 35	8 10	3 00
Bennington	9 55	8 30	3 35
Laingsburg	10 25	9 00	4 20
Bath	10 55	9 30	5 10
North Lansing	11 25	10 00	5 50
Lansing	11 55	10 30	6 05
Holt	12 25	11 00	6 45
Mason	12 55	11 30	7 30
Leslie	1 25	12 00	8 15
Rives Junction	1 55	12 30	8 55
Jackson	2 25	1 00	9 40

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	SOUTH.	EXPRESS	EXPRESS	ACCOM.
Lv. Bay City	5 25 P.M.	7 00 A.M.		
Saginaw	6 30	7 58		
Lansing	9 25	10 25		
Grand Rapids	10 20	11 20		
Detroit	9 59	7 00	4 05 P.M.	
Ann Arbor	11 17	8 40	5 22	
Jackson	7 15 A.M.	12 00 M.	7 00 P.M.	
Honover	7 50	12 30 P.M.	8 05	
Jonesville	8 15	12 55	9 00	
Bankers	8 53	1 13	9 28	
Reading	8 42	1 28	9 50	
Montgomery	8 55	1 45	10 25	
Fremont	9 12	2 02	10 55	
Angola	9 30	2 20	11 25	
Pleasant Lake	9 49	2 39	11 45	
Wat'rio	10 02	2 52	12 25 A.M.	
Auburn	10 15	3 05	1 00	
Auburn June	10 17	3 23	8 00	
Fort Wayne	11 15	4 20	9 30	
Indianapolis	5 30 P.M.	10 50	5 30 P.M.	
Cincinnati	8 55	10 50	6 25	
Louisville	10 15	7 25 A.M.	7 30	
St. Louis		8 30		
Washington		9 05 P.M.		
Baltimore		10 15		

NORTH.

	EXPRESS	EXPRESS	ACCOM.
Lv. Baltimore	9 10 A.M.		8 10 P.M.
Washington	10 20 A.M.		9 27
St. Louis	6 49 P.M.		7 50 A.M.
Louisville	8 00		9 00
Cincinnati	9 00		7 35 A.M.
Indianapolis	4 30 A.M.		11 10
Fort Wayne	11 45 A.M.		8 00 P.M.
Auburn June	12 45 P.M.		9 00
Auburn	12 48		6 03 3 05
Wat'rio	1 00		6 15 3 40
Pleasant Lake	1 18		6 33 4 25
Angola	1 30		7 05 5 05
Fremont	1 46		7 22 5 58
Montgomery	2 03		7 40 6 15
Bankers	2 15		7 57 6 40
Jonesville	2 27		8 03 7 03
Honover	2 42		8 20 7 35
Jackson	3 07 P.M.	9 20 P.M.	8 30
Ann Arbor	3 07		10 54
Detroit	6 30	11 40	11 50
Grand Rapids	10 30	7 30 A.M.	4 30 P.M.
Lansing	5 35	8 20	5 30
Saginaw	8 25	10 55	
Bay City	9 20 P.M.	11 55 A.M.	

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