

## EXPERT STENOGRAPHERS Broke Records at Coal Commission Inquiry

Means by Which the Greatest Job of Shorthand Transcription Was Handled.

When the last session of the anthracite coal strike commission was finished in Philadelphia the official stenographer had just completed page 10,007 of the record, and they had still 50 pages to write to finish their work for that day. In all they had reported the sessions of 56 days and the record made somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,500,000 words, says the New York Sun. Nothing just like this job has ever been done before by shorthand reporters. To begin with there has never been such an arbitration before. But in the two considerations of the speed with which the record was made ready for those who wanted to use it and in the number of copies prepared there is no precedent, also there is probably no precedent for the profits the official stenographers made from their work.

As soon as it was announced that there was to be such a commission stenographers all over the east began to figure on getting the work of reporting the sessions. A score or more of applications were made to the recorder of the commission for the appointment, and each applicant not only submitted to the recorder such credentials and recommendations as he thought would benefit his case, but if he had friends who might be of assistance they were asked also to do what they could.

Several firms in Washington which have had extended experience in reporting hearings before congressional committees were among the applicants, and one of them, Hanna & Budington, got the prize. All had submitted for the work. In awarding the contract it was understood that price was not the only consideration, but that efficiency counted for a large part. The successful bidders had realized that their work for the commission would be only a small part of their possible return, and, relying on that, had made their bid much smaller than the usual fee for such work in Washington. As soon as they received the appointment they either visited or wrote to all the coal companies that they knew would be parties to the arbitration and solicited orders for copies of the record. The miners also would be in need of copies for their counsel, and they were solicited also. The result was that orders were received for something more than 40 copies, including those furnished to the commissioners. Of these there were eight.

The big coal companies, of course, were the best customers, some of them taking from three to five copies every day. The price for all these copies was 10 cents a folio for the first copy and 5 cents a folio for each additional copy on one order. A folio in stenographer's language is 100 words, and so the price for a single copy became approximately from 20 to 25 cents a page, as the pages run from 200 to 250 words.

The first session of the commission was a very brief one in Washington. Here the lawyers for both sides met the commissioners to talk over the arrangements for the taking of testimony, which was to begin soon thereafter at Scranton. The stenographers undertook then to furnish the copies they had contracted to deliver by the ordinary method of making manifold copies on typewriters.

They had plenty of machines and fast operators, but it took them nearly all night to get through their work, and it was evident at once that such a system would not serve at all when the taking of testimony began, and the record became long. Besides by such a scheme many of the copies were bound to be more or less thin and illegible. So a new plan was adopted, involving the use of a copying machine. This is an instrument on which as many copies can be made as desired, one as good as the other. Instead of making copies on a typewriter in the ordinary method the stenographer dictates his notes to an operator, who writes them out on a paraffin sheet.

This sheet is run through the typewriter in the regular way, but is covered with silk gauze to prevent the steel type from perforating the thin wax. The stencil which results from this process is clamped on the frame of the machine and as long as the ink holds out and the boy who turns the crank can keep it up the printing goes on. The ink, distributed on the inside of the machine, passed through the lines cut in the wax by the letters of the typewriter and a perfect copy is the result.

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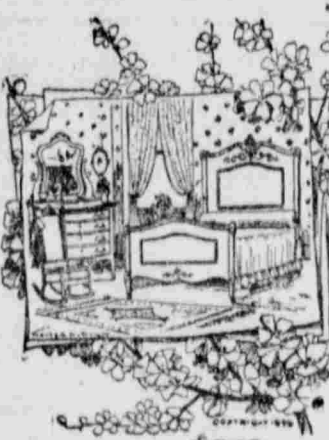
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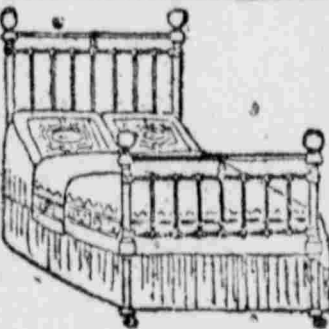
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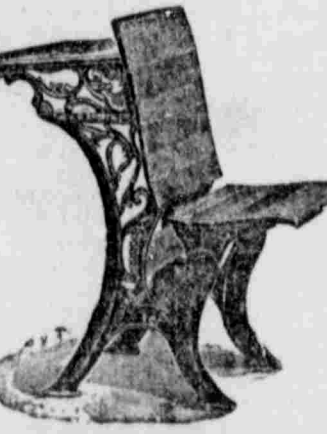


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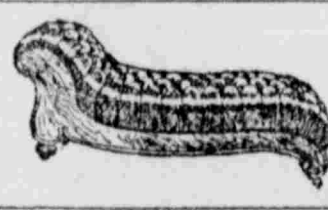
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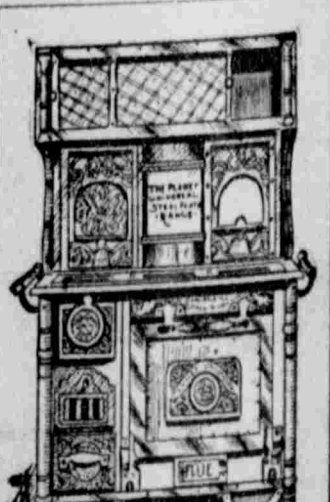
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