

Printing Press on Which Mark Twain Began His Career Will Be Retired After 77 Years

The printing press that launched Mark Twain on his literary career will retire from active service this summer, says a story in the recent issue of the New York Times. A regular tramp among printing presses it has been, except that, untramplike, it has never shirked work. It has never missed a weekly issue of its last job, which had lasted exactly 55 years on July 9. It was on its next-to-the-last job that the press was the unassertive partner of young Sam Clemens.

The last 50 years—not its hardest—have been spent in the little California town of Independence, on the edge of the desert. Not only is the press itself to go out of business; the Inyo Independent, also, whose voice the press has spread across the desert, through the valleys, even so far as to meet the echo of roaring Los Angeles. The financial burden of publishing the paper has become too great, the editor announces.

The press—an old Washington hand press—left New York on its first assignment in 1848. It landed in Baton Rouge, where it supported Zachary Taylor for President. From Baton Rouge it went to Panama, where it was shipwrecked by the overturning of a barge. It was salvaged from the mud, however, and put to work getting out the Panama

Herald. In 1850 the press followed Horace Greeley's advice and turned up in San Francisco, arriving on a sailing ship. There the Placer Times and Transcript made use of it for a year. It got a better job in San Diego, publishing the new San Diego Herald. From there it was persuaded to enter the service of Brigham Young, in the Mormon settlement at San Bernardino.

The old press was next lodged on a wagon and dragged through desert sands, up steep mountain sides and through rocky passes, to Aurora, Nev., a mining boom camp. It was here that it made the acquaintance of and advertised as widely as possible the work of a young and red-headed reporter, Sam Clemens. The Aurora Times was a stanch Union paper, and through the Civil War days the editors and their little press were faithfully guarded by shotgun deputies.

When Aurora gave up the brave fight, the old press and the young reporter went different ways. The world watched the reporter, but the press again made the rocking wagon pilgrimage across the mountains and into a little desert pocket below the level of the sea, in the edge of the region that a generation later is to help advertise as Imperial Valley.

GOV. URGES FIRE PREVENTION

Issues Proclamation Asking Observance Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10

Governor McLean has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of North Carolina to observe Fire Prevention Week which has been designated for the week of October 4 to 10.

The proclamation follows: "The State of North Carolina has for years led in efforts to reduce fire waste and its attendant loss of life and property. October 4th to 10th inclusive has been designated as Fire Prevention Week throughout the United States, and I appeal to our citizenship who are so familiar with the destruction of fire to become vitally interested in this great economic waste.

"The fire loss in the United States last year (1924) was more than five hundred and fifty millions of dollars with more than 17,000 persons killed and a vastly larger number crippled and maimed for life. North Carolina shares in the loss was more than five million three hundred and twenty thousand dollars, with 343 lives and hundreds of our people maimed. It is well known that carelessness and ignorance of fire hazard go hand in hand as the chief causes of our great national bonfire.

"I, therefore, urge that the week of October 4th to 10th be set aside as Fire Prevention Week in accordance with Section 6080 of Consolidated Statutes, which provides that the Governor of North Carolina shall each year in October, issue a proclamation urging the people to a proper observance.

"During this week I also urge that fire drills be held in schools, factories, and stores, and that they be continued at regular intervals.

"That schools, theatres, churches, public and private hospitals and institutions, factories, stores, and hotels be inspected to see that every safeguard against fire is provided, and also that exit facilities are sufficient in case of fire.

"That local authorities examine their fire ordinances and make them sufficient if they are lacking in any particular.

"To this end I urge our citizens to thoroughly co-operate with our Insurance Department, and that every Mayor issue a proclamation. I earnestly request the co-operation of every citizen, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, and Women's Clubs, and all other civic bodies and the Press. As October 4th comes on Sunday I especially appeal to the Clergy and Sunday school superintendents to bring this to attention of their people.

"Now, therefore, I, A. W. McLean, Governor of North Carolina, in accordance with law, do issue this my proclamation, and I do set aside and designate October 4th to 10th, 1925, as Fire Prevention Week, and do

urge all the people to a proper observance of this week in obedience to the statutes of North Carolina.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this the 9th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the one hundred and fiftieth year of our American Independence.

"A. W. McLEAN,
Governor."

LIVING WITH "T. B." WITHOUT DANGER

Sanatorium, N. C., Sep. 11.—There are a few simple precautions and sanitary rules that persons living with a tuberculous patient and the patient himself may follow that will make a "T. B." of no more danger than a well person. When a "T. B." and those who care for him follow these rules an unreasonable fear of the person suffering with tuberculosis is foolish.

Infection by the tubercle bacillus comes almost exclusively from the sputum of the tuberculous patient. So the safe disposal of the sputum of the patient is one of the most important precautions. Never spit except in a sputum cup which can be burned when used, and see that it is burned. Covering the mouth with a rag, piece of gauze or a paper napkin when the patient coughs or sneezes is the next big rule. Don't use the bare hand. The fine spray in which the germs live will be spread all over it. If sputum is accidentally spilled cover it with disinfectant, let stand for a while, wipe up with a rag and burn the rag.

In disinfecting the room of a "T. B." formaldehyde candles may be used. Every article in the room hung in the sunshine for three days is fully as good. Disinfect or boil for five minutes all dishes or drinking vessels the patient uses, unless the patient uses separate dishes and drinking vessels. Surplus food should be boiled or burned. Boil the patient's clothes and bed linen five minutes or soak for two hours in a disinfectant before sending to the laundry. Strew the floor in the patient's room with damp sawdust or bits of wet paper before sweeping.

Don't kiss the patient if he coughs and never kiss any one on the lips even if they do not cough. Never allow the tuberculous patient to sleep with any one. Every time another person waits on the patient the hands must be washed in soap and water.

Children are much more easily infected than adults. Keep them away from the person and the room of the "T. B." as long as the patient coughs or spits. Never let the patient kiss or fondle them or allow them to handle or eat food or anything the patient has had his hands on.

THOMAS JEFFERSON VIOLIN

E. W. Miller, a Guilford man, who resides near High Point, has in his possession a violin said to have been owned and played by Thomas Jefferson.

Carved on the inside of the violin is Jefferson's name and the date January 25, 1777.

Miller is satisfied beyond any doubt that Jefferson was the original owner of the instrument.

INSANITY SAVES MURDERER'S LIFE

Cheatham Evans, convicted Nash county murderer of A. L. Joyner, white jitney driver, Saturday escaped the electric chair at the State Prison by commutation from Governor McLean because "it seems to me repugnant to the tenets of society and civilization to cause the death of a man who is insane, even though the offense committed by him may be an aggravated one."

Evans was convicted at the October term of the Nash County Superior court and has escaped the chair four times by reprieves.

"While no punishment can be too severe for this prisoner, if sane," the Governor declared, "the dictates of humanity force me to the conclusion that, on account of his mental condition, there is no other fair and reasonable course to follow, other than to commute his sentence to life imprisonment and I have, therefore, relieved the prisoner of the penalty of death, solely and entirely because of mental status."

Dr. J. H. Norman, prison physician and warden, some time ago stated that he believed the prisoner to be insane. Evans will probably be immediately transferred from death row to the criminal insane department of the State hospital for the Insane.

Governor McLean's statement on his action in commuting the sentence follows in part:

"The homicide was one of the most brutal that has occurred in the annals of our State. The prisoner was convicted and sentenced to death, which verdict and judgment was later confirmed by the Supreme court of North Carolina. The prisoner, being sentenced to the State Prison showed signs of mental derangement, and, after his condition was called to my attention, I put the prisoner under observation and have had a very careful examination made into his mental status by Drs. R. E. Adams and John S. McKee. These physicians and other parties, who have had occasion to observe the prisoner, advise me that there is no question but what the prisoner is insane and has been for several months.

"Owing to the horrible murder for which the prisoner was sentenced, I have hesitated to commute his sentence to life imprisonment, and for this reason have heretofore reprieved the prisoner four times, in order to satisfy myself fully as to whether or not the prisoner was actually insane or merely feigning insanity.

"The commissioner of pardons has given the case his most careful consideration and personal attention, by visiting the prisoner and otherwise obtaining data concerning him and the commissioner advises me that, in his opinion, from all facts obtainable, there can be no question but what the prisoner is actually insane.

"It is with reluctance that I interfere with the sentence of the prisoner, who was fairly convicted in the courts of so horrible a crime; however, it seems to me to be repugnant to the tenets of society and civilization to cause the death of a man who

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SOME MAY LIVE TO SEE THE END OF TEAPOT DOME CASE

Some day years hence the newspapers will carry an item about the final decision in the once famous Teapot Dome case. Many readers of the item will have never heard of it before. Others will recall it mistily. Many will pass it up with a yawn as of little or no interest.

Recently a judge in the United States court in Wyoming granted the Government's petition for an appeal from the decision in the suit against Harry Sinclair for annulment of the Naval Oil Reserve lease. The case now goes into the appellate court and later, doubtless, to the Supreme Court.

The Government's petition for appeal assigns 64 errors to Judge Kennedy in the court's handling of the annulment suit. 50 of which involve the exclusion of evidence bearing upon transactions over Liberty bonds which the Government charges were transferred from Sinclair to Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, pursuant to "collusion and fraud" in the negotiation and execution of the Teapot Dome lease.

This was the case of the high-handed seizure of the nation's oil reserve upon which the Navy expected to depend in case of war. It is linked with the similar grab of the Elk Hills Naval Oil Reserve. The cases reeked with corruption, fraud and bribery of high government officials. The deal was put over in order to float a gigantic stock-selling campaign. This was successful, and Sinclair reaped his millions from it without drilling an oil well or making any serious gesture at operation. Then there was the Continental Trading Company transaction that the Government wanted to know about. They knew about it, but wanted Mr. Sinclair to talk about it. They wanted other witnesses to tell about it. In all this they were thwarted. Now the case will drag its weary way through the courts, to what end no man may safely predict.—The Union Herald.

"Don't those papers make you tired?" an old gentleman asked the little newsboy, who was staggering along with a great bundle of the Sunday edition. "Naw!" he replied, "I don't have to read 'em."

The organization of any club within the membership of a lodge is forbidden by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

The world owes you a living but you must show it what for.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 4 TO 10

At this season when schools are opening and after a long period of drouth in almost all sections of the state, it is fitting that the Governor should issue a proclamation asking for the observance of Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10. In the fall before it becomes necessary to have fires all public and private buildings should be examined to make sure that they are safe and all waste paper and other inflammable material should be removed from them. During the past year Smithfield has suffered heavy losses by fire and we trust that steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of such unnecessary waste. The old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is practical advice and should be followed. Governor McLean's proclamation in part is as follows:

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NEW CARS ORDERED BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY

J. S. Bloodworth, district passenger agent of the Southern Railway, Raleigh, has received the following from officials of the road at Atlanta: "Four all steel dining cars and ten 70-foot all steel express cars have just been purchased by the Southern Railway System. The dining cars were ordered from the Pullman Company and delivery in February has been promised. The express cars, which are to be especially equipped for handling thoroughbred horses, were ordered from the Bethlehem Company, with promise of delivery in January."

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As money is scarce, we are doing this so that you may get the paper regularly and read it. We know that you will enjoy it, and will be willing to pay the note when it comes due. Get your neighbors to sign one of the notes and mail to use. You will help by doing so. We want 1,000 subscribers immediately and we are going to get them. Help us all you can.

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