

OFFICE NO. SINCERE

Secretary of State Has an Enormous Amount of Business To Transact.

WORK IS CONSTANTLY GROWING

Every Legislature Adds Some Work or Responsibility to the Secretary's Office, But Business Is Kept Up to Date.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 22.—Recent publication of a story to the effect that applications for automobile licenses have been delayed by the congestion of business in the office of recent secretaries of state has aroused the indignation of the employees in that department of the state government. That the tale was grossly untrue is shown by the fact that the office of the secretary of state has been organized in such a manner as to insure the promptness of its business.

Responsibility for the story rests with certain Chicago persons who were arrested for failing to comply with the state law. They found it a handy excuse to blame the office of Springfield for delaying their applications, and until the trick was discovered the office was being deceived. Inquiry at Springfield developed the fact that the applications for licenses were being filed by return mail as rapidly as they were received, and now the excuse is no longer accepted.

The incident has served to call attention to the business in the office of the secretary of state and to the growth in recent years. Had there been some basis for the stories of the delinquent automobile operators it would have been a matter of some surprise, for the amount of correspondence now handled in the office is very heavy, and but for the system in force could soon accumulate to the point of congestion. The rule of the office, however, is to clear up the mail every day. No letter that can be intelligently answered on the day it is received is carried over.

Department Work Increases. The office of secretary of state has always been an important department in the state government, but the office has been growing in recent years and the duties have been multiplying until it has quite outgrown its original limits. Every legislature adds some new work or responsibility to the secretary's office, and the secretary's office is a constant to the efficiency of the department. No commission for the secretary of state has ever been drafted into its service in some emergency.

In addition to attending to the duties originally attached to the office, the secretary of state serves on the following boards: State licensing board, commission of state contracts, commission of the department of justice, trustees of Lincoln monument, trustees of Lincoln monument, trustees of natural history museum.

He has served numerous boards and commissions created for temporary work, such as the erection of buildings. The compilation of statutes, collection of statistics and the like, is carried by the state librarian and one of his important duties is to keep the state library up-to-date and to carry out the purpose for which it was created. The present secretary, Mr. Rose, has adopted the policy of making the institution a complete library available from a practical as well as a literary standpoint.

The secretary of state issues all orders and checks all bills for the printing and binding of books, circulars and pamphlets for all kinds for the state departments and state boards and for the general assembly. He also purchases all the paper and stationery for the departments and has charge of the printing and distribution of the records of the assembly, and the distribution of the supreme court reports.

Has Charge of State House. As custodian of the capital and the grounds surrounding the secretary of state operates a big heating and lighting plant, cares for the elevator service in the building and polices the great structure. As a member of the board of contracts he assists in making the contracts of all sorts and because of his intimate acquaintance with the needs of the departments and the general assembly he exercises more than ordinary judgment in passing on propositions involving the expenditure of state funds. Much of the work of the secretary of state is the result of growth, rather than of station. The office offers unlimited possibilities for an efficient official, and Secretary Rose has been very active in the way of finding things to do. An instance is the voluntary supervision which he has exercised in the case of investment concerns operating in the state, by which a good money millions have been saved to poor investors.

Witnesses "Investment" Companies. Under the law the secretary is to charter all corporations except banks, insurance companies and building and loan associations. He also issues license permits to do business in the state. When the so-called "investment" concerns applied to him for incorporation papers a few years ago there were no returns in law for the past several years and the secretary was unable to locate the companies and was unable to act. Then they went to other states and the secretary of state had to refuse the foreign corporations and the secretary of state had

SALE OF UNDERWEAR SPECIALS.

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Saturday, (as per affidavit published in the current issue of our home paper) we sold \$1452.45 worth of goods. This is over \$200.00 more than we sold a week ago and more than twice what we sold the corresponding day last year. It gives some idea of our business expansion. The reason for the expansion is, found first of all in our prices, of which the following are samples.

Men's fine quality Wool Under-shirts, \$2.00 garments, soft and very heavy. Sale price... \$1.20
Children's heavy fleeced Underwear sizes 27 to 34... \$2.00
Infant's heavy fleeced Underwear, all sizes... \$1.00
Ladies extra heavy Gray Fleeced Vests... \$2.00

Sample Sale. Over 300 Ladies' Cotton and Wool Union Suits bargains active by purchasing these samples.
Heavy weight, fleeced Cotton Suits, No. 2 for... \$2.00
Extra quality, very fine ribbed, soft fleeced Suits, Underwear, all sizes... \$1.00
Ladies' extra heavy Gray Fleeced Vests... \$2.00

Hosiery. We sell, on our two floors, 92 varieties of hosiery.
Men's Heavy Weight, Ribbed, Black, Wool Hose 15 and 18... \$1.00
Men's extra weight, heavy fleeced Hose... \$1.00
Men's mixed wool, Shaker Hose, 10, 12, 15, 25 Sample Heavy weight Socks, all colors, 10 and 15... \$1.00
Ladies' Samples of 25 Black Wool Hose 10 and 15... \$1.00
Ladies' heavy Black Fleeced Hose, 10 and 15... \$1.00
Ladies' full length all wool Black Stockings... \$1.00

Ladies' Ready to Wear Goods. Ladies' House Skirts, made of heavy flannelette, and dark colored Calicoes, all sizes, choice... \$1.00
Girls' 5/2 inch fashionable Winter Cloaks, all sample garments, no two alike, sizes 10 and 18, only... \$1.00
Ladies' 5/2 inch choice of these Coats... \$4.00
Ladies' 5/2 inch extra heavy Black Kersey or Melton Cloth Coats, well made and trimmed, in styles and colors such as usually retail for \$10.00, now prices \$7.00 and \$6.00
Heavy Wool Knit Petticoats, knee length 5/2... \$1.00
Ladies' 5/2 inch Heavy Tennis Flannel Petticoats... \$1.00
Ladies' Black 5/2 inch Melton Coats, with Fur Collars... \$1.00
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Ladies' Flannelette Skirts, waist attached... \$2.00
Men's Canvas Leggings, 200 pair, worth \$60, price... \$2.00
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Men's heavy, double breasted Wool Over Shirts... \$1.00
100 Ladies' wool Frocks, Ribbed, black only, per yard... \$1.00
Sale of Girls' and Boys' Caps at... \$1.00

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She Was an "Easy Mark." "Did you intend to give me this?" asked a steward on one of the steamers of a woman passenger who just tipped him. "This was a legit new penny.

The woman, looking amused and embarrassed, said: "I didn't think you that I gave you a \$2.50 gold piece, didn't I?" "That's what I thought you meant to give me. I was sure you had made a mistake," said the man. The woman, with an apology, took the penny and gave him a gold piece. The steward said, "This was her money and to try to understand."

It came to her all right. She remembered two years before on her homeward trip a fellow passenger had told her the steward had come to her with a new penny given him by mistake, the steward said, and she had made it good.

It was a little late then—she had been at "easy mark" and she knew it—and it wouldn't do a bit of good to object. She did tell the purser, who promised to investigate. She knew, too, what that meant—New York Sun.

The Old Buffalo Days. There is no record at the war department of Washington of a document bearing witness to how plentiful buffaloes were within the memory of many upon now living. It is the "return" for several rounds of cannon ammunition expended in Kansas in 1867 to divert the course of a great herd of buffalo that was heading toward a camp of soldiers with a force that threatened to overtake it.

At least one officer, it is known, had these shots fired, and he describes the herd as literally reaching as far as the eye could see. It was a long time in watching the army whose occupants watched it in silence, awed by the spectacle. General Philip St. George Cooke, who was in command, saw the herd of antelope to pass, and he was not a man easily halted by his duty. He hastily impelled him to withhold the regiment from mauling and maiming the antelope, which were at the right of way.—Boston Transcript.

Who Could Pass? To test the intelligence capabilities of fifty applicants for junior clerkship in the office of the Sydney water and sewerage board they were asked upon to write from dictation a paragraph. This certificate was a certificate in medicine and held other scholastic diplomas. The candidates were the very cranks persecuted—some day teachers, the next grocers. "Today his facile pen evinces a superior diction in piquant satire of some literary genius; tomorrow an enthusiastic effusion on an illiterate volitional. His studies on concrete sciences were sterile; his researches in natural philosophy esoteric if not chimerical." No less than forty-three out of the fifty candidates came to grief in this artificially designed spelling obstacle race. At the next meeting of the board a member doubted the spelling of one of the dictations. It suddenly fell upon to write on the same passage, would succeed in negotiating every one of the big words successfully.—London Chronicle.

A Queer Serbian Belief. To hatch a chicken by holding an egg for the allotted time is the left argument is believed in Serbia to be a certain charm against violent death, more especially if the hen be allowed whole forty days after it comes to life. A robber who had devastated the district of Kocinara for many years was, writes a Belgrade correspondent, known to have accomplished both these feats, which accounted for the sparsity of the possessions he was pursuing. He was persuaded as they were of his vulnerability. He was finally, however, killed by his wounded police, thus contradicting a time honored Serbian superstition.

"I have no money," the man complained. "You have been given" responded the other. "I have been given" "What?" "You may enjoy watching those who have."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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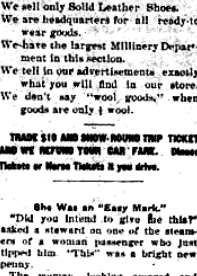
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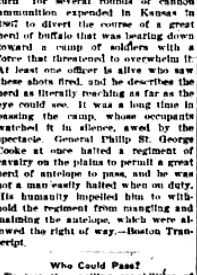
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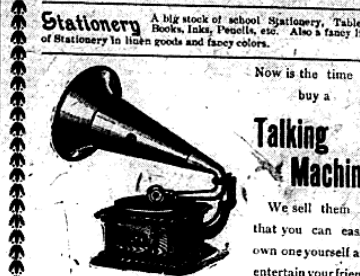
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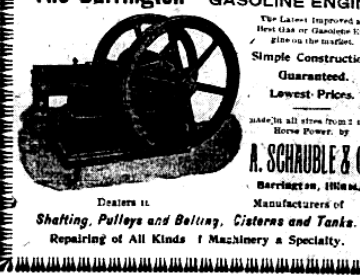
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