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THE Employing Printers' Association of Detroit has lately changed its name to "Typothetæ of Detroit, Mich."

It is reported that the men appear to be satisfied with the present scale, viz., \$14 per week, 35 cents per thousand and fifty-seven hours per week, quitting at 3 o'clock on Saturday.

Business is said to be very good for the time of year.

The monthly meetings of this body are held regularly and with a good attendance.

TYPOTHETÆ OF CHICAGO.

ONLY routine business was transacted at the July meeting of this society. The mutual benefit association, organized two months ago by the employers and employees, is said to be progressing nicely and meeting with hearty support from the fraternity.

The nucleus for a fine library has already been got together by the purchase by this society of the Franklin Library of Chicago, a collection of old and rare technical works pertaining to the printing art and its kindred branches. Many donations of books have been received, the most notable being from Belford, Clark & Co., and consisting of one hundred volumes of standard literature, which were added to the collection on July 1.

MUNSON TYPESETTING MACHINE.

STILL another aspirant for popular favor in typesetting machines has appeared. This is run something on the plan of the orguinette, and the inventor is the well-known stenographer, J. E. Munson. The machine will probably not be put on the market for some time to come, but an experimental machine has been found to work successfully, and another for business purposes is now being finished. An endless tape of strong paper is run between rolls, which cut through it a series of arbitrary combinations of holes corresponding to letters, capitals, numerals and punctuation marks. These perforations are produced by means of steel dies operated by a contrivance somewhat similar to the keyboard of a typewriter, only much larger. The paper tape after it has been perforated is removed and given to the proof reader, who punches holes where they have been omitted and blots out those wrongly placed. When the copy has thus been justified it is placed in the receiver of the main machine, and the power-which may be either steam, hand or electric—is applied. As the tape moves along the perforations cause certain levers to drop down, which in turn cause the corresponding type to drop down from the reservoir to the carrier and thence to the galley.

It is apparent that this invention, if successful, does away with the old form of galley proof and page proof revision, and will do the work of a large number of compositors. The machine is necessarily expensive, but once in operation will save a great deal of labor. It is claimed by the inventor that copy may be prepared within three minutes of going to press. Of course this advantage would prove exceedingly valuable to the daily newspapers. One strong objection to the new machine is that the ordinary style of type will be out of the question owing to its irregular spacing. Mr. Munson has devised, however, a new system of types on a mathematical basis which his machine will set with accuracy.

