

A complete system of telephones has been installed, so that the foreman of every department can communicate with the chiefs of his division, and by lifting a receiver to his ear Mr. Palmer may know instantly what is going on in any part of his establishment. In order to provide for all this several miles of wire have been used, enough, they tell, to go twice around the City of Washington. Vaults have been constructed at convenient places on the different floors for the storage of standing type, stereotype plates and printed documents of a secret and confidential character, such as messages of the president, reports of his secretaries, treaties, conventions, reports of congressional committees, and other documents, until it is time to give them to the public.

There are enormous storerooms for the stock of material kept on hand, which is probably greater in amount than can be found in any similar establishment in the world. In the regular course of business the printers use about fifteen tons of paper a day, and in the cases are more than 2,000,000 pounds of ordinary type.

There are 3,957 employes upon the pay roll of the government printing office.

The government of the United States does more printing and publishes more documents than any other nation in the world, and last year the cost of this branch of the service reached \$5,848,453.08.

AN EVENT transpired in the little village of Clermont, Fayette county, Iowa, on the 19th day of June last, to which we can devote but a brief paragraph at this time, but which we hope may be fully described in some future number of THE ANNALS, with ample and appropriate illustrations. We refer to the unveiling and dedication of two bronze statues, one of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and the other of Col. D. B. HENDERSON. These statues were the generous and patriotic gift of Ex-Governor WILLIAM LARRABEE, whose hospitable home is in the outskirts of that village. This is the first instance in Iowa in which a statue has been erected to Abraham Lincoln, and few men while still living have received such an honor as this which has been so appropriately and happily paid to Col. HENDERSON. (Prof. S. F. B. MORSE, inventor of the telegraph, was present and saw his bronze statue unveiled in Central Park, New York City, June 10, 1871.) Clermont was already classic ground, as the residence of Gov. WILLIAM LARRABEE; it becomes doubly so by the erection of these magnificent works of art.

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