## RETURN OF COMMISSIONER WELLS

Hon. David A. Wells, U. S. Commissioner of Revenues, who sailed for Europe last May on business connected with the Revenue Department, returned on the 16th Sept. in the City of London.
Mr. Wells was cordially received by the large manufactur ers in England and on the Continent, and has returned with valuable information pertaining toforeign manufacturers and industries, which will be laid before Congress at its next ses sion.
It is seldom that Congress exhibits as much wisdom in se lecting officers for special service as it did in choosing Mr Wells for his commission. Mr. Wells is not a politician, but an intelligent, practical, industrious gentleman, educated to scientific pursuits, author of several standard school and other books, and as a statistician, has few equals, as his last report to Congress, through the Secretary of the Treasu y evinces. His next report will be looked for with greater nterest than his first, containing, as it probably will, many practical suggestions as to changes in the tariff.

## musing Typographical Blunder

The Evening Gazette of this city, one of the best edited papers published in the country, and for correctness of its state ments and typographical neatness excels most of its older otemporaries, thus apologizes for one of its compositor's amusing blunders
A'bewildered reader' wants to know what Sala means by saying that the French call the English" a nation of grasshoppers." To tell the truth, our compositor did Sala a great injustice. We wrote-what everybody is familiar with-"a nation of shop-keepers;" but the printer preferred the word grasshoppers and the proof-reader agreed with him. In fact the misprint in question was one of the most amusing in the history of typographical errors."

## Justifying Type by Machinery

Mr. Charles W. Felt, of Salem, Mass., has been engaged for several years upon a composing machine that shall not only compose and distribute type, but also justify the matter. He has recently exhibited, in this city, a little justifying machine about fourteen inches long, which can lue adapted to any of the other type-composing machines quite as well as Mr. Felt's. He purposes to commence manufacturing these justifying machines and attaching them to such composing machines composing machine for competition with the others.

The Mechanics' Falr at Lowell, Mass., began on Tuesday and will continue one month probably. There are one thou sand three hundred exhibitors, and the articles on view are very numerous. The halls thrown open cover nearly an acre of ground.

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