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The Rollag Pioneer Press newspaper has been around for twenty-three years,

of printing history spanning from 1732 to 1951. One of the oldest machines still operating out there is likely the Cincinnati Type Foundry's version of the Washington Press. The two-page Washington Press No. 4 was built in 1871 by the Cincinnati Type Foundry. In its prime, the Washington Press would have printed headlines such as Yellow Stone Park, Nations first National Park and the Battle of Little Big Horn.

The Washington press ran in Baltic, S.D. before it was purchased by the Valley News at Browns Valley. It then went on display at Charles Amundson's firm in Fargo before Amundson donated the machine, valued at \$10,000.00, to Steamer Hill. "Persons watching the demonstrations will see that it was a slow process printing with this press, even though it was the top of the line when manufactured," Jerome Ekre, WMSTR member who runs the Rollag Pioneer Press, stated and went on to say, "It is claimed that three men, operating the machine, can print 200 impressions an hour."

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Stan Shippey also worked at the Hawley Herald, operating the Model 14 Linotype which is now on display at the Rollag Pioneer Press. In the 1997 edition of the Rollag Pioneer Press, it was stated, "No one knows how many million times Stan has depressed the keys on the Model 14 linotype, but over

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