

HUMOR FOR CLERKS

Nonsupport Payments Hustle Disbursing Office.

BUT FUN LIGHTENS THE WORK

Majority of Cases Among Negroes Who Make It Extremely Difficult to Get Checks to Parties for Whom They Are Intended—Some Amusing Incidents Over Residence.

Since the law went into effect turning over to the District disbursing office all money for nonsupport cases, formerly paid by the Juvenile Court, that office has been a great deal of humor created.

Under the law in the District, all cases in which the wife sues for payment of money for the support of herself and her family, the money paid for this purpose is sent to the collector of taxes and deposited by him in the treasury, and checked thence to the office of the disbursing officer.

As the majority of these cases are among negroes who are, for the greater part, ignorant of the uses of checks or the details of getting them cashed, there is usually a great deal of humor created in getting in touch with those for whom the checks are intended.

In every envelope a slip accompanies the check requesting the recipient of the check to report any change of address, but invariably the request is ignored. This also augments the postage bill of this branch of the service.

An instance is told of an elderly colored woman who called for her money recently. On being asked where she lived, she evinced a strange reticence, but when informed that she could not get her money without telling the information she finally confessed, "Sib, sib, the doan know whar ah do lib. Mos' of the time ah jus' goes from one house to another an' then back again, so ah guess y'all hab to pay me money any how, for ah doan' rightly lib nowhar."

Another called at the office the other day and asked for John Jones' money. On being asked where the party was located, she said he was "Tendin' coté at Alexandria."

"What's he doing tendin' court there?" was asked.

"Well, yo' see, sib, he done got three months for stealin' chickens, but deed, sib, he never done it, no sib."

GARDEN WORK BEGINS JULY 1.

Registration in Charge of Miss Hardell Opens Tomorrow.

Registration for the summer school gardens will begin tomorrow under the supervision of Miss Lella Hardell. August Douglas and Harvey Mott will assist Miss Hardell in charge of the work. The regular work will begin Friday, July 1, at the following gardens:

Rosedale playgrounds gardens, in charge of Miss Ivey and Miss Wells.

Wallach School garden, 319 Tenth street southeast, in charge of Miss Hardell.

Speedway garden, foot of Twenty-sixth street, in charge of Miss Ethel Summy and Miss Myrtle Stone.

Blow School, Nineteenth and Benning road, in charge of Miss Lillian Eversfield and Miss Jeannette Scott.

GIVES HISTORICAL LECTURE.

Frederick B. Wright Heard by the Young Folks of Ingram Church.

Frederick B. Wright, editor of "Records of the Past," delivered a historical travelogue to young people of Ingram Memorial Church Friday evening. The lecture was given under auspices of the Alpha Boys' Club. Beautiful lantern slides were used to illustrate a series of descriptions of out-of-the-way corners of the world. North America, Siberia, Turkey, Armenia, and the Mediterranean were described.

ART IN AMERICA.

Evidence of Its Progress in the Debates and Action of Congress.

If there were no other evidence of the progress of art in America, it could be inferred from the enlightened attitude toward it which increasingly is found in the debates and the action of Congress, says Century. The "provincial" view has well nigh disappeared, partly because it is recognized that the cultivation and promotion of art are of great importance to the outlying portions of the country.

The great cities have their collections of paintings and sculptures, but where are the art museums of Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Colorado, or Montana? In time this lack will be supplied and there will be a reflux wave toward the cities. Even now some of our best artists have come from the remote States, often bringing to a jaded and old-fashioned art world imagination and a fresh look at things.

Thoughtful legislatures perceive that such sections of the country are to be benefited even more than others by a liberal attitude toward the arts. This conviction operated strongly in favor of the removal of duty on works of art more than twenty years old—a policy which is daily enriching the country by the wholesale importation of enjoyable objects. It dedicated generous provisions for the security of artistic property in the copyright bill of 1909, and now it is expected, the Senate shall ratify the fortunate action of the House of Representatives. It will lead to the establishment of a national art commission, which will substitute trained artistic advice for the amateur or haphazard judgments which are responsible for such governmental bad art.

Where that is one self-seeking artist there are twenty disinterested, and this great majority may be relied upon, as in the case of the New York City Municipal Art Commission, for devoted, self-sacrificing and useful public work. It is a pleasure to acknowledge the good work of Congress in providing for such expert advice in matters of art related to the government.

Coming to the Point.

From Sissy Stories.

Doctor (politely, but looking at his watch with visible impatience)—Pardon me, madam, but my time is not my own. You have given me all your symptoms in sufficient detail, and now, perhaps, you will kindly—er—ah—

Husband (not so considerate)—Maria, he doesn't want to hear your tongue any more, he wants to look at it.



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Items, General and Personal, Of Interest to G. P. O. Workers

Lewis Stark and Ben Spelling, delegates to the recent convention of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, report a very successful, if rather strenuous, convention.

The Brotherhood is now in the most prosperous condition since its organization, having emerged from the recent stryling for the eight-hour day with colors flying and a handsome cash balance to its credit. Since the inauguration of the eight-hour day many new charters have been issued throughout the United States and Canada, the latest being to the bookbinders of Kingston, Jamaica.

Among the speakers were the mayor of Cedar Rapids, President Berry, of the I. P. P. and A. U.; President Small, of the Photo Engravers, and President Lynch, of the I. F. U. Among the new laws to be submitted to the referendum is one increasing the death benefit. Resolutions were adopted extending the sympathies of the convention to J. A. B. Espey, of this city, for years International treasurer, whose health would not permit his attendance. The principal officers were re-elected, including Robert Glockling, president, and James W. Dougherty, secretary-treasurer. The next convention will be held at Detroit in 1912.

Temporary compositors James K. Lacock and James F. Stewart were assigned to the day document section on Monday.

Hugh P. Griffin, of the document section, has been detailed to the State branch.

William M. Leavitt and Daniel Miller, of the document section, have been granted all leave due.

Serjt. John Waller, of the day document section, celebrated his seventieth birthday on Wednesday, June 22. It should not be forgotten that the sergeant is a well-preserved veteran of two wars—the Mexican and the war of the rebellion. May he be spared to celebrate many, very many, more, is the unanimous wish.

Compositor George P. Dowell, of the document section, is on the "plate correcting job" for Deskman J. C. Lesher, in the absence of Daniel Miller. Mr. Dowell has the distinction of being not only a graduate of the Government Printing Office under the late Charles W. Schell's efficient administration of the apprentices, but a worthy ex-foreman of the old document room during Public Printer Benedict's term.

President Roberts, of Columbia Union, No. 101, has selected two popular members of the document day section for committee—Elmer Dement, on entertainment, and George P. Dowell, on relief.

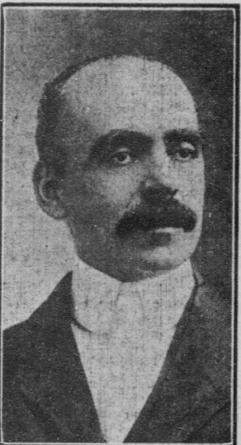
Comrade Isaac D. Williamson, of the document section, is a bona fide citizen of the newly created State of New Mexico, having been a resident of the Territory prior to coming to Washington.

Imposer Woodward, of the document room, has returned from leave.

Much of the success of the Fourth of July celebration of the Petworth Citizens' Association will be due to the activity of the printer members, E. W. Oyster, W. L. Gistell, H. V. Bibbe, J. W. Cheney, and E. C. Grumley, holding prominent committee assignments.

The jokers of the bindery "went after" "Big Gus" Kuehner as he was proudly escorting a party of friends through one day during the week, by inquiring if he did not wish the windows closed, or if he was not afraid he would catch cold without his overcoat, and other hits at Gus' well-known fresh-air hobby.

An error by a \$1.20 man is evidence of gross carelessness or incompetency and the same thing by a \$3.00 man is an accident in the way one of the kickers defines it.



PHILIP NACHMAN, Delegate-elect to the I. T. U. convention.

Philip Nachman, delegate-elect to the Minneapolis convention of the I. T. U., was born in Baltimore, Md., June 12, 1886, but has lived most of his life in Washington, attending the public schools here and serving his apprenticeship in the Government Printing Office, where he has been a valued employe all the years since attaining his majority, with the exception of a few years in New York. As a member of the union he has done good work as an individual and as a member of several of its important committees, and is now serving his sixth consecutive term as chairman of the typographic room.

While he was defeated for delegate last year, his vote was so flattering that his friends immediately put him in training for the race this year, his election being the result. Mr. Nachman is an active and useful member of the various organizations in which he holds membership, being president of the Monotype Mutual Relief Association, member of Daniel Carpenter Lodge, F. A. A. M., Royal Arcanum, G. P. O. Council National Union, and the New York State Association. His father, George Nachman, at the time of his death, was president of the American Federation of Musicians.

Maker-up F. W. Follet is in charge of supervision of work in the Y in the absence of Mr. Leavitt.

Maker-up J. L. Getman is custodian of type for the Y, vice Follet.

Chief Veler V. Viles, of the Census Bureau, was a welcome visitor to the document section during the week.

Assistant Foreman of Printing Spottwood returned to the office on Tuesday, upon the expiration of his leave.

Skilled Laborer E. R. King, of the office of foreman of printing, has been granted the remainder of his leave, and is enjoying his idle hours in Philadelphia.

Miss Agnes Garrels, daughter of Charles Garrels, of the editorial force, was a member of the graduating class of the Normal School.

Joseph J. Birmingham, who resigned from the pressroom some time since, is reported as holding a good position in Cincinnati, his home.

An annual event looked forward to with pleasure by a great number of people is the excursion of Government Printing Office Council, No. 211, National Union, because it is recognized as an enjoyable

occasion from every standpoint for both young and old. The committee this year is composed of Elmer Dement, chairman; Arthur M. Bugden, Thomas M. Bynum, Andrew J. Gleason, and Joseph Bolton, and they promise to make the 22d of July next at Marshall Hall a day equal for pleasure to those who attend to any previous excursion of this favorite organization, which should be inducement sufficient.

Thomas R. Pickett, of the night proofroom, has resigned and returned to his orange grove in Florida.

Miss Edith Hawk has gone to her home in Columbus, Ohio. She contemplates returning to the office about August 1.

Imposer Charles Ziegler is spending the balance of his leave at his country home, Greencastle, Pa.

At a meeting of the assembly of the National Union, held on the evening of the 21st, the election for senators from this jurisdiction to the approaching session of the senate, to be held at Toledo, Ohio, resulted as follows: Jesse B. K. Lee, chief clerk of the ordnance department, United States navy; Frank E. Ferguson, assistant chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Charles T. Hendler, a prominent member of the legal fraternity and ex-president of Government Printing Office Council, also ex-president of the union, were elected. The last named is a printer by trade, and has not only worked as a compositor in the old document room when Mr. Spottwood was in charge, but was the efficient and painstaking foreman of the State branch under the administrations of Gen. Palmer and Hon. Th. E. Benedict. The newly elected senators are thoroughly representative members of the popular beneficial organization, and the jurisdiction is to be congratulated upon their selection.

Daniel W. Beach, officeman in the foundry section, has returned from a three weeks' leave, passed among friends in the Middle West.

Franklin P. Wilkins, an old hand on the speck, has returned from a nine days' leave.

Charles D. Glass and J. B. Matlack, who have been occupying quarters partitioned off on the sixth floor front hallway in their work of revising the bound edition of the Congressional Record, have been moved to the main proofroom, to allow alterations contemplated.

Two bright messenger boys of the office are deserving credit for graduating with honors while supporting themselves by night work. Charles B. Tanner, of the office of superintendent of work, being successful in business, and Charles C. Cook, of the night proofroom, passing through Tech.

The many friends of Foreman Bowen, of the document section, will be pleased to learn that his wife is recovering as rapidly as can be expected from the recent surgical operation.

Harry C. Griggs, a temporary compositor in the day document section, was a week-end resigner, effective at once. Mr. Griggs is a resident of Western Pennsylvania, and made numerous friends during his brief service.

Capt. B. W. Bonney, officeman in the office of the superintendent of work, returned from a three weeks' outing on Friday.

Paymaster Edward J. Wilver is the owner of a book handed down from his great grandfather, Daniel Oyster, printed in Amsterdam in 1699 in the German language, which is an excellent piece of printing and in a good state of preservation. On the last page are printed instructions to the binder as to the placing of illustrations, &c. The title, as translated by Henry Boernstine, of the proofroom, reads: "Sophia; that is, the Most Gracious Eternal Maiden of Divine Wisdom"

dom; or Wonderful Spiritual Discoveries and Revelations from the Precious Wisdom of a Sanctified Soul." &c. On the fly leaf is written in German: "John George Nicolai, Berman, 1788. Those things that once were very obscure to me are now made clear by learning. If one should lapse into obscurity, the Divine Light is always on hand."

William J. Hendricks, leave clerk in the office of the accountant, acted as a pallbearer on Friday last at the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Gorman, widow of Senator A. P. Gorman.

James E. Bright, treasurer of Columbia Union, is reported seriously ill.

Maj. John D. Russ is detailed from the proofroom to the office of the superintendent of documents.

Louie O'Neil, of the linotype force, is seriously debating the question whether he shall join the clan O'Neil at their home-coming gathering at Connamara, Ireland, or visit Reno, Nev., next month.

William Halloran, of the specification force, was made the recipient of a beautiful wedding present from his associates last Tuesday in the shape of a valuable cut glass water set, the presentation being made by Chairman Frank Pyne in his most happy manner.

Another one of Columbia Union's old members has finished life's journey. At the residence of his son, in this city, on Saturday night, June 18, Edward L. Russ passed away, after an illness of about three weeks, preceded by feeble health for some months past.

Mr. Russ came to this city in October, 1889, from Harrisburg, Pa., and had since been employed in the Government Printing Office, most of the time in the proofroom. He was always an earnest unionist, and in his younger days was very active in the work of organization. At the Richmond session of the International, held in 1896, he represented Harrisburg (Pa.) Union. He was a veteran of the Grand Army (having served his country in its hour of need and receiving while a soldier a severe wound, from which he recovered only after a serious illness) and was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was seventy-six years of age. Mr. Russ is survived by an only son, his wife having died only a short while ago.

The funeral was held on Tuesday last, the Rev. Dr. Neibel, of the Presbyterian Church, at Sixth street and Maryland avenue, northeast, conducting brief services at the house and the impressive Odd Fellows' ceremonies being under the auspices of Federal City Lodge of that fraternity. Interment was at Arlington.

Imposer G. W. Robinson, of the Y, is slowly recovering from recent severe injuries to his right hand a few evenings since, while seated in a returning Brookland car.

Officeman Lesher, of the foreman of printing's force, is using up his leave.

The report of Fred E. Weber, secretary-treasurer of the Union Mutual Relief Association, for the six months ending May 30, shows an unusually large amount paid out for relief, and if the balance of the year keeps pace with the first six months it will be the most disastrous year the organization has known.

Mrs. Mary E. McLean, whose death occurred on Thursday, aged eighty-four years, was the widow of William R. McLean, many years foreman of the Star, and ex-president of the I. T. U., and also of Columbia Union.

Charles W. Henry, of the document section, is on the sick list.

Improvements are the order of the day. See the sixth floor, looking north and east.

Elmer E. Young, delegate from the local union of electrotypers to the international convention, held this year at Omaha, Neb., has returned much pleased with the social features of the occasion and satisfied with the work of the convention.

The Grand Army Posts of the District of Columbia have shown their appreciation of the services of E. A. Lange, of the foundry, by inviting him to be their guest during the grand encampment at Atlantic City. Lange is one of the most popular singers in Washington, and never

fails to respond when asked to entertain the soldier element, especially the old boys of the G. P. O.

Engineer W. H. McKelvey, whose ailments necessitated the amputation of his right leg, is able to be out and expects to resume his duties shortly.

George Ellis and Ed. Grimes are detailed from the proofroom to the editorial work once more.

Jesse Clarke is operating a monotype keyboard again, after an absence of several weeks.

Samuel G. Mawson, of the watch force, participated in the reception to Col. Theodore Roosevelt as a member of the Spanish War Veterans. Mr. Mawson is a retired sergeant of the Marine Corps, having put in thirty years in the service.

President Roberts made up his laws committee of lawyers, and his tuberculosis committee of doctors, E. A. Hutchinson being chairman of the former and Dr. J. R. Armstrong of the latter.

Comrade William H. Bailey, of the monotype section, will celebrate his seventieth anniversary on Tuesday evening next at his residence, 115 I street, northwest, with a reception. Besides a record as a union printer of half a century, Mr. Bailey is a prominent and useful member of the G. A. R. and other organizations, and his friends are legion.

Charles Spencer returned to duty in the proofroom on Monday last from a month's visit to Fottsville, Pa., much improved in health.

Representative William B. Jamieson, of Iowa, who has made so many friends among the craft here during his first term in Congress that he bids fair to be a worthy successor of Amos J. Cummins, went home ten days ago to look after his fences, and will not return until Congress meets next December.

Serjt. Will Matlocks, of the Rough Riders, returned from New York very enthusiastic over the fact that he had the pleasure of bearing the colors up Fifth avenue in honor of Col. Roosevelt, though the horseback exercise was a little irksome. He says the colonel looks younger than when he last had the honor of a handshake from him, and recognized every one of the old boys. The sergeant was much pleased with the big city, but prefers Washington as a steady thing.

The Congressional Record of June 24 consisted of 215 pages, one speech alone filling seventy-three pages. Nineteen tons of paper were used in printing the issue.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Fred E. Walker, of the linotype force, to Miss Leonora Perry, to take place at 1334 Harvard street on July 6 next.

Big Snake Aids in Arrest. From the Kansas City Journal.

A huge bullsnake helped Patrolman Albert Ake make an arrest last night. The policeman had been on the trail of a "suspicious-looking character" for some time. At Ninth and Penn streets he had about given up hope, but as he passed to survey the vicinity for a moment a man suddenly leaped from behind a clump of bushes yelling, instead of fleeing, he appealed to the policeman for help, pointing excitedly to the hiding place whence he had just emerged. The men were soon engaged in a lively battle with a large snake, which was killed. Subjected to Bertillon methods, it measured six feet in length and fifteen inches in circumference. Ake took his prisoner to police headquarters with a feeling of gratitude toward the dead snake for the service rendered at an opportune time.

Living Barometers. From the University Correspondent.

Certain animals would appear to act as live barometers. It is said that while frogs remain yellow nothing but fine weather may be expected, but should their coats begin to assume a brown hue it is a sign of coming bad weather. A spider seen spinning its web in the morning heralds a fine day; if seen in the evening, then at least the whole of the night and the following morning will be fine. If it is raining and the owl screeches, better weather will ensue.

WHERE CRIME IS INCUBATED

Italian Lawbreakers Allowed to Breed in Banishment.

Eight Islands Where They Are Exiled Are Without Rule and Much Wrong-doing Exists.

Rome, June 25.—Italy retains a special form of banishment introduced under the Roman Emperors known as domicilio coatto, or coerced domicilia. This punishment corresponds to the Roman deportatio in insulam, or deportation to an island, and like it, consists in criminals being confined to an island for a definite time and enjoying within its limits personal freedom.

The penalty is generally resorted to in cases of anarchists, camorrista, and notorious criminals or persons whom it is expedient to remove from large cities. Its use has become so general that at present over 5,000 criminals are residing in the islands of Ponza, Ventotene, Lipari, Ustica, Lampedusa, Pantelleria, Favignana, and Tremiti.

These islands have practically become uninhabited exclusively by criminals. As they are allowed to marry, or at least to through a semblance of marriage, the islands are so thickly populated that before long it will be impossible to find space for more criminals.

Naturally, the deported criminals do not lead an exemplary life and they bring up their children in such a way that sooner or later the children are bound to follow in their parents' footsteps. Thus the eight islands are aptly called incubators of criminality.

An attempt is being made to abolish deportation and to substitute a new penalty, such, for instance, as agricultural colonies in malarial districts in order to reclaim barren land. It is unlikely that a substitute for deportation can be found unless deported criminals are sent to overcrowded prisons or are released.

AN INGENIOUS INVENTION.

"The Jones Live Map" Adds to the Comfort and Safety of Motoring.

This is an age of enterprise, and contrivances which add to our pleasures are just as much to the front as those which facilitate business, says the American Register.

An excellent invention, very much in vogue on the other side of the Atlantic, goes by the name of "The Jones Live Map," and is intended for the use of motorists. As its name would imply, it is a movable arrangement and shifts with the action of the wheels, letting the driver know exactly what part of the country he is approaching. Such instructions as "Bridges," "Pass road on right," "Take right fork," are given, the great utility of which is obvious.

The motorist is thus independent of guide books or chance information, and all the work of keeping track of the road is done by this wonderful little contrivance, which is about the size of a talking machine disc.

It is a round piece of printed cardboard in a glass-covered case and is connected with the front wheel of the car. To adjust it the driver has simply to throw back the glass face and insert the map of the road that has been decided upon.

Nearly five hundred of these maps have been published by the Automobile Touring Club of America, and we understand that Mr. Wilby, of that club, is coming over to Europe this summer to make maps and discs of the same kind of England and also in France.

Well, What Do You Know?

From the Princeton Tiger.

"Didn't you promise to warn me to ask you to inform me to tell you what I said I'd tell you to tell me when you told me to tell you to tell me?"

"Yes."

"Well, what is it?"