

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

Warner C. Wilmeth, monotype key-board operator, was a member of the graduating class of Georgetown Law School this year.

Edgar M. Trainham, who resigned from the office some month since to accept a position as linotype operator in the government office at Porto Rico, is on his way home, unable to stand the climate of that island.

The usual rush at the close of the fiscal year has necessitated the pressroom working overtime several days during the past week.

The lockers for the proof force have been moved to the balcony recently erected for that purpose, which will make available quite a large area of floor space much needed by the document room.

F. N. Whitehead resumed his duties in the job proofroom on Monday after a sick spell of five weeks.

M. E. Flanagan, one of the best known and best liked members of Washington Pressmen's Union, has resumed operations in the G. P. O. once more on a temporary appointment.

Despite his threescore years, a handsome widower in the bindery is still quite a ladies' man, and always is ready to entertain the fair sex when no expenditure of cash is required. Recently he moved to a fashionable boarding-house down town, which is quite a favorite stopping place for a number of the lady clerks of the Census Office. A certain business house has been giving away tickets to a picture theater in the neighborhood of this boarding-house, and our widower, having got hold of half a dozen of these tickets, invited several of the ladies, whom he found enjoying the cool breezes on the front stoop, on the evening of Decoration Day to visit this show. Reaching the theater, he passed the ladies in before him, and when he handed the doorman the tickets, was informed they were not good for holidays or Sundays. He was without the necessary cash, and had to borrow from a friend who happened to be near, and the friend told the story, and there is a room for rent at that boarding-house in consequence.

Attached to an application for a patent made in 1908, of the old patents now being printed for the first time, appears as a witness the name of Orville H. Platt, who served the State of Connecticut so long and so ably in Congress.

John Buckman, who worked many years as a laborer in the old document room, but has been residing in Media, Pa., for a long period, was a visitor to the office early in the week, and was kindly remembered by a number of the veterans.

George Erdmann, an old-time pressman, who has been absent from Washington for a number of years has been given a temporary appointment in the main press room.

John Lawson, of the job proofroom, is looking forward with much pleasure to his contemplated trip to the Pacific Coast, the first in many years. Mr.

Lawson spent a good portion of his life in that country, and was a delegate to the I. T. U. from Eureka, Nev., more than a quarter of a century ago.

Columbia (Mo.) Athletic Association, at its last meeting revised its constitution and by-laws, and took the preliminary steps for the trip to St. Louis to attend the Printers' National Baseball League tournament in August next. It is expected that, in addition to the players and officers of the association, quite a number of fans and rooters, both male and female, will take the trip, which will be a most enjoyable one, and the rates for which will be so reasonable as to be within the reach of most any one who expects to take an outing this summer.

Don Juan Zalvidea, the diminutive and popular member of the electrical force, has moved to Virginia for the summer. On his return in the fall he will make headquarters at the Cafe Republic, as usual.

George Bond, the hustling city passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, was a G. P. O. employee for several years, and gets the glad hand from many old friends each time he appears in the neighborhood.

Sam De Nedrey, ex-editor of the Trades Unionist, is reported to have gone to Arizona to engage in newspaper work.

Flag Day will be celebrated by the G. P. O. force next Wednesday with appropriate service of song and oratory, the committee of arrangements, John H. Berg, Frank C. Wallace, William J. Dow, W. A. Smith, Harry W. Zeigler, and Thomas L. Jones, having prepared a suitable programme of exercises, and Old Glory will be in evidence all over the big shop, sufficient means having been contributed for that purpose.

Richard A. Campbell, of the document section, has been detailed to the Navy branch. Mr. Campbell is an old spess hand.

Imposer Luther Woodward, of the document section, is enjoying the last ten days of his annual leave.

James Jenkins, skilled laborer in the document section, has been granted all leave unused in the past twelve months.

Elmer E. Shott, maker-up on the spess, is enjoying the balance of his leave at his home town in Lebanon, Pa., "twenty-five miles behind the city of Reading."

William T. Halloran, a temporary unskilled laborer in the document night force, has received an absolute appointment.

Daniel Miller, a compositor in the document section for several years, has been promoted to imposer, and succeeded to the charge of the vault, vice the late William L. Taylor, deceased.

At the last meeting of Government Printing Office Council, National Union, Thomas A. Bynum, who recently resigned the office of financial secretary after serving six years because of impaired health, was presented with a

handsome solid gold watch charm, ornamented on the front with the emblem of the order; the national colors, in the center, surrounded with raised lettering with "G. P. O. Council, National Union, Washington, D. C.," and on the back inscribed, "Thomas A. Bynum, June, 1911."

Ernest Ginsberg, who has the contract for the covering of the bridge across Jackson alley, put in several months about the G. P. O. doing supervisory building work in 1910 and made many friends among the employees.

Herve Kitzmiller, John A. Phillips, Dan McCarthy, George Schley, and R. J. (Tug) Wilson are those of the proof force who enjoyed leave of absence the past week.

A wedding of interest to Printing Office people was that of Mr. Benjamin L. Vipond, chief accountant, to Miss Ida M. House, daughter of Mrs. P. P. Rouse, 333 Thirtieth street northwest, on Wednesday evening at the bride's home. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. T. Mowbray, pastor of McKendree M. E. Church. The bride was given away by her brother, G. A. Rouse. Mr. Kenneth Vipond was best man for his brother. A reception followed the ceremony, and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Vipond took their departure for Atlantic City and New York. They will reside at 274 Eleventh street northwest, after July 1.

An event of interest to a number of the G. P. O. people will be the piano recital of the pupils of Mrs. Colclizer at Pythian Temple on the evening of June 11 next.

The sick list of the proofroom during the past week included J. H. Babcock, Joseph E. Colton, Theodore Gerber, Edward J. Handly, Robert A. Johnson, Henry Noyes, Edmund Shaw, John C. Wilson, Joseph S. Clarke, and Theodore Hanft.

Temporary skilled laborer, John D. Hodgkirk, of the document section, has been transferred to the linotype day.

The following list of mislaid articles during the month of May can be obtained in the emergency sanitary section, on the fourth floor, North Capitol street front: Miniature pin, pocket knife, two door keys, kid gloves, three gold cuff buttons, rosary small sum of money, lady's apron, barrette, and handkerchief, gentlemen's coat, key, white plume, two hats, shoe buttoner, lady's belt buckle, and pair of trousers containing a foot rule.

Bredford Simms, probationary skilled laborer, is a recent accession to Supervisor Gerberich's force on the fifth floor, from the binding section.

The floormen of both the day and night forces on the fifth, sixth, and seventh floors have had a busy week.

A crowded house witnessed the annual recital given by the pupils of Beattie N. Wild, in Pythian Temple, on Wednesday evening. The musical entertainment was an entire success, and so admirably rendered that we would not make any distinction, where all the performers acquitted themselves so creditably. It is sufficient to say that the excellent selec-

## HAPPY FRIENDS LIKE WOODS.



Berchman Fitzpatrick with Burro.

The above illustration is a fairly good likeness of Berchman T. Fitzpatrick, and his companion, a Western burro, which he calls his sweetheart. The portrait was taken at Colorado Springs, Colo., September 9, 1910, and he has secured the promise of his "dad" that on the return from his next visit he will be permitted to bring his companion in the illustration to the National Capital. He is the son of James F. Fitzpatrick, a popular assistant foreman of the pamphlet bindery, who, like all other fathers, predicts the boy will be President some day—if hailing from New York State counts for anything. The little chap was born three years ago. Accompanied by his mother he visited Colorado Springs last summer for four months, the guest of Dr. W. F. O'Brien, a brother of Mrs. Fitzpatrick. The youngster is not much of a baseball fan, but like all other boys, is up bright and early on circus days, and affords his father a good excuse to go to the circus grounds to see the tents erected and remain until the concert after the afternoon show.

Colclizer, on the ancient usages of Masonry, and attended by the entire membership of the association, the following well-known Government Printing Office persons were present: George L. Sherman, master, National Lodge, No. 12; C. E. Eichenberger, Jr., senior warden, St. John's Lodge, No. 11; Martin R. Speciman, master, Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15; Delos M. Carter, master, and Harry J. Robertson, senior warden, Acacia Lodge, No. 18, and George G. Seibold, master, Dawson Lodge, No. 18.

Mr. Peter P. Peeler, of the sanitary section, having been granted twenty-one days' leave, has gone to his home in Northern New York.

Capt. John H. Carr, watchman on the Jackson alley side, will pass his twelve days' leave on his farm in Virginia.

Timekeeper D. Beach, of the foundry, is on leave.

Harrison F. Wilson, of the document section, has returned from his home in Illinois, where he had been summoned by the death of his mother.

Fred Tarbox is temporarily employed in the foundry.

The recent conference of Washington, attended by the representatives of forty-one nations, was the largest of its kind ever held, and more was accomplished toward international unity in the matter of observing the rights and prerogatives of inventors and manufacturers of articles entering into the commerce of the world than at any previous meeting. The delegates, in whose ranks were included

many distinguished diplomats and statesmen of international reputation, were amassed at the manner in which the Government Printing Office handled the work of the conference. In excess of fifty documents, embracing as many different subjects, were printed for the conference at Uncle Sam's mammoth establishment, the great majority of which were in French. In addition the work was invariably done overnight, the detailed proceedings of each day being incorporated in pamphlet form and delivered ready for the perusal of the delegates when they assembled the next morning. None among the visitors had ever seen such a remarkable exhibition of the printing art.

The Flag Day exercises at the G. P. O. at the noon hour of Wednesday next will be on a much more pretentious scale than heretofore, Pistorio's Military Band of sixteen pieces having been engaged to furnish the music, and Senator Borah, of Idaho, and Champ Clark, Speaker of the House, will each deliver an address. In addition to the singing of "America" and the "Red, White, and Blue," the "Star Spangled Banner" will be rendered by Miss Jane Abercrombie, of the Aborn Opera Company. The committee having the exercises in charge is composed of John R. Berg, Frank C. Wallace, W. J. Dow, H. W. Zeigler, Andy Smith, and Thomas L. Jones.

Capt. W. Ramsey was absent from the proofroom four days of the past week by reason of a severe cold.

## FASTING A FAD AMONG MALTESE

### Natives Starve Themselves for Health's Sake.

Malta, June 10.—Fasting as a cure for various ills has become a craze among the Maltese, and many people of good social position are voluntarily starving themselves for their health's sake.

A distinguished officer of the British garrison, who is also a dramatist of repute, has lived on water alone for twenty days. A lawyer-journalist has fasted forty days, and his wife thirty-two days. One of the island's prominent doctors subsisted for sixteen days on water only, while the wife of another medical man has abstained from all food for twenty-two days.

In all cases the fasters have observed the regular routine of life, and they have been undoubtedly assisted in withstanding the ordeal by the favorable climatic condition existing here.

## PRINCESS IS FINED.

### Judge Names Penalty for Violating License Law.

London, June 10.—At the Spelthorne petty sessions Princess Sophia A. Dusep Singh was summoned for keeping five dogs without license, and she was also summoned for using armorial bearings and for keeping a carriage and a manservant without having taken out the necessary licenses. There were eight summonses altogether. The bench decided to deal with the five dog summonses as one case, and for not taking out licenses the defendant was fined £5. She was also fined £5 for keeping an unlicensed male servant, and £5 for keeping an unlicensed carriage.

## CROWN IS MISSING; SECRECY OBSERVED

### Mystery Veils Its Disappearance from Chapel.

Prague, June 10.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance from the cathedral here of the crown of the Bohemian Kings, the so-called St. Wenzel's crown, an extraordinary amount of secrecy is being observed as to exactly what has happened.

The crown, together with other jewels and insignia, was kept in St. Wenzel Chapel, which, it is stated, has not been opened since 1888, and for which seven keys exist, all in the hands of high officials.

It is impossible as yet to obtain any precise information as to whether all the articles have been taken away or only the crown, for the matter has only leaked out by devious channels.

The authorities at the cathedral, which is now in the hands of workmen, engaged on the reconstruction and repairs, will take no official cognizance of the many contradictory reports which are being circulated.

## CHINA RETALIATES; RUSSIANS BANISHED

### Revenge Spirit Awakened by Ejection of Orientals.

St. Petersburg, June 10.—Relations between Russia and China are again becoming severely strained.

As a result of the ejection of thousands of Chinese workmen from the Amur district, the Chinese government has resolved to resist the demands of Russia with greater firmness than ever. Not only has it refused to accede to Russia's demand for 24,000 coolies to work on new fortifications, but has retaliated by banishing all subjects of the Czar from Northern Manchuria, and time has not even been granted them to arrange their affairs.

They were immediately conducted across the boundary line in charge of Chinese soldiers. Russia has issued a formal protest, but Pekin does not seem in a mood to tender it an answer.

## CRABS MAKE JOURNEY.

### Forty-mile Jaunt Follows Capture and Branding.

London, June 10.—Two crabs have displayed both intelligence and industry in such a marked degree that they have by a fishing population of Witherness, in Lancashire, with amazement. Having been caught close to Witherness they were decorated with brass numbers and returned to the deep of Salt Pies by the Eastern Sea Fisheries district cruiser. Last week they were picked up again on their old ground, having traveled at least forty miles.

## KISS YOUR MINSTREL BOY GOOD-BYE

Sung in GEORGE EVANS'

# "Honey Boy Minstrels"

As presented by COHAN & HARRIS at the

CITY THEATRE, New York

Words by WILLIAM JEROME

Music by JEAN SCHWARTZ

Moderato.

1. No use grier - ing dear, 'cause I'm leav - ing dear, No use wor - ry - ing so;

2. Day and night to you, will I write to you, Don't you wor - ry, my dear!

Stop that cry - ing dear, no use sigh - ing dear, Thanks all read - y to go.

When a - lone from you I will phose to you Words of hon - or and cheer.

Come, my lit - tle Queen, see that tan - boer - les, In - gies this - ing bright.

See - see o - ver, love, right in clo - ver, love, You and I..... sweet gal.

Just in - ag - too me, star of min - stal - ey, My lit - tle hearts do - light.

Do - I care for you! in the air for you! My lit - tle grand old gal.

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## CHORUS.

Kiss your min-strel boy good-bye..... babe, bye..... babe, my.....

babe, Some day we'll be liv-ing high..... babe, hap-py times are com-ing bye and

bye..... For the full-man I must fly..... babe, fly.....

babe, fly..... babe, Be a good lit-tle girl and a nice one too, Un-til your min-strel king comes

back to you, Just kiss your min-strel boy good-bye.....

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