

PRINTING OFFICE.

The attendance at the annual meeting of the Washington Union Printers' Association last Sunday was the largest for several years, and plans were made for sending a base ball team to the tournament of the Union League National League...

DEPT. OF COMMERCE.

E. A. Brand, the assistant chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, and Daniel E. Casey, chief of the trade information division, are in New York on business connected with the bureau's work in that city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Wagner fears the demand for horses in Europe will make it difficult to get the requisite number of the proper kind of such animals for service in the fire department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Maj. Pullman last Monday night attended a meeting of the Lincoln Park Citizens' Association held in the lecture room of the Chapel of the Nativity.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Three vacancies, one in the customs service and two in the federal reserve board offices, are due to the machinations of Dan Cupid.

NAVY YARD.

At the regular meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 174, I. A. of M., President McAllister announced the appointment of the entertainment committee for the ensuing year as follows: Howard Stein, chairman; B. G. Ladd, J. B. Evers, B. L. Rinehart, Thomas R. Hughes, Frank Lee and C. F. Matthei.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Changes approved by Secretary Lane among employees in the department during the week are as follows: General Land office, James L. Backstrom, Mississippi, copyist, \$900; Claude A. Nolan, Texas, laborer (classified), \$660.

AGRICULTURAL DEPT.

Middleton Smith of the bureau of crop estimates was on annual leave of absence the past week.

DISTRICT BUILDING.

District building devotees of rod and gun are taking much interest in the wind-up of the fishing and inauguration of the hunting seasons.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Changes of duties and stations of commissioned and other officers of the public health service for the seven days ended October 27 are as follows: Assistant Surgeon General H. R. Carter, proceeded to San Juan, P. R., on special temporary duty.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

J. Escabi has resigned his position as a clerk in the adjutant general's office.

THE MOST FUTILE THING IN THE WORLD.

By Webster.



BETTER THAN MEDICINE.

From the Biddisport Standard.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Lieut. Commander W. C. Watts of the Michigan is in the city on leave, and is staying at 1205 19th street northwest.