

THE DEPARTMENT WORKERS

Interesting Gossip Gleaned Among Employees of Government Bureaus.

FOREMAN OF THE "RECORD" A BUSY MAN

Mr. Bass Relied Upon for Prompt Publication of the Congressional Paper--Activities of Young Men Who Have Gone Into Government Service.

Mr. William Bass, of 2605 Kalorama Avenue northwest, foreman of the "Congressional Record," is a very busy man during the long hours of the night at the present time. Getting all the proceedings of both houses of Congress, together with a great deal of other "copy," in type in time for the morning mails is often a great undertaking, but Mr. Bass is ever equal to the emergency, and is greatly relied upon by the Public Printer and Congress.

Mr. Thomas C. Washington, of the Ordnance Office, Washington Navy Yard, was appointed in that department from West Virginia. Mr. Washington is considered a very efficient and obliging clerk, and a great favorite in fraternal and military circles. He has lived in this city about ten years.

Mr. James E. Leeman, an officer in the District National Guard, recently received an appointment in the Pension Office. Mr. Leeman volunteered his services in the war with Spain, as a member of Company D, First District of Columbia Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of sergeant. He is a bright and energetic young man and will undoubtedly win favor in his new field of duty.

Mr. Samuel L. Dickinson, of Washington, a clerk in the Treasury Department, has a decided liking for army life. Mr. Dickinson was a sergeant in Company D, First District Regiment, which served in the Santiago campaign, and also a member of Company F, Twenty-seventh United States Volunteers, which served in the Philippines. Mr. Dickinson contemplates moving to Denver next Monday.

Mr. Samuel Feland, formerly of Virginia, but now a clerk in the Treasury Department, is a very busy young man nowadays. Besides his regular departmental work, Mr. Feland has undertaken to study so as to pass the rigid army examination for a commission in the regular cavalry service. Mr. Feland was a corporal in B Company, First District of Columbia Volunteer Regiment in the war with Spain, and is the present quartermaster of the Second Battalion, District of Columbia National Guard.

Mr. L. H. Finney, a clerk in the Ordnance Department, Washington Navy Yard, won the Masonic fair automobile raffle. The machine was valued at \$800, and already Mr. Finney has been offered over \$300 for it. This fortunate young man hails from the good old city of Richmond, Va., and has been a trusted Government employe for several years.

Mr. Bushrod Washington, a West Virginian, was appointed a clerk in the office of Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, Department of Labor, about fifteen years ago. Aside from his enviable office record, Mr. Washington, until recently, was a National Guardsman, who distinguished himself many times as a sharpshooter in rifle contests. Mr. Washington is married, and has a happy little family.

Mr. Arthur M. Muzzy is a War Department clerk of years' standing, and one of the most valuable as well as most obliging of any in the service. He is a military man of much experience. Muzzy is connected with the Washington Light Infantry for many years. He is the

present quartermaster of the First Battalion, a Mason, and gentleman of unassailable reputation.

Mr. Joseph Dierkin, private secretary of Capt. Henry T. Brian, Foreman of Printing Government Printing Office, has been an employe of the Government for many years. Mr. Dierkin is also an enthusiastic fraternal man, and a great worker in aid of the Government Printing Office Council of the National Union, a fraternal insurance order.

Capt. Francis B. Wheaton, of the Treasury Department, is an assistant chief in the Supervising Architect's Office, and a near relative of Gen. Lloyd Wheaton, now serving in the Philippines. Captain Wheaton has himself smelled gunpowder, having served as a volunteer in the war with Spain in the First District Volunteer Regiment as second lieutenant of Company I. He is an ex-National Guard officer also.

The Civil Service Commission announces two examinations for May 31, 1902. One is for the position of watchman-freeman at Haverhill, Mass., at a salary of \$600 per annum, and the other for the place of baker in the Fort Peck Indian school in Montana, at a yearly stipend of \$500. The Commission will examine applicants for the position of field assistant in forestry on May 27. From among the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to a position in the Bureau of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

George R. Wales, one of the examiners of the Civil Service Commission, has just returned to his desk, having been seriously ill for several weeks. His arrival at his office caused considerable pleasure among the Civil Service Commission officials, with whom he is exceedingly popular.

Mr. Wales returned to this city but a short time ago from Louisville, Ky., where he had charge of the successful prosecution of the case against former Internal Revenue collector Sapp.

Mr. Wales is a thorough Yankee by birth, and is one of the leading spirits in the Vermont State Association of this city, an organization composed of local residents who were born and raised in the "Maple Sugar State."

Mr. Joseph T. Bender, chief of the Indian division, has the reputation of being the best informed man on Indian affairs in the service of the Interior Department. Mr. Bender, who is one of the oldest employes, is native of New York State, and came to Washington to enter the Interior Department in 1869. Beginning in one of the humblest positions in the department, he worked his way steadily upward to his present position at the head of one of the department's most important branches. As a young man he impressed those with whom he came into contact with his trustworthiness and sincerity. He is one of the most popular officials in the Interior Department.

Rev. Dr. John S. Ames, chief of the division of public documents of the Interior Department, is a relative of the late Columbus B. Ames, Secretary of the Interior during the Administration of President Grant. He has been actively engaged in department work for over thirty years. Mr. Ames, until recently, was a National Guardsman, who distinguished himself many times as a sharpshooter in rifle contests. Mr. Ames is married, and has a happy little family.

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THE STAGE IN GOTHAM

New York, April 17. "The Last Appeal," which is on view at Wallace's Theater, takes its title from an incident in the last act. The scene is the throne room of the King of Austria, where he, following an ancient custom, has bidden all the oppressed of the kingdom to come before him that he may, in so far as he can, "right all wrongs and injustices." In this scene his own son, the crown prince, comes as a petitioner before him, begging justice for the young commoner whom he has married in defiance of the royal wishes. In this appeal the king joins with such effect that the king forgives them, elevates her to the peerage, and permits his son to renounce his right to the throne. All that comes before this final act is uninteresting talk, without a glimmer of comedy. There is no light or shade in the incidents which move nearly to the final episode, which is really the only one of the play. Manager Harris has provided an excellent cast and appropriate stage settings, but I am afraid that "The Last Appeal" will not be given a favorable verdict by the public. However, it will probably be continued for the remainder of the season, and may do a paying business.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is this week's bill at the Empire Theater, where it is expected to run until the house is closed for the summer vacation. The two leading parts in the comedy are cleverly acted by Marie Chase and R. Homan, and a pleasing entertainment is the result.

Herbert Keiley and Elme Shannon close their engagement at the Manhattan Theater Saturday. "The Lord and Master" was given a rough sailing by the critics on its first performance. Mr. Keiley and Miss Shannon are clever artists, but their best endeavors, aided by a good company, could not save the piece.

Mrs. Fiske returns May 5 for a short spring season, during which she will be seen in Sardou's "Divorcement," Tess of the D'Urbervilles, "Little Italy," a one-act tragedy by Horace B. Fry, and Ibsen's "A Doll House." Frederick de Belleville has been especially engaged for the leading male parts in these plays.

Although Henry W. Savage says he will bring "King Dodo" into the Herald Square Theater May 5, Manager F. C. Whitney declares that Lulu Glaser and "Dolly Varden" will stay where they are for three months at least. On May 5 the 100th performance of "Dolly Varden" will be given, and souvenirs in the form of large autographs of excellent quality, and as long as this condition prevails "King Dodo" will be barred out.

Edwin Stevens, of the Empire Theater stock company, and Thomas G. Seabrooke, of the New York Theater, were engaged by Sam Shubert and Nixon & Zimmerman for "The Chinese Honeycomb," which they announce for production at the Casino on May 12. There is still some uncertainty about the matter, but a jolly run on between the Shuberts and H. B. Sire. Mr. Sire has given notice to the owners of the ground on which the theater stands that unless a satisfactory sum is paid him for the building he will not vacate it on May 1. He owns the structure and loudly proclaims that "money talks," and he will not move on about the theater. It is handed in to him in the meantime active preparations are going on for the production of "The Chinese Honeycomb." And there you are!

James E. Wilson and Robert Elliott, the two leading actors of the American Theater Stock Company, retire from the stage Saturday night of this week. Publicly, Mr. Wilson says that he is tired out with the hard work of eleven performances each week. Elliott says "Me too." Georgia Wells, the popular juvenile actress of the company, will probably quit at an early date. She also complains of "that tired feeling."

For next season the public is promised a large crop of detective plays. The very great success of "Sherlock Holmes" has evidently caused managers to believe that this class of plays about the most profitable investment. One play announced for production in the fall has the euphonious title of "Old Sleuth, the King of Detectives." A Mr. Sapp, who has had hair-raising episodes covering recent police events in this city.

The supplementary spring tour of Madame Modjeska and Louis James includes return engagements in nearby cities. Wagenhals & Kemper's costly scenic production of "Henry VIII" and "The Merchant of Venice" will be used. With these engagements Madame Modjeska gives her final performance in the city. The season ends May 3, and on May 8 the Polish actress sails for her native land, in all probability never to return.

The final matinee performance this season of the students of the Stanhope-Wheatcroft Dramatic School took place Monday afternoon at the Madison Square Theatre, and proved to be an interesting event. The theatre was packed to the doors by an enthusiastic audience which included Jacob A. Mar, the actor, Erlander, Frank W. Sanger, Augustus Pitou, Amelia Bingham, Lillian Russell, and several other theatrical celebrities. Several plays were presented, with every member of the school in the casts.

Joseph Jefferson comes to the Hiram Opera House April 28 for his annual engagement of one week, opening in "Rip Van Winkle." Chauncey Olcott follows, May 5, for a week in "Garrett O'Magh," which will then be given its final performances in this city.

"NANCY SYKES." A LIMBURGER WAR. Louisville's Health Officer Attacks a Cherished German Delicacy. Louisville's health officer, Dr. M. K. Allen, has proclaimed limburger cheese to be forbidden food in that city. He insists that it is unsanitary stuff, full of microbic mischief. His belief that it abounds in baleful bacteria is founded, not as might be supposed on nasal observations, but on optical experiments.

Dr. Allen avers that while looking at a piece of limburger cheese through a magnifying glass he saw it making a vigorous effort to escape from under the lens. This, he contends, makes limburger cheese a living organism, and that it is strong enough to walk by itself, he thinks, too powerful for the general digestion; hence his determination to suppress its sale and consumption.

Contrabanded German citizens, of whom there are a host in Louisville, have rallied to the defence of their cherished cheese. They argue with much force that limburger should never be looked at through a magnifying glass. As for the microbes, they ask Dr. Allen to name any food or drink which is not an excellent and scientifically powerful microscope, evidences of germ life cannot be detected. It is a controversy that resolves itself into a question of whether or not the proof of the limburger, like the pudding, is in the eating.—New York World.

EX-CORPORAL TELLS OF SHOCKING ATROCITIES

Filipino Women and Children Butchered by Americans.

"WATER CURE" IS COMMON

Richard O'Brien, of the Twenty-sixth Volunteers, Willing to Swear to His Story Before Tribunal--Detailed Account of Massacre of Helpless Villagers

NEW YORK, April 17.—Richard O'Brien, recently corporal of Company M, a sixty-sixth United States Volunteer, in a statement published here today, says that the barbarous "water cure" was a common practice with the officers of the United States army in the Philippines.

He tells also of other alleged horrors, including abuse of Filipino women, and massacre of unresisting townfolk.

Corporal O'Brien enlisted from his home in North Adams, Mass., but is now living at No. 1791 Millington Avenue, this city. He declares his willingness to testify before a military tribunal.

O'Brien severely arraigned officers and men, but apologizes for the doings of the latter by saying that the undignified action of the officers in many instances is responsible for the brutality displayed by the soldiers.

Among other acts O'Brien charges against the officers is the disrespect they displayed toward the flag at a flag raising at San Juanquin.

On this occasion, he declared, when the flag was raised over the town, and the men were drawn up at "present arms," in honor of the event, not one of the assembled officers uncovered as the flag was hauled to the pole. O'Brien declares the effect upon the men was bad.

Telling of frightful and wanton butchery of the natives, encouraged and countenanced by the officers, Corporal O'Brien tells this awful story of the visit of the troops to and the pillage of the town of Barrio La Nog.

"It was on the 27th day of December, the anniversary of my birth," said Corporal O'Brien.

"As we approached the town the word passed along the line that there would be no prisoners taken."

"This was significant. The first shot was fired by the then first sergeant of our company. The target was a mere boy. The shooting started the villagers, who came out of their houses in alarm."

"They offered no offense, did not display a weapon, made no hostile movement whatsoever, but they were ruthlessly shot down in cold blood, men, women, and children."

CHURCHMEN VS. SINNERS.

Proposed Contest to Prove Latter Are the More Liberal. CHESTER, Pa., April 17.—Aroused by the statement of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Moore, of Calvary Baptist Church, that the sinners give more to the church than the members of the congregation, a contest will take place on May 11.

The board of deacons filed their complaint against the statement and the pastor defended his assertion and offers to prove it. Two plates will be set aside, one for the sinners and the other for the congregation, and the plate which has the largest contribution will win the contest. Pastor Moore will have charge of the sinners' plate, while Deacon Halloway will look after the congregation's. The contest will be held at the church, and the children will try to beat their elders.

OYSTER AS RAT CATCHER.

How an Unusually Wide Awake Bivalve Did the Trick. An oyster as a rat trap is a new role in which a large and muscular bivalve has recently appeared as a valuable occupant of a downtown restaurant.

In the damp and cellar, where this particular oyster has his home since being dragged out of his damper a few weeks ago, and brought along to Richmond with a whole barrel of less intelligent oysters, "here dwells a colony of rats, who have eaten oysters for so many generations that the ears of the young rats of the strain have become hard like miniature oyster shells and upon close examination their tails are found to be growing hard and will not bend, but are used by the posterity of this colony of oyster openers. These discoveries prove beyond any doubt the remarkable influence of shell and the physical development of rats and would be given big consideration at this time but for this more unusual phenomena in nature history of rat-catching oyster, which is to be written about just now.

This oyster story is vouchered for by Albert, the colored man behind the free lunch, who is an authority on bivalves not to be disputed. This oyster was a death trap for rats, and his operations were in fact dead shells, containing a very delicious morsel, which was to be had without any risk to life or limb.

This oyster's habit of feeding just as other oysters, but after he had partaken of the meal and salt, a mighty poor substitute in the opinion of an oyster for the delicacies washed ashore from the sea's depth by his ocean-brink home would usually, when not asleep, have his shells open and notice things and his surroundings in the dark and mysterious basement. Among the first things he saw when his eyes became accustomed to the dim light of the strange prison were rats, and he noticed them eat the heart out of several of his kind. He was so sure they had been so careless as to go to sleep with their mouths open, he resolved that when he would lie and wait for Mr. Rat to conclude his meal, he would, when the time wasn't long before the chance was offered, and the oyster, who had become quite restless and felt the absence of his food, would open his shell and prove equal to the occasion. The rat approached with great assurance of an easy work, as he found his intended victim on the floor. He made an attempt to slip upon his hind legs before the pearl-lined disk. Mr. Rat raised his chin, stretched his short neck, and reached in for his meat, as he did so the oyster closed up on him, catching both front feet in the clamp, and the music began. The rat squealed and jumped at such a lively rate, dragging the oyster over the basement floor, that "Lobster" was obliged to find domains of these imprisoned and probably dumb creatures with some amazement. He found the rat caught fast in the oyster's grip, and he heard an occasional squeaking noise, the oyster didn't open his mouth.

The rat had dragged the oyster to his hole, and he stuck his head into it, but he was too large to enter, and there the prisoner was in—Richmond Times.

RED LETTER DAY IN THE PATENT OFFICE

Seven hundred grants acknowledging American genius will be issued on April 29, the largest number for one day in the history of the bureau.

The issue of patents for Tuesday, April 29, will be larger than ever before in the history of the Patent Office, reaching the 700 mark. The total issue of patent rights, if designs, trade-marks, labels, prints, and reissues are counted, will be 754.

The issue next to this in point of size—608 patents—occurred, by a curious coincidence, exactly twelve years ago, on the same day of the month—April 29, 1890. Hon. R. J. Fisher was then Commissioner of Patents.

The working force and facilities at the command of that much-worked Government official, the Commissioner, are such that 500 patents a week can be handled conveniently. It has been running above that for some time, and as a consequence everyone connected with the office, from the Commissioner down to the messengers, are on the continual jump. How long the Patent Office people can keep up the jump without an increase in the working force is another question.

The increase in the patent issue shows more than the activity of American inventive genius, which is always active enough, anyhow. It shows the general condition of prosperity which prevails. Enough things are always being invented to provide work for half a dozen patent offices. But it is only in good times, when there is something doing along all the lines of commercial activity, that it is worth the while of the manufacturers and capitalists to take up these inventions and shove them through.

The Patent Office printers felt so jubilant over the star issue that when the patents were counted up for the forthcoming issue—as they always are nearly two weeks before the "Gazette" is printed—they got out a souvenir to celebrate the occasion. This took the form of a neat little slip of paper with the issue printed below the picture of the American eagle, historical bird, flapping his wings and crowing.

QUIT WORK OR UNION.

Ultimatum Served by Labor Authorities Upon Mine Workers. WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 17.—This morning the engineers and pump runners at the Pettibone, Woodward, and the Avondale mines of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company were notified by the United Mine Workers that unless they joined the strikers within twenty-four hours their names would be stricken from the rolls of the union.

For the past week efforts have been made to get them to stop work. They signed a contract with the company two weeks ago, and declare they will abide by it.

The company procured an additional force of men to work in the Jersey mine today, and the mine is now saved from the fire which threatened it when the strikers left.

BACHELOR GIRLS IN FLUTTER.

A Sympathetic Young Man Seeks a Wife. MANTUA, N. J., April 17.—Some of the most attractive young women of the village recently organized the Bachelor Girls' Club because they felt that the young men were too anxious to seek the society of the girls of other towns and give them the go-by. The club was just beginning to enjoy its spirit of independence when it was thrown into an unexpected flutter of excitement, and now there is likely to be trouble. This morning the president of the club was handed by the postmaster a letter which had come directed to his care from Middletown, Del. The writer of the missive says he has learned of the girls' club and that he wants to extend his sympathy to its members in their trouble. He describes himself as a young man of good looks, good prospects, with \$1,000, prospects of more soon, and he wants the club to select some one of its members to write him, with the purpose of drifting into matrimony.

A special meeting of the club has been called to take action on the letter, and the girls are talking of casting lots to see who shall do the writing. As there is likely to be some considerable rivalry, it is probable that the Middletown young man may get more letters than he expects.

GIRLS AND THEIR LUNCHEONS.

Their Dislike to Being Suspected of Carrying Comestibles. Why is it that a girl so dislikes to be seen carrying a luncheon when she goes to work in the morning? Whatever the reason—and it probably would not be far to seek—it is certain that she does dislike it, and devises all sort of schemes for making it appear that she is carrying anything under the sun except a luncheon.

One faultlessly attired girl takes her collars to be laundered every day; at least she carries a small, square laundry box each morning. It is never wrapped in a paper, and is tied with a most prosaic cord.

In contrast to this is the exceptionally dainty parcel which another girl carries. It might contain a gift, so exquisitely it is wrapped. But it has exactly the shape of two square slices of bread, with perhaps a bit of meat between.

A blonde with a smart pompadour is apparently planning to ruin her digestion with a daily box of bonbons. But the box occasionally betrays its owner by emitting a faint odor of cheese or of gingerbread.

The girl with the decorous looking paint box would never have been suspected if she had not inadvertently opened it one day to show a friend a new and delectable sort of wafer which she had discovered at the grocer's.

Equally innocent looking was the muslin bag which a demure girl balanced carefully across her knees, but the view through it was obstructed midway by a brown paper parcel, discovered only as she rose to leave the car.

Several girls carried fancy silk or leather hand bags, which they guarded carefully from being crushed when the car became crowded. But this would not have formed conclusive evidence if one of the bags had not been suddenly caught between the owner's arm and the broad back of a man who lost his balance as the car stopped with a jerk at a crossing.

"Horror!" exclaimed the girl to a friend as she looked at the bag in dismay. "Imagine that chocolate cake!" The girl friend has confided to me that some of the chatelaine bags are just the right size to slip a couple of sandwiches into. But the most truly deceptive luncheon I know of is the one which belongs to a girl whose brother is a camera fiend. She has an empty camera box with the lens removed. To all outside appearances it is as truly a camera as ever it was. She is the envy of all the girls who know the secret.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

WOMAN DRAGGED TO DEATH.

Her Horse Ran Away and the Wagon Was Upset.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., April 17.—Mrs. Bertha Landis, of New Britain, died yesterday afternoon as a result of injuries received in a runaway accident this morning. Mrs. Landis had taken milk to the creamery and was about to start for home when the horse ran away. The wagon was upset and Mrs. Landis was dragged nearly half a mile.

She signed a contract with the company two weeks ago, and declare they will abide by it.

The company procured an additional force of men to work in the Jersey mine today, and the mine is now saved from the fire which threatened it when the strikers left.

TRIED TO KILL TWO BROTHERS

Both Are Wounded by Strangers in South Sharon. SHARON, Pa., April 17.—An attempt was made to murder Andrew and Michael Chontosh, brothers, in South Sharon last night. They met two strangers on Broadway, who scanned them closely. They had gone but a few feet when two shots were fired, one bullet hitting Andrew in the head, making a probably fatal wound, and the other grazing Michael's cheek. The two strangers ran when a trolley car approached.

GOT THE WRONG PASTOR.

But Trouble in a Williamsport Church Is Settled. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., April 17.—The trouble in the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church growing out of the failure of Bishop Walden to appoint the man whom the congregation desired to preside over them has been settled. Rev. Amos Baldwin of Lock Haven, who was appointed to fill the Pine Street pulpit, has been appointed presiding elder of the Juniata district, and Rev. E. M. Stevens, whose place Mr. Baldwin will take, will come to the church in this city.

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MURDER SUSPECTED.

Two New Haven Men Arrested for the Death of One's Wife.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 17.—Richard G. Norton, a contractor in the New Haven Rolling Mill, and Thomas Manceon, a friend with whom he was playing pool last night, are under arrest at headquarters on suspicion of murder.

They returned to Norton's house at 1 o'clock this morning. Tenants in the upper part of the house heard a commotion downstairs. Shortly afterward Norton came up and asked for some turpentine.

He said that he had found his wife dead. The people upstairs notified the police and stated that they thought they heard the woman's voice after Norton came home, and that they heard something like a body falling. The coroner is investigating.

DROP COIN AND GET A MEAL.

An Automatic Machine That Will Supply Any Food Desired.

"Drop your money in the slot and get a meal," will be the rule at a new restaurant to be soon opened on Chestnut Street above Eighth by a well-known firm. Against the main wall of the restaurant will be built an immense automatic machine, out of which, when the money is dropped in the proper slots, will issue sandwiches, steaming cups of coffee, oyster plates, cakes, or anything of the average lunch counter bill of fare.

The machine will be 82 feet long against one wall and 42 feet long against another. Built of mahogany, marble and glass, the intending purchaser must visit one of its compartments and drop in his coin. If the coin be had the machine will promptly spit it out again. But if the machine finds the money satisfactory the food or drink desired will issue forth on a tray, all ready to be eaten. Hot food will come out just off the fire and cold articles just off the ice.

In this novel restaurant the diner's ears will not ache from strident callings out of "Draw one." "Draw the buck." "Special medium smothered." He will go quietly to the automatic machine which will look like an unusually fine sideboard with no counter in front of it, get his food and take it to the seat where he desires to sit and eat. The only waiters in sight will be noisiless ones, whose duties will be to clear away the debris after the patrons of the place have finished their eating.