

HOW TREASURY CLERKS LOSE ONE DAY'S PAY

When Leave Terminates
Prior to Holiday.

RULING OF THE DEPARTMENT

Statutes Are Plain and the Executive
Officer Has No Discretion.

Some employes in the Treasury Department are objecting to the stringent enforcement of the regulations that prevent them from receiving pay for a local holiday, in case their leave of absence of thirty days expires on the day previous to the holiday or on Saturday. They say, in the event of selecting a time for their annual leave, that if they overlook the fact that the last day of leave is just previous to a holiday, upon their return they cannot go to work the next day and are deprived of a part of their salary through no fault of their own.

Holidays Legalized.
The clerks claim that if a holiday is legalized, and they are entitled to it, they should not suffer, because it follows immediately upon the termination of the leave. As there are five or six holidays in the year the employes say that in taking turns at obtaining leave some of them are bound to suffer a day's loss of pay.

By the department officials who have charge of the enforcement of the regulations, however, it is asserted that the statute literally, which says that an employe on leave must receive pay for only thirty days, and if the employe cannot go to work on the day following the expiration of his leave, it is his own misfortune.

Ruling Is Plain.
The ruling on this point is plainly given by an order that has been issued to the chiefs of the division under the Supervising Architect. The same rule is in effect throughout the department, but the chief executive officer, C. E. Kemper, has had occasion especially to call it to the attention of his chiefs of division recently. This notice is as follows:

"Chiefs of Division, Supervising Architect's Office, Treasury Department.
"Attention: Referring to the matter of deduction of pay of employes who have been absent on annual leave more than thirty days in any one calendar year, I have to advise you that if such an employe is absent on Saturday, pay will be deducted for Saturday and Sunday, or if absent any part of Saturday ending at 4 o'clock, the time for closing the department on Saturday being such that employe was absent, but also for the Sunday following."
"The above rule is also applicable to absence occurring on days prior to legal holidays."
Respectfully,
"C. E. KEMPER,
"Chief Executive Officer."

Some of the clerks talk of taking steps toward having the statutes more liberally interpreted by making an appeal to Congress.

JOHN N. BURKHEAD'S FUNERAL SERVICES

Obsequies Will Be Conducted Accord-
ing to the Rites of the
Masonic Order.

The funeral of John N. Burkhead, prominent in local Masonic circles, who died at his home, 1929 Baltimore Avenue northwest, on Monday, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the family residence, The Grand Lodge, F. A. M., of which he was grand tier, will have charge of the services. Representatives of Dawson Lodge, No. 16, will be in attendance. Interment will be at Glenwood Cemetery.

Capt. J. W. Martin.
Capt. John Williams Martin, U. S. A., retired, died at Redlands, Cal. He went to West Point in 1869 but resigned after two years, and in 1872 was appointed second lieutenant in the Fourth United States Cavalry. He served with that regiment for nineteen years, most of the time in the West, where he saw hard service—Indian fighting. Captain Martin was retired for disability in 1881, when he settled at Geneseo, N. Y. He lived there until last year. He was a son of the late E. T. Throop, Martin of Willowbrook, Cayuga county. He married in 1872 Miss Swift, daughter of the late J. W. Swift, of Geneva.

Edwin Elias Overall.
The death of Col. Edwin Elias Overall occurred in Fort Worth, Texas. Colonel Overall formerly lived in New Orleans and New York. He was sixty-six years old and a native of Mississippi. He was a member of the Walker filibustering expedition to Nicaragua, and served in the Confederate army in the civil war. After the war Colonel Overall embarked in the newspaper business in New Orleans, going thence to New York and finally to Texas, where he was editor and owner of the "Palestine News," the "Jefferson News," and the "Texas Railway and Judicial Journal," originally established in Houston and afterward moved to Fort Worth. He was one of the founders of the Texas Press Association.

W. O. Beckenbaugh.
W. O. Beckenbaugh, a policeman employed at the Capitol, died late Monday night, at his residence, 23 Delaware Avenue. His death was due to cerebral hemorrhage, from which he had suffered for some time.
The funeral will take place from the family residence at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Requiem and high mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Rev. J. A. Smyth, assistant pastor, officiating. Interment will be at Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore.
Mr. Beckenbaugh was reading clerk in the Maryland General Assembly in the term of Governor Lowndes. Of late years he had been employed at the Capitol. He is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter.

LAND REGISTRATION ACT FOR THE DISTRICT

Judge to Be Appointed by the Presi-
dent at a Salary
of \$4,000.

An act "to provide for registering and confirming titles to land in the District of Columbia" has been introduced in the Senate by Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, to have original jurisdiction, subject to appeal, in local land registration. The bill provides, in part, that "a court is hereby established to be called the court of registration, which shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all applications for the registration of title to land within the District of Columbia, with power to hear and determine all questions arising upon such applications, and also shall have jurisdiction over such other questions as may come before it under this act, subject, however, to the right of appeal, as hereinafter provided."
"The United States marshal for the District of Columbia shall provide suitable rooms for the sittings of the court of registration convenient to the office of the Recorder of Deeds, and shall provide all necessary books and such printed blanks and stationery for use in registration proceedings as may be ordered by the court."
"The court shall have jurisdiction throughout the District of Columbia, and shall observe the same hours on Sundays and holidays established by law. It shall be a court of record, and shall cause to be made a seal, and to be sealed therewith all orders, processes, and papers made by or proceeding from the court and requiring a seal."
"The court shall from time to time make general rules and forms of procedure, conforming as near as may be to the practice in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia sitting as an equity court, but subject to the express provisions of this act and to general laws. Such rules and forms before taking effect shall be approved by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia sitting in general term."
The judge of the court is to be appointed by the President of the United States, is to receive a salary of \$4,000 a year, and is to hold office during good behavior, and he or she may be eligible to the office unless he is a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia and has been a member of the District bar at least five years prior to his appointment. In the case of vacancy in the office of judge of registration, or in his absence or inability to perform his duties, the Chief Justice of the District Supreme Court shall designate one of the justices of that court, who shall sit as a judge of registration until the vacancy is filled or any disability is removed.
The Chief Justice of the District Supreme Court is by the bill empowered to appoint a register who shall be clerk of the court, and shall hold his office for five years. The salary of the register is to be \$2,000 a year, and he may have an assistant register at \$1,500 a year. The judge of registration is authorized to appoint one or more examiners of title, who shall be attorneys at law, and shall be subject to removal by the District Supreme Court.

MR. EVANS RESIGNS CHARGE IN ROCHESTER

Will Become Pastor of the Metropolitan
Presbyterian Church in This
City Next Month.

The Rev. Albert Evans, of Rochester, N. Y., has made formal announcement to his congregation that he has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church of Washington. Mr. Evans tendered his resignation to the congregation of Westminster Church in Rochester several days ago and a meeting of members of the church will be held tonight for the purpose of taking action upon the pastor's resignation. Mr. Evans will come to Washington within the next ten days and expects to assume the duties of his new charge early in December.

Mr. Evans has been pastor of the Rochester church for seven years. During his incumbency the membership has been more than doubled, a new Sunday school building costing \$10,000 has been erected, and the church field of labor extended materially. The new pastor will come to Washington bringing the sincere affection of members of his old congregation. When he signified his intention of severing his connection with the Rochester church expressions of regret were heard on all sides. Mr. Evans has preached several times at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, and although there were several other ministers who filled the pulpit none was as well liked as the Rochester pastor, and his selection is almost the unanimous choice of the congregation.

PRESIDENT DECLINES URGENT INVITATION

Regrets Inability to Attend Centennial
Celebration in New Orleans.

An invitation to attend the celebration to be held in New Orleans on December 19, in honor of the centennial of the Louisiana purchase, has been extended to the President by Senators Foster and McNary and Representative Myers of Louisiana.

The President declined with regrets. He said that if possible some of the Cabinet members would be in New Orleans at the time in acceptance of the invitation. The ceremonies will be held in the Cabildo, the place in New Orleans where the treaty was signed for the purchase of the Louisiana territory. The Louisiana delegation also gave invitations to the French ambassador and Spanish minister.

CARDINAL'S BROTHER PRESENTED TO HAY

John J. McCook, of New York, called at the State Department yesterday to present Romingo Merry Del Val, brother of Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal secretary. Senor Del Val is a resident of Chile and merely desired to pay his respects to Secretary Hay.

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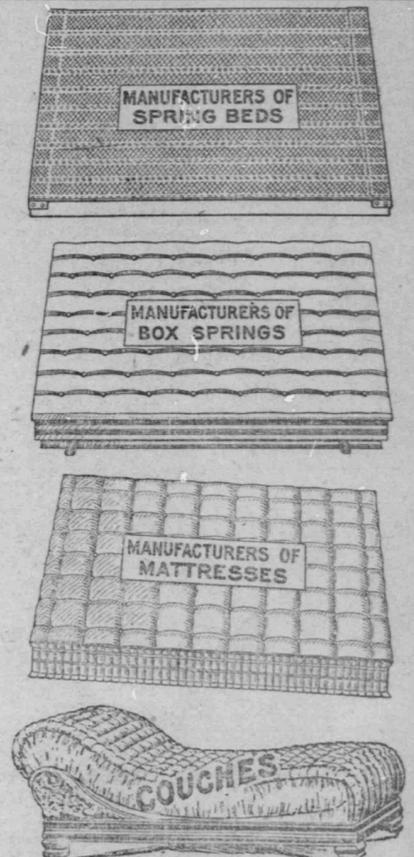
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