

Mrs. Burch Employed By Firm of Brokers

Abandons Own Bureau to Prepare Sanger & Etlison's Crop Reports—Won't Deny Price Helped Her Get Place.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Bertha Burch, for ten years connected with the bureau of statistics in the Department of Agriculture in Washington, and recently secretary to Chief Government Statistician Hyde, who retired under fire in the recent cotton scandal exposure, has established herself in this city with Sanger & Etlison, commission merchants, in the Beaver Building, and will prepare for them their monthly cotton crop report.

Her services were solicited. In accepting the position she has abandoned a plan well under way to establish a bureau of her own here.

Amazed Experts.

The firm's first report prepared by Mrs. Burch and issued on September 28 was so close to the official figures sent out by the Government several days later that the local statisticians were amazed. Her percentage of average yield for the fourteen cotton States last month was only 4.7 per cent away from the official figures.

When it was learned that Mrs. Burch prepared the report, a rumor circulated that she had obtained information from Government reporters and paid them for their services, a thing the Washington department does not do. This charge was denied today by Mrs. Burch. She declared she had her own sources of information quite apart from those drawn upon by the Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Burch said she expected to have a good deal to contend with from detractors.

"But I am going to win despite all the hubbub," she declared with vigor. "I am here under contract to make my department the best in the city. If my report for next month is not close to the official figures, it will be simply because I have not had time to get my machinery in first-class working order."

Likes Wall Street.

"This is my first bit of business experience in New York. I like Wall Street. The life down here is fascinating."

"No, I have not met any of the big cotton operators since I started here a month ago. I know Theodore H. Price, having met him at the department in Washington. I don't care to say whether or not he was instrumental in securing this position for me."

"I do know, however, that I had all my plans made to start an independent bureau, when an offer to take charge of this department was made to me in Washington. I immediately decided that it would pay me to accept it."

"What do you think of the crop reports issued here?"

"Those which are not biased by speculative interests are very good," she replied. "Some, though, are frightfully biased. I wonder how the firms have the nerve to foist them on the public."

Friendly Toward Rival.

Mrs. Burch has a rival in the field in the person of Miss K. M. Giles, who has an independent bureau at 68 Broad street. Toward her the newcomer has the kindest of feelings.

"Her reports are splendid," Mrs. Burch said. "During the past five years they have been very close to the Government figures."

"My work here is conducted along the usual lines. I have sent out 10,000 cards to persons, who, I think, can give me correct reports of conditions. My first report was made up from the replies of 500 correspondents."

"It is reported that you pay some of the best Government reporters for information," was suggested.

Her Own Reporters.

"That is false. I am not knowingly receiving information from any of the Government reporters. As for paying them, that is absurd. Those persons who give us their reports are remunerated to the extent of receiving our market letters, that is all."

"Of course, among 10,000 men in the West, qualified to report on crop matters, one may strike here and there somebody who is doing the same kind of work for the Government. That cannot be helped."

"Wouldn't your knowledge of department work make it easy for you to secure the services of the Government reporters?"

"I say positively that I have my own corps of reporters. That must be understood, so that nobody will make the mistake of thinking otherwise."

"I have instructions from the firm to go ahead as I see fit, without regard to expense, and I am doing it."

"As for the details of the work, they are all old friends of mine. I have been a statistician ten years, and wouldn't want any pleasant duties. I know there are many bright people here, but I do not fear that my reports will suffer by comparison."

Mrs. Burch has a large room fitted up especially for the handling of a great bulk of correspondence. The drop from

seventy-five assistants to four was a surprise to her, but she expects to get more help as she needs it.

She was deep in the preparation of her next month's report today, attired in a becoming dark dress, set off by a brilliant varicolored scarf and a big red apron.

Homesick.

Mrs. Burch is living at the Highlands Hotel with her grown daughter. She says she has been a little homesick, but hopes to like New York better after she becomes acquainted.

"It is work early and late for me, at present," she said, with a laugh. "I can never forgive New Yorkers for some of the things they have said about me, but hope to find before long that I am not entirely alone with my daughter in this big city."

FELLED WOMAN AND RAN, LEAVING WAGON BEHIND

After knocking down Mrs. Sarah Harris, sixty years old, of 26 Seaton street northwest, with a dairy wagon in his charge, William Lingwood, the driver, who lives at 730 Thirteenth street northwest, jumped out of the vehicle and ran away. Police of the First precinct had not located him at midnight.

Mrs. Harris was crossing G street at Eleventh northwest. The milk wagon swirled around the corner. The horse's breast struck her and knocked her down. Her head was bruised, and she suffered much from shock.

Police of the First precinct sent her to the Emergency Hospital.

SMALL BOY IS RUN OVER AND COLLAR BONE BROKEN

Knocked down by a horse in charge of Charles Lacy, of 493 G street southwest, Abraham Furr, six years old, of 233 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, had his collar bone fractured and left leg severely lacerated yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

The lad was playing near his home. It is said the boy failed to heed the shouts of the driver, and did not get out of the way. Witnesses exonerated the driver. The injured boy was sent to the Casualty Hospital.

CHILD LABOR LAW FOR DISTRICT URGED

Dr. Samuel McCune Lindsay, secretary of the National Child Labor Law Society of New York, called on Commissioner Macfarland yesterday afternoon to consider the advisability of re-introducing in Congress at its next session the bill on the child labor question in the District of Columbia.

This bill was introduced at the last session but it was too late for action. It is understood that Representative Babcock will introduce the bill in the House and Senator Gallinger in the Senate.

The District of Columbia, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory are the only districts where the law is not in effect now.

Dr. Lindsay returned to New York last night.

BALTIMORE DETECTIVE TOOK WOMAN IN CHARGE

When Rachel Wilson, colored, thirty years old, walked out of jail yesterday morning, she thought she would be free, but such was not the case. She had not gotten far before Detectives Peck and Warren arrested her for the Baltimore authorities.

The woman today finished a sentence of nine months, imposed by Judge Scott in the Police Court last March, when she was convicted on two charges of larceny.

Detective Tom Hogan, from Baltimore, took charge of the woman.

FALLING TIMBER CRUSHED FINGER FROM HIS HAND

Caught under a heavy piece of lumber that slid from the top of a pile, the index finger on the left hand of Lemuel Thomas, colored, forty-nine years old, of 482 Kernan's court, was crushed yesterday afternoon while he was at work at Fourteenth street and Ohio avenue northwest. He walked to the Emergency Hospital, where the necessary treatment was had.

FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED.

"Rather hard to lose your daughter, eh?" said the guest at the wedding. "No," replied the bride's father; "it did look as if it was going to be hard at one time, but she finally landed this fellow just as we were giving up all hope."

—Philadelphia Ledger.

ICE WAGON RAN OVER BOY AND BROKE RIGHT ARM

Run over by an ice wagon, Artha Lee, colored, five years old, of 405 Twenty-sixth street northwest, had his right arm broken, and both sides badly bruised about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was sent to the Emergency Hospital in a serious condition.

William Wheeler, colored, of 1078 Thirtieth street northwest, who had charge of the ice wagon, was taken into custody by police of the Third precinct and is now held to await the result of the boy's injuries.

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