

NEWS and GOSSIP OF THE DEPARTMENT.

CENSUS BUREAU

FARM LIFE EXPERTS CALL ON S. N. D. NORTH

Members of President's Committee Gather Statistics. 100,000 Replies Received to 600,000 Circulars Mailed Out With Inquiries.

The members of the President's Commission on Country Life called at the Bureau of the Census on Monday and paid their respects to Director North, Chief Clerk Rossiter, and the other officials of the bureau.

The commission consists of L. H. Bailey, of New York, chairman; Henry Wallace, of Iowa; Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachusetts; Walter H. Page, of North Carolina, and Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester. E. W. Allen, of the Department of Agriculture, is the executive secretary.

Dr. L. S. Powers Returns to Washington After Session of Municipal League

Dr. L. S. Powers, chief statistician for agriculture of the Bureau of the Census, returned yesterday from Philadelphia, Pa., where he attended the sessions of the four-day joint annual convention of the National Municipal League and the American Civic Federation.

of the wild waves at the seashore, the cry of the politician for aid and assistance at the voting time, and the many other opportunities to spend the annual leave, and yet have one or more days to their credit are making plans for the holiday season to wind up the year accounts before the close of the calendar year.

LOUIS B. WIGHT BACK FROM EUROPE

Louis B. Wight, of the agriculture division, has returned to his desk after a four months' trip abroad, having visited most of the principal cities in Europe. He was in sunny Italy, as far north as Siberia, and as far east as Egypt.

JOURNEY IS MADE TO BURY HIS WIFE

G. B. Howe has Sad Mission to Old Home in North. Gilman B. Howe, of the manufactures division, returned to his desk in the bureau on Monday morning from his old home at Northboro, Mass., where he had been on a sad mission to inter the body of his wife, who died in this city, after an illness of about three weeks.

GEORGE OLLER BACK FROM ILLINOIS TRIP

George E. Oller, of the manufactures division, has returned from a visit of two weeks to his old home in Litchfield, Ill., where he was accompanied by his wife and son.

COTTON AGENTS PAID FOR QUARTER'S WORK

The disbursing office is just now a very busy place. Principal Auditor Emmons K. Ellsworth and his corps of expert clerks are in the midst of paying the 700 cotton agents of the bureau, who are scattered over the cotton producing States of the Union.

WESLEY E. CILLEY, OF THE MANUFACTURES DIVISION, HAS RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO HIS OLD HOME IN PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE HE WENT TO CAST HIS VOTE, AND TO VISIT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

Wesley E. Cilley, of the manufactures division, who was confined to his home for a week suffering from an attack of the grip, has returned to his desk in the cotton section.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

SPEAKS AT DINNER OF RAILWAY CLERKS

J. W. Hollyday Guest at Harrisburg and Williamsport.

John W. Hollyday, chief clerk in the Bureau of the Second Assistant, was in Harrisburg, Pa., Friday night to deliver an address at the banquet of the railway mail clerks for that division.

Mr. Hollyday attended a like function last night under the auspices of the railway mail clerks of the Williamsport, Pa., division. He confessed before leaving that the close proximity of the two cities made it impossible for him to deliver the same talk at both places, and he was hard pressed for material for two addresses on short notice.

H. M. ROBINSON GOES TO SOUTHERN FIELD

Associates Are Pleased at Promotion of Well-Known Official to Take Charge of New Mail Service From New Orleans.

The recent announcement by Postmaster General Meyer of the selection of H. M. Robinson to take charge of the new division of the Railway Mail Service at New Orleans, La., was received with pleasure by the many friends in the department of this popular and efficient postal worker.

He represented the department in Porto Rico and in China, having had charge of the United States postal interests in the latter country during the Boxer uprising. He was also assistant director of posts at Manila. Mr. Robinson has recently conducted an exhaustive investigation of transportation matters in the interior of Alaska.

Contract for Printing Street Directories Awarded to Manhattan Press of N. Y.

The special committee having in charge the matter of securing bids and awarding the contract for the printing of a new edition of the department's street directory, has completed its last street directory, has completed its last street directory, has completed its last street directory.

The street directory is a valuable publication for postmasters, who make use of it to locate streets and house numbers in the various cities of the country, thus making it possible to forward for delivery many letters that would otherwise have to go to the dead letter office for want of legible address.

DE GRAW'S QUARTERS ARE NEWLY PAINTED

The administrative offices in the Bureau of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw have just been renovated and put in spick and span condition for the winter.

J. W. WILEY, OF MO., GETS APPOINTMENT

John W. Wiley, of Missouri, has been appointed to a position as clerk at \$90 per annum in the office of the Postmaster General.

FORMER EMPLOYE PAYS CITY VISIT

Homer Kintz, assistant superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., a former well-known employee of the department in Washington, was in the city the first part of the week.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

August Busck, of the Bureau of Entomology, returned Friday from a trip to England, which was made for the purpose of comparing entomological specimens from the National Museum, at Washington, with similar specimens in the British Museum at London.

B. A. ALLEN RETURNS FROM KANSAS HOME

B. A. Allen, chief of the inspecting division, office of the auditor, returned to his desk Wednesday after a vacation and voting trip to his old home in Topeka, Kans. He was accompanied by Mrs. Allen.

CAPTAIN LIPSCOMB SERVES AS A HOST

Capt. Lee M. Lipscomb, chief of the assorting division, office of the auditor, has as his guests for a few days Representative W. R. Smith and children, of Texas. Judge Smith has returned to Washington for the Congressional session, and will be joined in a few days by Mrs. Smith, who stopped at Asheville, N. C., to see a son, who is ill in that city.

83,000 ENVELOPES WILL BE PURCHASED

Proposals are being invited by the purchasing agent for the department for furnishing about 83,000 envelopes for the use of the Smithsonian Institution. Linen, jute, and manila envelopes are included in the list.

GOES TO OPENING OF NEW BUILDING AGAIN AT HELM

A. H. Baldwin, of the division of salaries and allowances, has gone to Providence, R. I., where he will take part in the ceremonies incident to the opening of the new Federal building, having been designated to represent the Postmaster General on the occasion.

GOES AS DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION

Alexander Grant, general superintendent of the railway mail service, who is now making an inspection trip through the middle West and South, has been designated by the Postmaster General to represent the department at the convention of postmasters of the first, second, and third classes, at Shreveport, La., on November 23 and 24.

ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

BUREAU MAY ALTER DESIGN OF STAMPS

Should Show Arabic Numerals to Conform With Postal Laws.

MILLIONS OF OLD DESIGN FOR SALE Over 200,000,000 Already Printed, and Presses Still Running Daily to Complete Issue.

With more than 200,000,000 of the new 2-cent postage stamps printed and placed on sale, and the presses in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing still running on the issue, it is not believed by the officials that philatelists will succeed in cornering the market on this issue of stamps in event that the Postmaster General should order that the plates be altered so as to have them show the Arabic numerals, as has been suggested as a requirement of the Universal Postal Union.

APPLICATIONS HEAVY FOR POTOMAC COUNCIL

The committee selected to uphold the high standard of Potomac Council, No. 238, National Union, composed principally of the employes of the bureau, in the class initiation, is keeping President Rhodes, Secretary Borland, and Secretary Wessels busy handling applications for membership in the council.

BACK AFTER VISIT TO MISSOURI HOME

Albert W. Kirchner, of the miscellaneous division, has returned from a visit to his home in St. Louis, Mo.

Charles V. Bielaski, of the engraving division, is spending two weeks in Virginia and West Virginia.

AWAY FOR MONTH AT HOME IN OHIO

Edward M. Hall, of the engraving division, has been on a vacation for the past week.

James Farrell, clerk in the printing division, returned to his desk Monday from his vacation.

ENTERTAINS PARTY OF YOUNG FRIENDS

Miss Mary O'Leary, of Section 6 entertained a party of young friends at her home, 1116 Twenty-sixth street, on Wednesday evening.

RETURNS TO POST AT MAIN ENTRANCE

Frederick Newland, one of the faithful guardians of the main entrance to the bureau, has returned to his post of duty after paying a visit of several weeks to relatives and friends at his old home in Illinois.

AWAY FROM DESK USING UP LEAVE

Daniel Sullivan, of the wetting division, is using up some of his accumulated leave.

STORK PAYS VISIT TO THOMAS KING

Thomas King, a popular employe of the bureau, has been all joy and smiles for the past week, the result of a visit from the stork, which left a fine daughter at his home.

MOTHER IS GUEST OF POPULAR CLERK

Miss Annie C. Caton, of the examining division, has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. Richard H. Caton, of Maryland, Va., who is visiting Washington for a time.

STORK PAYS VISIT TO THOMAS KING

Miss Mary E. Fleming, of the wetting division, has been away from office the past week because of the death of her father, which occurred at his home in Alexandria, Va.

MOTHER IS GUEST OF POPULAR CLERK

Miss Adelaide Smith, of the examining division, is taking part of her annual leave.