

IN G. P. OFFICE

Purchasing Methods of Government Criticized.

ANOTHER INQUIRY LIKELY

Surprise Expressed That There Is Not More Chance Given Others to Compete.

It is now reported that steps will be taken to secure an inquiry into some features of the supply purchasing methods of the Government Printing Office, involving general dealings in printing machinery.

There have been rumors and intimations that such an investigation would prove interesting. While it is not known that the keep commission has any present plans for taking up the matter, it continues to be talked about as one of the things certain to demand consideration before long, either at the hands of the keep or the Congressional committee.

It is alleged that one small supply concern in New York enjoys most of the printing office trade in machinery, running up into immense figures each year, and that this condition has prevailed for a number of years.

Created Much Surprise. Surprise was long ago expressed that this company should enjoy almost a monopoly of large lines of business for the printing office. The theory is advanced that an investigation of the volume of business this concern has transacted with the big office would indicate that prices have been paid to the favored concern which would not have been necessary in purchasing according to recognized business methods. It is done in private establishments. It is further declared that the quality of the goods bought has not been such as to warrant these high prices.

It is reported, too, that one dealer in printing office supplies was told by a representative of the company that "if he wanted to get his materials into the Government office, he would have to do it through that company."

The special consideration which a New York electric company enjoys in the matter of marketing its own line of electric supplies in the printing office is also the subject of new comment of late. One intimation is that some of the other electric supply concerns are watching the investigations of the Lanston deal, with the hope that it may open a way to what they would consider fair treatment in the purchasing of Government office supplies. They are hoping, it is said, that the Lanston inquiry will bring about a general change of business methods that will break up the monopoly that favored concerns are said to enjoy.

Real Competition Needed.

The protest against these purchasing methods is based on the allegation that the Government pays more than it ought to, and that this could be remedied if the controlling influences in the office were willing to allow real competition. The keep commission has been taking some supplemental testimony about the practical workings of the Lanston and Mergenthaler machines. Foreman C. M. Robinson, of the proof reading division, was examined as to the relative expense and practicality of the two machines. He was with the two machines. He was one of the strong Lanston supporters, and had written a letter which was incorporated in Special Report No. 2 on this subject. Mr. Robinson's argument was that Lanston type is easier and cheaper to set than Mergenthaler type is cast in slugs and an entire slug, at the least, must be reset for each correction. That there will be a new Public Printer and a reorganization of the executive forces in the big office is more than probable. What significance may attach to the supplemental inquiry by the keep commission is unknown, but it is given special weight in view of the fact that it was held in private, and not at the printing office.

Sent Lanston Stock Up.

In local financial circles the inquiry does not appear to have affected Lanston stocks. On the other hand since the taking of testimony was concluded the stock of Lanston has risen considerably. There seems to be a strong belief that the verdict is going to be favorable to the Lanston people. Aside from the local circle, however, the contrary view seems to be entertained generally.

LUNATICS ARE SAFE IN ST. ELIZABETH'S

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mental condition. The proper steps were taken by the Corporation Counsel Gable was later declared to be sane by a marshal's jury and discharged from custody.

Willis was admitted to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane from the Soldiers' National Home, in Michigan, on the certificate of the superintendent of the institution. He is seventy-four years old and was admitted to the Soldiers' Home after his term of enlistment had expired. He now seeks his liberty on the grounds that he is not insane and is being illegally kept in confinement.

After hearing argument on the issues involved, Justice Wright directed that proceedings to determine Willis' mental condition should be instituted before Monday next or that he should be released from custody on his petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

Superintendent Aids Patients.

In several instances Dr. White, in his official capacity as superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, has taken steps in the interest of inmates of the asylum under his charge. A week ago, in the cases of John Winter and Frederick J. Price, he filed petitions asking for the appointment of committees to look after their interests. Price was admitted to the asylum in July, 1873, and Winter in September, 1870. They are both old soldiers and are entitled to pay in arrears. Other cases of a similar nature have been acted upon by the local courts on the petitions of Dr. White.

It is said there are about 500 patients confined in St. Elizabeth's Hospital under the same circumstances as were Willis and Gable. Since there was no delivery of lunatics on the community after the decision of Chief Justice C. C. Claiborne in the latter case it is hard to see why one should be feared now.

BROTHERS BATTLED ON A BRIDGE

Lewis Carter was arraigned in Judge O'Neal's court this morning charged with assaulting his brother, Howard Carter, last Saturday night on the bridge over Rock Creek at Twenty-seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, northwest. After hearing the testimony of several witnesses both for the Government and the defense Judge O'Neal fined Lewis \$10. The wife case was a complicated one and took up a great deal of time. Judge O'Neal at first was going to impose a fine of \$25, but upon finding that the plaintiff had been cut with a brick instead of with a knife as he testified, the judge changed his mind.

CUPID TOURED THE GOLF LINKS WITH GIRL CHAMPION GOLFER



MISS MABEL HIGGINS, Soon to Be Bride of Charles N. Fowler, Who Pressed His Suit Between Strokes of the Brassies.

WOODED AND WON HER ON THE GOLF LINKS

Engagement of Charles N. Fowler, Jr., Son of Representative Fowler, to Miss Mabel Higgins, a Champion Golfer, Closes a Romantic Courtship.

Behind the announcement of the engagement of Miss Mabel Higgins, champion golfer of southern California, to Charles N. Fowler, Jr., son of Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, lies a charming romance of the links, extending from the green hills of old Vermont to the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Madres.

Mr. Fowler was given an invitation to visit Mrs. Burton and her twin sister, Miss Mabel Higgins, at Manchester, to spend the summer. He accepted.

His wooing of Miss Higgins began from the moment they first met on the links.

The will of the late Secretary of State John Hay was today offered for probate in the office of the Register of Wills. With the exception of bequests to his brothers and sisters and Harwood Otis Whitney, amounting to \$7,000, he leaves his estate to his widow, Clara Stone Hay.

The will is dated June 22, 1904. It is witnessed by Sydney Y. Smith, Robert Brent Mosher, and Elisha J. Babcock, and was offered for probate by Frederick A. Siddons, of the law firm of Ralston & Siddons, of this city.

The text of the document is as follows:

I, John Hay, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills and codicils heretofore made by me.

First, I give, bequeath, and devise to my brother, Leonard Hay, and to my sister, Mary Hay Woolfolk, in fee simple and absolutely, all my property, real, personal and choses in action, and about the city of Warsaw, in Hancock county, Illinois.

Second, I give and bequeath to my brother, Leonard Hay, and to my sister, Mary Hay Woolfolk, each the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); to my brother, Charles Edward Hay, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and to Harwood Otis Whitney, of Keokuk, Iowa, the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

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Fourth, In the event that my wife should die before me, I give, bequeath, and devise the whole of the said rest and residue to my children, Helen Hay Whitney, Alice Hay Wadsworth, and Clarence Leonard Hay, or to their heirs.

I hereby nominate and appoint my sons-in-law, Payne Whitney and James Watson Wadsworth, Jr., the executors of this my last will, and direct and request that no bond shall be required of them for the performance of their duty as such executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-second day of June, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and four, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

Signed, published, and declared for, and as his last will and testament by the testator, John Hay, in the presence of us, together at the same time, who, in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other, have witnessed, attested, and subscribed the same.

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MID-AIR BATTLE WITH CRAZY TAR

Mad Lascar Trapped in Basket and Rope Breaks.

HE FALLS TO THE DECK

Fights Rescue and Tries to Hang Himself by the Signal Halyards.

LONDON, July 20.—Maddened by his real or fancied grievances, a lascar seaman belonging to the Asia, now in the Albert docks, climbed to the head of the foremast and defied for six hours all attempts to dislodge him.

Cassim Hadji was the only Bombay lascar on board during the Asia's passage from India, the rest being Calcutta lascars. A fierce rivalry exists between the two sections, and Cassim apparently had rather a bad time.

High Vantage Point.

He was perfectly quiet, however, until the ship reached her berth, and then, after attacking one of his alleged tormentors, he ran to the chains and swung himself up to the foremast head with monkeylike agility. From this position he hurled down curses and gesticulated wildly.

Chief Officer Williams held a council of war with the second and third officers. Men were sent up to the adjacent rigging whence they attempted to lasso the madman. This was a failure, and Cassim laughed as he dodged the ropes.

Attempt at Suicide.

Darkness was stealing over this strange scene, when the officers ascended the rigging and managed to get hoisted up to them a large cargo basket. The madman saw that his time had come, seized the signal halyards and twisted them into a noose round his neck.

The next moment he had dived downward, and his writhing body was silhouetted against the evening sky. A fierce fight in midair followed. The officers seized the rope and the basket was hoisted up under him. But he fought so furiously against rescue that the rope broke and he fell to the deck. He is now in the hospital.

INTERESTING WEDDING AT CAMP GOOD WILL

Between fifty and sixty boys, girls, babies and mothers arrived at Camp Good Will late Wednesday afternoon. The weather was such that the whole party appreciated most fully the change of location and scenery and especially the high hill which though hard to climb always refreshes one with cool breezes.

There is now a party of a hundred at the camp. This number includes many who have just commenced upon their second week and whose particular duties for the next few days will be to make comfortable the new arrivals. Every week brings a few of last year's campers making the care much less and the initiation much easier.

Wednesday night was made especially interesting by the celebration of a wedding. Arthur Fahrney, a worker upon the place, was married to Miss Leola Grider, in Brightwood. All the workers at the camp were invited to attend the ceremony which was most interesting and impressive. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Dr. Brooks, of Brightwood.

KANSAS CITY BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 20.—The City National Bank, capitalized at \$300,000, did not open for business today, and is in the hands of the Comptroller of the Currency. J. S. Corley is president and J. G. Stream is cashier.

The bank, when its last statement was made, May 23, had deposits of \$1,456,648 cash, and sight exchange, \$385,597; loans and discounts, \$1,067,134; and total resources and liabilities each \$1,389,729. The failure is not considered of great importance.

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THE PALAIS ROYAL

A. LISNER

Friday is "Hurry Day" for you and us. The Saturday holiday makes us do practically two days' work in one. Time is saved in shopping here—one finds all styles, sizes, colors, etc. The "Mill and Factory Sale" brings prices to less than cost of production in many instances.



Only 98c

Japanese Kimonos are ideal for warm weather, and American women have adopted them. The picture doesn't show the one with the wide sash—it's the prettiest. Many styles, including the makers' samples, worth up to \$2, at only 98c.

More Surprises—French Percale Chemises, embroidered by the nuns and fish wives of fair France. Plenty of them worth \$2. Choice for 98c.

Suits \$1.98 and \$6.98

Were \$5 and \$15.

Final reductions—\$1.98 for the \$5 Shirt Waist Suits and \$6.98 for the \$15 Coat and "Frock and Frill" Suits of pure Irish Linen and dotted Swiss, plain and lace trimmed.

89c

\$2.00 Waists

\$1.19

\$2.50 Waists

\$1.59

\$3.50 Waists

The reductions in prices would not be worth consideration if styles were old or sizes missing. The best possible bargains, because latest styles and in all sizes.



More Surprises—\$1.98 for best \$5 man-tailored all-wool cloth walking skirts; strapped and with button trimming.

\$1.50 Corsets, 69c

From the leading importer of French Corsets, who makes the stipulation the name be not advertised in conjunction with this reduced price. 69c for best of \$1.50 Batiste and Net Corsets.

At 44c and 79c

Gowns, skirts, corset covers, drawers, and chemises; 44c for 50c to 75c garments; 79c for \$1 to \$2 garments. Thousands to choose from; all sizes.

At 19c, 25c, 35c

Best makes of 25c to 75c Swiss Ribbed Vests, Pants, Union Suits, Corset Covers, and Hosiery of every description.

10,000 Summer Belts

5c

Worth 10c

9c

Worth 25c

18c

Worth 50c

48c

Worth \$2

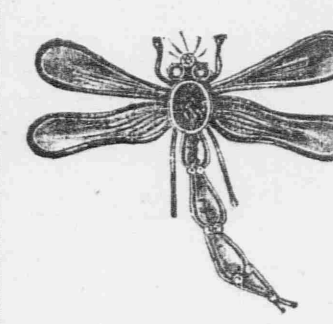
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Worth \$3

When the chief of this department was sent to New York expressly to hunt belts his instructions were: "Big results are expected or you would not be sent." The hint was sufficient—more than 10,000 belts have been purchased, and four leading factories have been cleared of the entire remaining summer stocks.

5c for 10c White Belts of English Duck, with nickel and brass military buckles. 48c for \$2 Silk Belts, in all colors. Jeweler's buckles. 9c for 25c White Belts, plain. 98c for best \$3 Silk Belts, with and without buckles; white, black, styles. All sizes, in plenty, and all colors.

Jewelry, 10c, 18c, 36c



Facsimiles of the Expensive

Even Milady, who wears priceless jewels with her winter silks and satins, uses "Summer Jewelry" when she dons her white wash frocks. For instance, today it is a butterfly, reproduced in jewels; tomorrow it's a quaint but beautiful ornament of the Orient, only a facsimile, but as perfect as the original. Such jewelry generally costs about one dollar apiece. The "Mill and Factory Sale" brings \$8,000 worth for \$1,000 divided into three great lots, at 10c 18c and 36c.