

OLD CLERKS AWAIT FATE FEARFULLY

Contented Proposal to Cut
Salaries Is Unjust.

STILL ABLE TO WORK

Age No Criterion of Ability, They
Maintain—Some Men Are
Old at Fifty.

That the aged clerks of Washington, especially of those in Grand Army circles, are excited and somewhat anxious as a result of the desire of the House Committee on Appropriations to lower the salaries of all sixty-five years old or more, is evident in all the executive departments.

But with the anxiety is a determination to show that the proposed legislation is absolutely unnecessary. Already some of the old clerks are pointing to section 174 of the Revised Statutes as obviating the necessity of further legislation on the subject. This section reads:

What Section 174 Says.

"Each chief clerk shall take care from time to time that the duties of the other clerks are distributed with equality and uniformity, according to the nature of the case. He shall revise such distribution from time to time for the purpose of correcting any tendency to undue accumulation or reduction of duties, whether arising from individual negligence or incapacity, or from increase or diminution of particular kinds of business. And he shall report monthly to his superior officer any existing defect that he may be aware of in the arrangement or dispatch of business."

It is claimed by the clerks that this section gives the chiefs and heads of departments all the power needed to deal with the aged clerk problem. They argue that it is excessively unfair to fix an arbitrary standard for a matter of age incapacity when, as a matter of fact, some people become incapacitated for work at fifty and others can work at seventy-eight.

It is argued by the clerks that the only fair way to dispose of the matter is to leave it to some authority to decide when a clerk becomes incapacitated in any way for work. When this incapacity is discovered, it is urged, the dismissal should follow.

Contention Is Laughed At.

At the Capitol, members of Congress who fever the plan elucidated by the House Committee on Appropriations laugh at the arguments of the clerks, saying that this section has been in the Revised Statutes for about thirty years, and the aged clerk problem is still confronting the Government. They also pointed out that chiefs and heads of departments are human and would not, in many cases, recommend old clerks for dismissal because they would be sorry for them and would neglect to turn them out on the world in their old age.

As a matter of fact the question has been thoroughly studied at the Capitol and no objection to the provision can be made without an answer being received that the new provision is all right and calculated to withstand all arguments and parliamentary objections.

It was said that it might be knocked out of the bill on a point of order, but its friends declare it would be in order because it could be construed as a limitation on an appropriation, which is always in order on an appropriation bill.

Supporters Are Uncertain.

It would be encouraging to the old clerks, however, to see the manifest uncertainty in which the friends of the measure now stand. They are by no means sure that the House will vote it into law, and there are many members of the House who claim that it is so severe and drastic that they will never vote for it.

LANGLEY ESTATE IS DIVIDED AMONG RELATIVES

Generous Requests to Kin of Late Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

The will of Samuel Pierpont Langley, late secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was today offered for probate.

He directs the following distribution of his estate: To Mary Anne Kidder, \$10,000; to Cyrus Adler, \$1,000; to Isabel Winlock, \$500; to J. G. Trefler, \$500; to Francis Woodbridge, \$500; to John W. Langley, \$500; to Marian Michaels, of Cambridge, Mass., \$500; to Emily Morrow, of Roxbury, Mass., \$500; to James Faunce, of the same place, a like amount. A number of other relatives are made bequests of \$500 and \$1,000 each.

To his brother, John W. Langley, the testator leaves \$5,000 in trust for the benefit of his nephew, Samuel Pierpont Langley; \$4,000 to Mary Langley, a niece, and \$3,000 for the benefit of two other children.

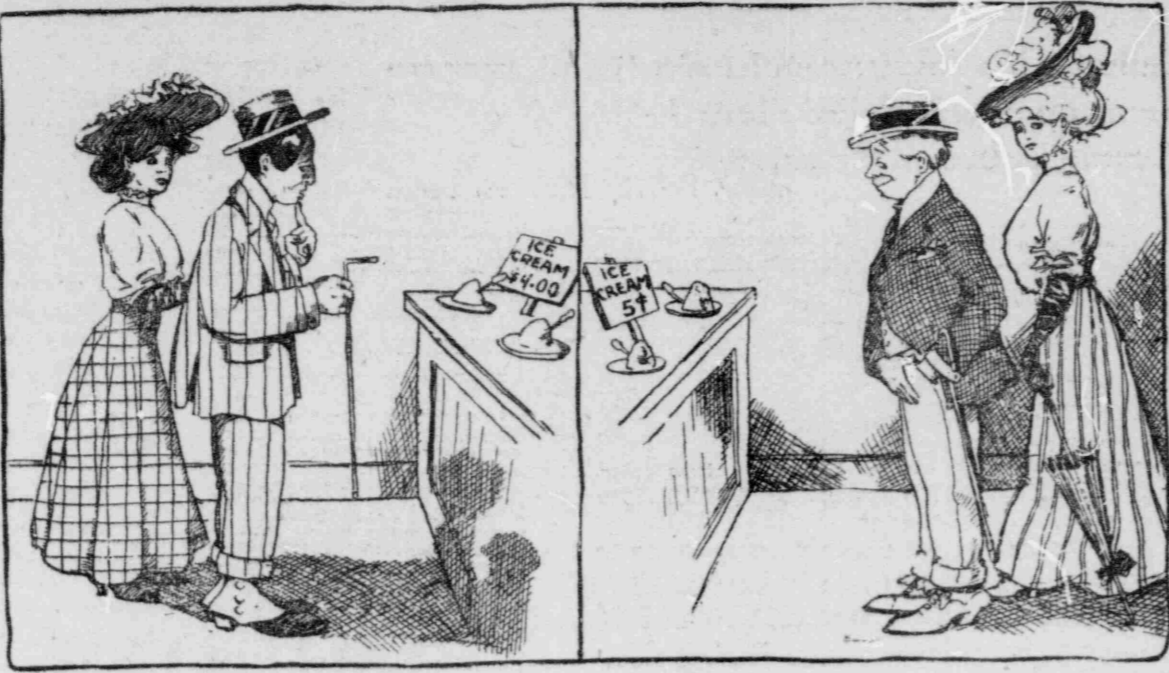
The household goods, pictures and books of the testator are left to his relatives specifically named.

The remainder of the estate is divided into specified portions to John W. Langley, Anne W. Clocca, Julia H. Goodrich, and Pierpont Langley. The will is dated October 28, 1905, and the American Security and Trust Company is named executor.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Andrew P. Eck and Edna I. Russell, both of Baltimore.
Henry C. Watson and Mary E. Gorman.
William C. Harris, Fort Myer, Va., and Alma H. Elmore, District of Columbia.
Edgar M. Bane, Quincy, Ill., and Mabel L. Burton, West Troy, N. Y.
Floyd Callaway and Madeline Shelton, both of Alexandria, Va.
Charles E. White and Martha A. Ryan.
Andrew J. Williams, Jr., and Susie Cooper.
Arthur Hallam and Annie Brodus.

Washington Ice Supply Ample; Prices Will Not Be Increased



IN NEW YORK.

IN WASHINGTON.

Contrasting Summer Prospects in Two Cities.

Washington promises to have the laugh on New York this summer when the hot sun of July begins to pour down on the Eastern section of the country.

There is much scurrying and hurrying about in the great metropolis, for the ice crop is running short because of the winter, and before many weeks the great fields which formerly furnished ice to all the big companies will have been permanently cleared.

Local dealers declare Washington has little or nothing to fear from this condition. Seventy-five per cent of the ice used in Washington is manufactured right here and that lets the Capital out for once. Washington will not suffer with other cities in a threatened increase of prices unless conditions here change materially.

Ice Water Above Par.

Ice water in New York will be at a premium and folks there will have a chance to pretend they are used to it

from spending so much time in London where they don't have it often enough to attract notice.

Ice cream will leap into instant popularity with the girl whose taste never ran that way, for it will cost real money every time a man says to her: "Won't you have an ice?" She'll talk about it the next day as much as she used to prate of motor rides. It will give her a chance to judge fairly and squarely whether a man is real stingy or not; it will also probably cost the man cigars for a month—but that's another question.

The threatened ice famine in New York is of small moment to people in Washington, who have rarely been unable to get all they wished, even in the hottest weather. But to the residents of that city it means a list of fatalities which they do not dare contemplate.

Last season, New York consumed something like 5,000,000 tons and there are now only 2,000,000 tons in sight for

the coming season. Unless more is procured before a warm weather sets in, it means untold suffering among the poor of New York. The tenement people are the ones who suffer and suffer intensely in such circumstances and every effort is being made to counteract the threatened crisis. On March 1, ice was quoted at 40 cents a hundred pounds and unless another good frozen season along the price will go up to 75 cents and probably \$1.

No High Prices Here.

Washington ice dealers are firm in their statements that the situation in New York cannot affect this city. They declare the amount of ice necessary for Washington to get from the outside is so small that it can have no bearing on the situation.

Dealers here assert that the price will not go up a penny and that Washington is absolutely assured of all the ice it may want for the coming summer.

CLEVER MARE TURNS ON LIGHTS IN BARN WITH TEETH

YORK, Pa., March 8.—Allen F. Brilliant, of Dallas, Penn., punes along in his barn. One night last week he was awakened by people telling him that the barn was lighted and that probably somebody was trying to rob it. Upon investigation it was found that the locks were perfectly secure.

This evening on night after night. Finally the town patrolman and others were set to keep watch. Then the mystery was solved. The watchers caught Phoebe, an old mare, which had been turned loose in the stable every night, working away with the little busonet of the switch, and when she got ready turned the light on with as much skill as a man.

WANTS WOMEN ON POLICE FORCE TO BETTER MORALS

NEW YORK, March 8.—Believing that boys would be kept from bad company by a police force composed of women and that the morals of the boys would be preserved, Mrs. Julia Goldizer, of 35 East Forty-fifth street, Bayonne, has appealed to Mayor Garvan of that city to appoint such a force. The mayor is given the request deep attention, but is not ready to express an opinion.

Mrs. Goldizer is well known as a member of women's clubs and a Christian Scientist. Some time ago she started Bayonne's social circles by saying she had assisted a whist team of the Newark Bay Boat Club to win a difficult contest by administering "absent treatment."

CAPITAL BOWLERS FOR LOUISVILLE

Bureaus, Interiors, and Fat
Men Going.

THOSE WHO'LL MAKE TRIP

First Complete Announcement of Membership of Quints—Kick About
So Many Teams.

An official of the District Association Bowling Leagues gave out this morning the names of the men who will comprise the teams which will go to the National Bowling Congress tournament, which is to be held at Louisville, Ky., the last week in March.

The personnel of the quintets differs from lists previously published, and is as follows: Saengerbunds—Allison, Burdine, Campbell, Krauss, and Miller; Bureaus—Helmicks, Budke, Hess, Land, Lord, Hardie; Jolly Fat Men—Waters, Harlow, Field, Rodrick, and Brown; Interiors—Cooper, Warren, Lemmon, Garrett, and Rice. Besides these, there will probably be several others who will go to compete in the individual matches.

Some Are Kicking.

There seems to be some dissatisfaction among the members of the league because there are three teams going, since it is thought by some that it would be much better for the interests of all concerned if only two teams went. This stand is taken because no little difficulty will be experienced in obtaining funds to pay the transportation of all those who have been selected to represent Washington. As a matter of fact, it is stated that the men on all of the teams, except the Bureaus, will have to dig down into their pockets for part, at least, of the expenses.

The reason that the Bureaus will not have this difficulty is because the bowlers at Uncle Sam's money factory have an organization which will see to it that its representatives are well cared for in this particular.

Cox Can't Go.

George T. Cox had expected to go along, but the duties attendant upon him as the recently appointed manager of a banking and brokerage house will prevent his contemplated trip to the sunny South.

It is expected that the Washington contingent will make the delegations from New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore on next Saturday week and prevail upon their Northern brothers to wait over for two hours and then go to Louisville at 6 o'clock on the same special, with dining car attached. This matter will be fully discussed at the next meeting of the association, which will be held at the Palace alleys next Tuesday evening.

LEAGUE TO EDUCATE SOUTH'S POOR WHITES

John Sharp Williams, minority House leader, today introduced a bill to incorporate the Industrial Educational League of the South, to promote the elementary and practical education of such unfortunate white persons in the Southern States as are not at present provided with suitable instruction in either the public or other schools.

The league, which is given power to handle property and money, is to be governed by the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, the Commissioner of Education, and nine other members to be elected by the league.

NO TELLING.

"I understand that Beni de Castellane frequently purchased cherries at 4¢ per cherry."

"Gosh! I wonder what he paid for the cocktalls?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE DIES OF PARALYSIS

John D. King, Chief of Division, Formerly Connected With Postoffice Department, Passes Away.

John D. King, chief of a division in the Civil Service Commission and for many years an official of the Postoffice Department, died at 7 o'clock this morning at his home, in the Roanoke, of paralysis.

Mr. King had been ill for about two years. He was sixty years old and is survived by his wife and one son, Harry D. King, superintendent of the National Surety Company of New York. The body will be taken to Janesville, Wis., either tonight or tomorrow, where burial will be made in the family lot.

Mr. King was a native of Wisconsin, but had been connected with the Postoffice Department in various positions for forty-five years. He was one of the best known and most successful officials in the history of the department and had the confidence of many Postmasters General.

Mr. King was a postoffice inspector and was in charge of the work in New York, Chicago, Denver, Helena, Cincinnati and Omaha. He took a prominent part in the famous star route investigations. He was prominent in Masonic circles.

OIL STRIKES IN CANADA.

EDMONTON, Canada, March 8.—Rich strikes of coal and oil have been made in Alberta, the American colony of the Canadian Northwest.

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