

Caroline Mercier and Dora Lane applied themselves strictly to business Monday afternoon, and the result of their work told when the boxes were counted.

LOST—In the berry patch two ounces of malaria, two scruples of discontent, all symptoms of appendicitis and—Well ask Miss Bowman to complete the list for you.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., July 12, 1906.

To the Employees of the Indian Office:

The Acting Commissioner announces to the Office the death on yesterday of Lewis Y. Ellis, Chief of the Files Division.

It will be interesting to the Office force to know that on the very day of his death Mr. Ellis' name was to have been sent to the Secretary of the Interior for appointment as Chief Clerk of the Office, a position created by law at the last session of Congress.

In his letter addressed to the Secretary recommending Mr. Ellis for this responsible position, Commissioner Leupp said:

"Some months ago, in an informal conversation with you as to faithfulness and efficiency in the clerical service of the Indian Office, I cited as my model of a good clerk one man, of whom I said that he entered the Office on May 24, 1879; that in nearly 27 years of service he had had only three days of sick leave; that he had been late in arriving only once in all that period, and then was detained by serious illness of a member of his household; that this habit is to reach his desk a good while before the day's work begins and not to be there after it has ended—never until his own

field is cleared completely; and that in this and other ways he has worked over-time every year more hours than he has taken in his annual leave. I may add to this remarkable record my personal tribute to the admirable way in which his work is performed. The Division is such an illustration of conscientious business methods that I should be most reluctant to take Mr. Ellis away from it if he had not positively won the promotion which, with your approval, awaits him.

I feel all the more satisfaction in recommending Mr. Ellis for the Chief Clerkship of this Office because he has never asked for it either directly or through friends. Indeed, as far as I can ascertain, the advancement will come to him, as all his other lifts from the lowest round to the highest on the clerical ladder have come, as a recognition of merit alone, unbacked by so-called "influence." In each place he has held he has gone quietly about his business and performed it to the best of his powers, and his superior officers have recognized it as seemed to them fitting. It occurs to me, therefore, that his proposed promotion will have a value quite beyond its character as a personal reward, in its moral effect upon the whole clerical staff, to whom it can hardly fail to suggest that each man has in himself the means to earn his own way upward."

The funeral of Mr. Ellis will take place at the Olympia at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

C. F. Larrabee,  
Acting Commissioner.

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