

## FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WORK WITHOUT WAGE INCREASES

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WASHINGTON, April 6.—The champion long-distance woman worker in the government service is Mrs. Lillie A. Beard, expert money counter of the Treasury Department, who is just completing 55 years of service for Uncle Sam.

In an exclusive interview today with the United Press, Mrs. Beard told how, when only 15 years old, she became a government employe and now that she has handled more than \$1,000,000,000 without an error, she is ready to retire in June at the age of 70 years.

"I started out when I was a girl and have been in the same department almost continuously," she said. "Once I took a seven months' leave of absence—that was to get married—but I returned so those days do not count against my service record."

Mrs. Beard was appointed at a salary of \$300 a year, today her salary is \$1,440 annually after all her years of labor.

"It is nice to work for the government but I really do not think that salaries are advanced sufficiently," she said. "Younger people now advance much more rapidly—but they can not do the work a bit better than we did. The methods of promotion are not as fair as they should be."

Mrs. Beard has counted more than 20,000 bills in one day. She is an expert and identifies burned and mutilated currency and is an expert silver counter, readily detecting counterfeit coins from the genuine.

Right next to Mrs. Beard in the big Treasury cash room with Miss Letitia Calhoun, the runner up for governmental service honors. Miss Calhoun was appointed to the Treasury Department in June 1894, when only 13 years old.

Miss Calhoun is also an expert money counter. Her record is an accurate count of \$1,000 worth of pennies in one day. She started working for Uncle Sam at \$55 a month and has slowly advanced to \$1,350 annually.

"I think the government treats its employes fairly," she said. "I do think that other departments promote their clerks more rapidly and that I would be earning more if I had started out in a different bureau."

The champion of champions.

however is James O. Manson, Knoxville, Tenn., with a record of 32 continuous years in government service.

Manson left college to become a weather bureau observer when he was 14 years old. His salary began at \$89.50 a month and he worked his way upward to \$2,600 annually as Assistant Cashier of the Treasury.

At the age of 76 Manson is now writing the history of the Treasury for the Department as he is an authority on governmental finances. It will take two years to finish his work and then he plans to continue "right along."

"If I had it to go over with I would start right out working for Uncle Sam again," Manson said. "The government needs efficient service as well as commercial business needs trained men and in the long run it pays to devote your entire service to the country."

## FOSSILS OF ANCIENT ANIMALS ARE FOUND

BERKELEY, Cal., April 5.—Fossil remains of a large-headed dog and two rhinoceroses were included in the paleontological findings of an expedition made by Dr. Chester Stock and Dr. F. L. Furlong, University of California, into the Mohave Desert region. The authorities say the fossils seem to indicate that the fauna discovered in that region are related to that of the Upper Snake Creek in the Great Plains region.

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