

Conclusive evidence of the almost invariable daily intoxication of W. D. Bright, clerk in charge of the drawing division, and equally conclusive evidence that he has demanded from employes in his division a share of the work done for outsiders and has received a share ranging from ten to twenty per cent. either from the employes or by adding the amount to their bills rendered by outside employes, suggests the propriety of an early change, in the interest alike of morals and discipline, in that division.

Another feature of the present organization and condition which seems open to criticism relates to the compensation of the office force, which would appear to require redistribution, and in some respects a better defined limitation.

Part of the money now liberally dispensed "in office subsistence" might be justly employed to advance the compensation to underpaid office-workers--such as computers--to a just and decent rate.

There is some evidence that assistants in the field have practiced a species of extortion by collecting the entire subsistence allowance of their subordinates, without allowing the difference between such subsistence and the actual expense and then dividing it pro rata among the "party" to lighten the mess bills, the effect of which is to make the mess bill of the highest officer lighter than that of the most poorly paid subordinate.

If the voucher or transportation account were required in every instance to show fully the practical necessity and purpose of trips made by officers of the survey it might tend to discourage the making of excursions not fairly justified by the exigencies of the service.

Of the fifty-eight employes of the bureau twelve are classified as very able and efficient, thirty-two as efficient and reliable, six as able but not very efficient, two either inefficient or not well informed, two usefulness impaired by age or infirmity but still capable of efficient work, four not capable of efficient work by reason of age or infirmity.

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Auditor Chenoweth Will Begin
Another Investigation When
He Returns.

Judge Chenoweth, First Auditor of the Treasury Department, left by the 10:40 train last night for Texas, to look after his law business. The investigation of the Coast Survey Bureau and the report thereon to the Secretary of the Treasury are complete, and nothing more remains to be done in the matter by him. He denies contemplating a supplementary report on the workings of the bureau, as he says it is not necessary. He expects to return to Washington in about three weeks, when he intends to begin an investigation into the condition and workings of the Geological Survey, which, if rumors are correct, will reveal a state of affairs no better than that exposed by the recent investigation of the Coast Survey. After that, the Fish Commission is on the list of suspects for searching inquiry.

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