

HIGHEST PAID WOMAN IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOY

A new record for the pay of women employed by the government has been established. Mrs. Leona M. Wells, assistant clerk to the appropriations committee of the United States senate



Mrs. Leona M. Wells, Who Draws the Highest Salary of Any Woman in Uncle Sam's Employ

gets \$2,500 a year, and it is probable that this will be increased next year.

The distinction of being the best paid woman on the government's pay roll has hitherto been enjoyed by Miss Margaret V. Kelly, who is employed in the office of the director of the mint and who during the director's temporary absence is empowered to sign his name. But when the senate committees were reorganized for the extra session of congress, Mrs. Wells got a promotion and jumped to the head of the salary list of Uncle Sam's women clerks.

She is a native of Illinois, but lives in Wyoming when congress is not in session. In the summer of 1900 she was appointed secretary to the chairman of the Wyoming state central republican committee. After McKinley's election in November, 1900, she

came to Washington to accept a position as clerk to the senate committee on claims.

Mrs. Wells is a firm believer in woman's suffrage. At home she votes and has acted as election clerk in her own precinct. By right she is entitled to the privileges of the senate floor, but custom decrees that no woman shall enter there and Mrs. Wells does not care to violate a precedent of such long standing.

After the close of the 58th congress, she prepared an alphabetical list of 50,000 private claims, each followed by a history of the case up to date. It was a big job, but it was well done and was printed as a public document for the use of congress.

ELEPHANT PLAYS SYMPATHY TRICK TO EARN HIS KEEP

Congo, a young African elephant purchased for the New York Zoological Park, proved upon his arrival to have his hind legs so badly "sprung" that he walked upon his ankles, dragging his feet. The park surgeon, Dr. Blair, fitted him with a pair of ankle braces made of leather. Within six months his legs had straightened out,



Fitting the Baby Elephant, "Congo," with Ankle Braces