

CUBA'S BATTLE FOR LIBERTY

American Sympathy for the Struggling Patriots of the Island. SENTIMENT OF PROMINENT NEBRASKANS

Recognition of Belligerent Rights, Its Advantages and Disadvantages Pointed Out by an Eminent Lawyer.

The war now being waged by the Cuban revolutionary army against Spanish tyranny naturally commands the sympathy of American citizens. The struggle is acknowledged to be the most stubborn and determined yet waged for the independence of Cuba and has already strained the resources of Spain in men and treasure. The odds against the patriots are enormous. Supplies are limited to meager quantities...

As the leading power in the cluster of self-governing nations, the Cubans look to the United States for recognition. Public sentiment, as expressed through the press, seems to favor it. Mass meetings have been held in Chicago, New York and other large cities, at which that sentiment was given forcible expression...

SENTIMENT OF NEBRASKA.

The sentiment of Nebraska in favor of the struggling Cubans is expressed in the following letters from prominent Nebraska representatives in congress and Governor Holcomb. Senator Thurston writes: 'I believe the time has come when this government should recognize the revolutionaries in Cuba as entitled to the rights of belligerents. Beyond this, I sympathize heartily with the people of that island in their efforts to secure independence, and I earnestly long the day is not far distant when there will be no shadow of a foreign throne upon any part of the American continent.'

SENATOR ALLEN'S VIEWS.

'I do not, of course, know what policy the present administration will pursue with reference to the Cuban revolutionists. I am, myself, decidedly in favor of recognizing them as belligerents entitled to belligerent rights. I think this should be done promptly.'

Congressman Kern says: 'Allow me to say relative to the Cuban question that I am in favor of the United States government recognizing Cuba as a belligerent power and giving her all the aid and comfort we can safely and honorably. I am not in favor of annexation.'

Congressman Strode writes: 'I do not know whether the United States will soon recognize the Cuban belligerents, but I shall favor such a course. I believe that the United States should encourage the Cubans to establish an independent republican form of government. I cannot say that I am in favor of its annexation to this country.'

Congressman D. H. Mercer says: 'I think a resolution will be introduced in congress in favor of the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents, but the sentiment among members, I apprehend, will not go to the length of annexation. In view of the fact that Spain was in such hot haste to recognize the southern confederacy, and the further fact that of all the great powers of the world Spain is the only one that has not kept pace with modern progress, the American people look upon Spain's treatment of Cuba as tyrannical and inhuman. I have never been on the island, and am not familiar with the situation there, as are those who have had the advantage of personal observation, but my sympathies are with the Cubans in their struggle. I am a great believer in the Monroe doctrine, and think the United States has been derelict of duty in not enforcing a more aggressive foreign policy. England, as every one familiar with the history of the past thirty years, knows, has not had a Cuban ally at arms with the Caucasian race. She may grow at the United States, but although she has 80,000 men on her war ships, she is less prepared to fight such an enemy. They are no cause for alarm if you have Allen's Hygienic Fluid at hand. Contagion is impossible when it is used. It is a preventive medicine—disinfectant, deodorant and germ killer, and has a remarkably agreeable taste and odor. It not only prevents disease, but is cleansing and healing. Refined people everywhere use it.'

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'Vestibled Flyer.' The longer it runs the more clearly this fact becomes apparent. Even in these chilly December days, when travel is light, well filled cars are crowded with passengers. Leaves Omaha 5 p. m. EXACTLY. Arrives Chicago 8:20 a. m. NO LATER. Sleepers—Chair cars—Diner. Tickets at 1224 Farnam street.

Omaha Gets a New Train.

The Overland Limited, via Union Pacific, has been replaced by a new Omaha sleeper east daily at 5:45 p. m., now leaving an hour earlier, and in its place, at a quarter to 6 every evening, the NORTHWESTERN. This starts a complete train to OMAHA, leaving OMAHA for OMAHA arriving in Chicago at 8:45 o'clock next morning. A clean vestibled—gas lit—AC—Star-Bon—flyer with sleepers—chair cars—free dining car (Northwestern). City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Chicago limited leaves the union depot daily at 6:00 p. m., arriving union depot, Chicago at 9:00 a. m. Express for Chicago, Sioux City and Dakota leaves union depot at 10:45 a. m. and arrives at Chicago at 7:15 a. m. Omaha limited Express leaves Chicago daily at 8 p. m., arrives at Omaha union depot at 8 a. m. Dakota, Omaha and Denver Express leaves Chicago at 10:25 p. m., arrives at Omaha 3:25 p. m. City ticket office, 1504 Farnam st.

Comfort to California.

Yes, and economy, too. If you patronize the Burlington, you can conduct one-way excursions, which leave Omaha every Thursday morning, from Omaha to San Francisco—via Los Angeles. Second class tickets accepted.

Ladies of All Saints church will serve dinners at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 10, 11 and 12. Dinner, 25 cents.

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or a quarter to six. The new Omaha-Chicago Special, leaving Omaha at 5:45 p. m., arriving at Chicago next morning a quarter to nine, at 8:45 a. m. City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

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WAGES OF WOMEN GRADUATES

Interesting Statistics Gathered by the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor.

COMPARISON OF SALARIES WITH MEN

Much Less as a Rule, Though Many Employers Admit Their Erring Capacity is as Great—Occupations Followed.

In a pamphlet published by the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor, says the New York Sun, are set forth the results of an interesting inquiry as to the wages paid in various occupations to women who have received a college training. The purpose of the investigation was to ascertain, first, whether the pay obtained by women in professional, technical and mercantile pursuits is, as has been often alleged, greatly less than that received by men for the same work; and, secondly, to what causes such inferiority, if it exists, should be attributed. A large number of pertinent queries were sent out, and answers were secured from 451 female employees and from 104 employers of women. The returns seem to be fairly representative, emanating from different portions of the country, and covering a considerable range of employment. From the tabulated results, we extract some striking and suggestive information.

Of the schedules filled up by women graduates only 47 answer the question regarding conjugal condition. It appears that those replying 30 were single, 17 were married, and 20 were widowed. With regard to occupations, we observe that 163 were teachers, 47 were stenographers or typewriter work, 28 were stenographers or typewriter work, 28 were nurses or superintendents of nursing, 19 were journalists, 19 others described themselves in various ways. They were distributed among a multiplicity of vocations. To the inquiry touching age, 78 alumnae declined to make any response; the remainder, 123, were under 20, 83 were 20, but under 25; 119 were 25, but under 30; 111 were 30, but under 40; and 47 confessed to being more than 50 years old. It is further to be noted that 117 were married, but answering the queries 338 had either domestic or other outside cares, but 289 were not drawn away from the calling by any other employment. Of those with their whole number, 350, or 77 per cent, averred that their wages were sufficient for their support; in 43 cases they were inadequate; while 68 persons gave no information on this point.

We come to the actual wages earned by women who have received a collegiate training, and to a comparison of these with those paid to men. Of the 403 supplying data under this head, six received less than \$25 a month, eighty-eight got \$25, but under \$50; 144 obtained \$50, but under \$75; 184 received eighty-three earned \$75, but less than \$100; seventy-three earned \$100, but under \$200; the wages of two were under \$200, but under \$300, and one salary in excess of \$300 a month. To the question how their earnings compared with those of men in the same employment, 201 women declared that they were better off than men, 150 averred that men received more pay than women for the same work; ninety-five reported the same pay for men and women; and 47 women gave no answer. Another allegation is that women cannot expect the same pay that men get for the reason that they do not remain so continuously in the same position. The facts scarcely bear out this assertion. Of 323 women giving information on this point, no fewer than 217 reported that they have followed but one calling since they began to work, the average duration of their employment having been seven years and eight months.

The final and delicate question put to the women graduates was whether, in the cases where they had received a college education, they were in their opinion, less valuable to the employer? Of the 332 respondents 212 considered that the services of men and women, when rendered in connection with the same kind and grade of work, were of equal value. By forty-one the work of women was pronounced more valuable, while thirty-one said candidly that they deemed it worth less money. Let us see what employers have to say upon the subject. The question 'Are the services of men and women equally valuable to you?' was answered by 121 employers of skilled and professional labor. Of these forty-six replied directly 'Yes,' twenty-two indirectly 'Yes,' the others gave indefinite or qualified answers. The twenty-nine who placed a lower value on the services of women were asked to give their reasons for the discrimination. The most common answer, by twenty-two employers, were insufficient training and physical or mental differences due to sex. Others ascribed the difference of pay to the effect of supply and demand or competition.

The general purport of these statistics is to indicate the pay of the current impressions regarding the value of the services of men and women, and the relative value of their services.

BAD SPELLING IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

Prominent Educator Says 50 Per Cent Are Deficient in This Branch.

At a session of the school and college conference of the University of Chicago held recently in the principal hall of the Waukegan high school in Chicago, where 50 per cent of the pupils in most of our high schools can neither spell nor write correctly simple words and sentences. This allegation, as reported, was not denied again, but was practically admitted. The fact being common knowledge, who participated in the debate asked who was responsible for this state of affairs. 'Whereas failure is it?' he demanded. He answered 'I have letters from many high school teachers, and have seen specimens of their handwriting, and have seen their signatures to the statements I just made. I repeat, that 50 per cent of the pupils in most of our high schools can neither spell nor write correctly simple words and sentences.'

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Papers by Omaha Teachers.

Omaha will have four representatives upon the program of the State Teachers' association at Lincoln, Tuesday afternoon. Miss Villa B. Shippey of the High school conducts a round table discussion on 'History.' On Thursday afternoon in the primary section

his own question by saying, 'It is the fault of the school system of Cook county.' He explained his explanation in the following words: 'Pupils are graduated from the low schools and then come to us and we have to take them. The high school pupils graduate and then are sent to the low schools. Make your standard higher and we will be compelled to make ours higher.'

Commenting on these facts the Chicago Tribune weakened the force of the words in a heated debate among professional teachers, at a conference of an important character on the subject of popular education, a truth of no small importance, and one which has proceeded from a source of authority. In the first and intermediate grades of the schools instruction is superficial. At the examination a high degree of proficiency in the primary branches is not required. The early lessons are slighted. Pupils are hustled through unqualified and without reaching proper tests and standards that they may enter the high schools and graduate with honors that they have not earned.

The result is told in cold and commonplace language by an expert. He says that per cent of the High school graduates cannot spell words nor punctuate sentences with approximate correctness. This scandalous state of affairs is declared to be the fault of the school system.

It is not exactly the fault of the school system. It is the fault of the school officers. Of course the system suffers, and it is the fault of the school officers who are perverted and misapplied. But the system as established by law—existing as one of the great institutions of the state—is right and sound if it is lawfully administered.

The school system is perverted and corrupted by depriving of support the earlier departments of study. The primary schools are neglected. The parents of the children of the people require instruction in the elementary and necessary branches only—reading, writing, arithmetic, accounts and the simple forms of composition.

SCHOOL GIRLS AS FIRE FIGHTERS.

Pupils at Mount Holyoke Seminary Organize for That Purpose.

The lively girls attending the Mount Holyoke seminary, in South Hadley, Mass., who achieved considerable notoriety not long since by a merry flirtation with a college glee club, have organized a fire brigade. They call it a branch of their athletic association, whose captain is at the head of the new organization. The brigade was organized less than a month ago, and three days after the first drill the girls had an opportunity to show their mettle. When a fire broke out in the student who discovers it to immediately turn two electric whistles and set the gongs a-going. One of these great rings she tumbles out and finds out where the fire is. A first lieutenant then rings the gongs. Meanwhile the fire wardens, two of whom are on duty, get the door keys ready, coupling it to the hydrant, getting the nozzles on and preparing everything for the fight with the flame. On each floor are two men on duty, strict discipline is maintained, and it is considered a disgrace if any of the corps loses her self-possession.

COMPARISON OF TEACHERS' WAGES.

Arizona Leads in the Average Paid Women and Men in the States.

Table comparing average monthly salaries of teachers in thirty-eight states and territories, with Arizona leading at \$41.40 for men and \$37.00 for women.

Highest Attendance Percentages.

Honolulu, Farnam, Lake, Monmouth Park, Webster and Lothrop are the only schools in the city whose per cent for the entire building is above 95.

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