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THE PAY OF THE TELEPHONE GIRLS

Are They Receiving Fair Compensation for Their Labor, and If Not, Why Not?

From Saturday's Daily.

The problem of the woman and the labor question that is every day being brought to the attention of the public in some manner that shows how the women and girls earning small salaries are compelled to live. One of the best articles on the subject was written to the World-Herald from a subscriber at Kearney, and the condition that prevails there is the same all over the state, although in some localities the cost of living is not quite as high as that prevailing in Kearney. The article, which covers thoroughly the telephone problem, was as follows:

My excuse for trespassing on your time and space is: First, your well known good nature; second, that your paper, with its great influence, has always stood for the rights of labor and the betterment of the conditions of labor on many lines we owe directly to your influence. But there is one class of labor, a very important class, whose rights seem to be entirely ignored. In all this country I have never seen a single individual with manhood or nerve enough to advocate their rights. I refer to the "telephone girl," and I trust you will use your great influence to have the legislature, so soon to meet, to fix by law, a minimum price for their labor.

These girls are paid now (at least here in Kearney) the pitiful sum of \$20 per month. After serving for one or two years there is a possible raise of \$2.50 and then a possible \$5 raise, making a maximum wage of \$25. The night operator gets \$27.50 and the chief operator from \$35 to \$40.

good education. They are compelled, on making application for

These girls are necessarily of a position, to bring references of a good moral character, and then they are asked this question: "Do you live at home?" What business is it of the telephone corporation whether they live at home or not? Is it because they are so interested in their moral welfare? Or is it because they know that the sum they pay them would not be sufficient to board and clothe them? Supposing these girls were compelled to pay their board, how much would they have left from \$20 per month? Would that sum dress them as they must be dressed? Suppose they should present themselves at the office dressed otherwise, how long would they hold their position?

How many of us using the phone know what these girls have to contend with? Every day in the week, including Sundays, they must stand at the board with the nervous system keyed up to the breaking point doing the best they can and they must always be pleasant and polite. Patrons become impatient and in language more forceful than polite complain because of delay in making a long distance connection. How many of them know through how many "centrals" their call must pass before reaching its destination? How many know the almost superhuman effort the operator is making to get their call through?

No one understands better than the "telephone girls" that the success or failure of the system rests with them. If the girl makes a mistake in the time the patron talks and charges too little the difference is deducted from her pay. A large majority of the long distance calls come in through booths located in different parts of the city. The money to pay for these calls is dropped in at the booths. The dollar, half dollar, quarter, dime and nickel each make a different metallic ring as it is dropped in; the ring of the quarter and nickel are very much alike. The operator must tell by these different sounds the piece of money put in and so get pay

for the call. If she mistakes a ring and charges too little, she must pay the loss from \$20 per month, or 67 cents per day; if compelled to pay their board, it would cost them at any restaurant in Kearney at least 75 cents per day. How much would they have left to clothe and room themselves?

The solution of that problem can only be reached by the intricate way of figuring known only to a corporation and the chief factor used by them in its solution is "board at home." I have tried to give the public some idea of what these girls have to endure. A few evenings since I heard one of them say to her father, with tears running down her cheeks, "Papa, it's killing me. Killing me! And oh, it seems to me life is so cheap at the little sum of 67 cents per day!" She did not understand the extreme commercial age in which she was living. She thought the ideal law of love and charity promulgated by the Nazarene still held sway. She did not know that commercialism, that respects neither God nor man, had thrown a veil over that law, and under the new dispensation human life with its hopes, aspirations, ideals, ambitions must go into the hopper of insatiate greed. If we cannot or will not protect our children, our boys and girls, then let us as a nation lay aside the cloak of Christ in which we are masquerading and stand before the nations of the earth for what we are—hypocrites.

THE DOUGHTY WARRIORS MEET DEFEAT

Basket Ball Game With Auburn Was More of a Slugging Match Than Social Contest.

From Saturday's Daily.

The live doughty warriors, representing the Plattsmouth High school in the basket ball game at Auburn last evening, returned this morning on the early Missouri Pacific train, and after their experience at the Nemaha county city believe that they could qualify for the prize ring. The contest was a slugging match from start to finish, and as the local boys were considerably lighter than their opponents, they had what the poet would term "a fat chance" to win.

The first half of the game resulted in a score of 9 to 5 in favor of Auburn, and during the second half, on the protest of the Auburn team, Don Arries, the star of the local team, was put out of the game, which greatly disheartened his teammates and they did not enter into the game with their usual form. The floor resembled the forum in Rome in ancient days during a conflict of the gladiators at times, with the mangled forms of the basket ball "sharks" scattered over the entire hall. The boys from here feel confident that in other localities and with fair work by the referee they could secure a victory from the Auburn team. The final score in the contest resulted in a victory for Auburn by a score of 32 to 14. But wait till we get them up here.

Very Pleasant Dance.

From Saturday's Daily.

Another very pleasant number of the series of dancing assemblies given by Mrs. Everett Eaton at Woodman hall last evening and proved most enjoyable to the young people present, who danced for several hours to the strains of the delightful music. Quite a large number of the young people have been attending the dancing lessons and are becoming very proficient in the latest styles of dancing.

Palaces of Thebes.

The palaces of old Thebes, in Egypt, were probably the largest and most wonderful ever erected by the hand of man. One of them was the container of a central hall 80 feet in height, 325 feet in length and 170 feet in breadth, the roof of which was supported by 134 columns 11 feet in diameter and 70 feet in height. The cornices were of the finest marble, inlaid with ivory work and sheathed with beaten gold. From the point of view of artistic beauty, the Parthenon, of course, still holds the palm and is likely always to hold it.—New York American.

Ancient Mussels.

There are gigantic mussels whose age is assumed to be comparable only with that of the Cape Verde baobab tree and the big trees of California, which live for 5,000 years. Indeed, there appears no particular reason why mussels should ever die, though it is also true that, considering the sort of life a mussel leads, there seems no particular reason why it should ever have lived.—London Express.

TO BE REAPPOINTED SUPER-INTENDENT STATE FISHERIES

From Saturday's Daily.

The Lincoln Journal says: "W. J. O'Brien, superintendent of the state fish hatchery at South Bend, stopped in Lincoln yesterday on his way home from Falls City. He went to Richardson county to give advice and counsel to the owner of a large private pond where an effort is being made to raise fish. Incidentally Mr. O'Brien called upon Governor-elect Morehead. He was assured by the governor-elect that he would be reappointed to his present position, a place he has held for nearly twenty years under both democratic and republican administrations. Mr. O'Brien knows more about fish than any man in Nebraska, and on account of his efficiency as a superintendent of the hatcheries has been retained in the state service. During the administration of Governor Poynter he was removed and an inexperienced man placed in his position. The result was so disastrous to the hatchery and its stock of fish that no governor since that time has seen fit to appoint a superintendent untrained in fish culture. Mr. O'Brien obtained his first training in the state fisheries of Michigan and with years of practical experience now ranks as one of the leading authorities on fresh water fish. Buildings excepted, the state hatcheries of Nebraska rank high among state institutions of this kind." The Journal is more than well pleased to learn of Mr. O'Brien's reappointment to the position he has so ably filled for so many years. He is competent and a gentleman in every conceivable way.

ONE-LEGGED MAN FROM IOWA IMBIBES TOO FREELY OF CORN JUICE

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening the residents on Main street were greatly alarmed at the loud and boisterous language of a man evidently under the influence of liquor, and many hastened to the scene of action and discovered that the police were escorting the gentleman to jail, despite his loud and profane protests. The first notice that the police had of the man was when Officer Trout, coming down the street about 7:30, heard a loud crash at Golding's store, and upon investigation found that the man had fallen against the door of the store and was too drunk to get around, and with the assistance of some bystanders he was gotten as far as the corner of Fourth street, all the time swearing at the top of his voice. Chief of Police Rainey arrived at this time and gathered the man up and hustled him on over to the bastille, where he was locked up. The man had only one leg, and when that became so that he could not manage it he was in very bad shape and should be glad that the officers took him in. He arrived in the city yesterday on the 3:20 train from across the river, and with poor judgment imbibed too heavily of our superior brand of corn juice.

This morning Chief Rainey escorted the one-legged gentleman to the Burlington station, where he was put on the train for his home at Stanton, Iowa, and the city was well rid of his presence, but if he should repeat the show of last evening it will go very hard with him.

Glen Perry Resting Easier.

From Saturday's Daily.

The condition of Glen Perry, who was severely injured by being thrown from a load of wood in a runaway New Year's day, is reported as getting along very nicely, although severely bruised and complains a good deal of his head, but is apparently getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases, such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever, are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Don't forget! The Journal office is prepared to do all kinds of fancy job work. Give us a trial.

Another Operation Today.

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning Fred Kehue and wife, residing west of this city, departed for Omaha to be present at the hospital when their son, August, is operated on for appendicitis today. August has been troubled a great deal by this for several years and has been unable to do any work to speak of and finally decided that while he was in good shape to have the operation performed.

FINE SHOWING FOR MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

From Saturday's Daily.

The directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance company of Cass county held their annual meeting this afternoon at the office of the secretary, J. P. Falter, in this city, and examined the books of the various officers of the company and the amount of business that had been done during the past year, and found the affairs of the company to be in a most flattering condition. During the year just closed the company wrote \$317,845 of new insurance and paid out for losses the sum of \$1,866. The expenses of the company were \$216.04, and they have \$4,455.59 in the treasury at the present time. The total amount of insurance carried by this company amounts to \$1,500,000 and certainly is a splendid showing for a small mutual insurance company, and under the skillful management of the present officials the business will be greatly increased during the coming year. The stockholders in this company are all well-to-do Cass county citizens and the officers are some of our most successful men in the county and their ability is shown by the able manner in which the affairs of the company have been conducted. The company always make a policy of prompt settlement of all claims and has always given perfect satisfaction to the policyholders.

Light Snow Last Night.

From Saturday's Daily.

This city was visited last night by a light snowfall, the first of the season, and although it did not amount to a great deal, it had a very wintery appearance and served to make everyone feel in better spirits, as this fall and winter has been very dry and the wheat feels the need of moisture very much. From now on we can expect snow at most any time as late January and February are usually the most stormy months we have in this climate.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

DEATH OF ANOTHER FORMER CITIZEN OF PLATTSMOUTH

From Saturday's Daily.

Notice appears in the state papers this morning of the death at Cheyenne, Wyoming, of J. E. Pronger, who formerly resided in this city about twenty-five years ago. The Pronger family, when living here, occupied a house that stood on the lot between the Parmele theater and the residence of William Baird, and the father, George Pronger, was interested in the carpenter business with the late James Hodgert for a number of years. J. E. Pronger was in the employ of the Union Pacific and died at the Union Pacific hospital of pluro-pneumonia. He leaves a wife and five children and one brother, J. T. Pronger, of Denver, and one sister, Harriett, of Cheyenne, to mourn his loss.

MAY HAVE TO SERVE A TERM IN REFORM SCHOOL

From Saturday's Daily.

The sheriff and chief of police yesterday brought six boys up before County Attorney Taylor, charging them with throwing coal at one of the drivers for the Egenberger Coal company and otherwise behaving in an incorrigible manner. One of the boys, Ed Maybee, was brought up in county court last summer and was sentenced to the reform school, but Judge Beeson suspended sentence during his good behavior, but he will now have to go to the reform school. The other boys—Chalmer and Bert Smith, Albert Gardner and Carl and Louis Kopskie—were turned loose, after a severe lecture by the county attorney on the fate that awaits them if they do not mend their ways.

MORE ABOUT THE CHILD ABANDONMENT CASE

From Saturday's Daily.

The county authorities, who have been looking up the matter of the attempted child abandonment case here Tuesday, have learned from the conductor on the early morning Missouri Pacific train that the woman alighted from that train on Tuesday morning, and the members of the train crew are of the opinion that she boarded the train at Auburn that morning. The authorities at Auburn have been notified of the matter, but as yet no reply has been received from them. It is to be regretted that the girl did not notify the authorities at once of the matter, as they could have then secured the woman before she could have made her getaway.

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January Travel Bulletin

TO THE SOUTH—Homeseekers' excursions are announced for January 7th and 21st, and February 4th and 18th. They furnish low rates for a most attractive southern tour. Southern tourist fares every day with longer limits; many of these tours include going one way and returning another.

DENVER, COLO.—NATIONAL STOCK SHOW, January 20th to 25th—Special rates January 18th to 20th.

LINCOLN, NEB.—Great Convention to Organize Agriculture, Week of January 20th to 24th. Twenty-two Societies meet for the advancement of Nebraska Agriculture

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All \$15.00 suits and overcoats.....	\$11.25
" 18.00 " " " ".....	13.50
" 20.00 " " " ".....	15.00
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" 25.00 " " " ".....	18.75
" 27.50 " " " ".....	20.00
" 30.00 " " " ".....	22.50

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