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At Seattle the telephone girls have gone on a strike. These girls have been somewhat imposed upon and by their action are simply demanding their rights. They have been underpaid, which is at the bottom of the strike. They are striking for justice and the telephone company should meet them in the right spirit and pay them as equally good wages as the company obtains from the people for its officers and stockholders.

When formally notified on Thursday of his nomination to the presidential office Mr. McKinley said in part: "We have lower interest and higher wages. More money and fewer mortgages. From a nation of borrowers we have developed into a nation of lenders. We have prosperity at home and prestige abroad. This menace of 16 to 1 still hangs over our heads. The people must unite once more to overcome the advocates of repudiation." Think of this "rot" coming from the same mouth that said, when attacking President Cleveland for his stubborn battle for the gold standard, that under him, Cleveland, "money was being made the master and man the slave." Where is the record that these words do not apply with more force to McKinley in 1900 than to Cleveland in 1892?

The New York Evening Post, while announcing that it does not intend to support Bryan under any circumstances, takes occasion to bestow high praise upon the planks of the democratic platform which deal with the imperialistic issue. They are extremely well written, it says, "and if produced by one hand it is the hand of a master." If prepared by several, then "the last one gave it the literary finish which makes it quite remarkable in the category of such productions." The New York Evening Post represents a constituency whose support Mr. Bryan does not care for, and, if he had it, it would exert itself to compel him to cease his fight for the people and "stand in" with classes by giving them the fruits of government while the people contributed to its maintenance.

Not only is Professor M. I. Pupin of Columbia college satisfied that he has discovered the secret that makes a transatlantic telephone possible, but apparently he has also satisfied other electrical experts of the practicability of such a line. The difficulties in the way of long-distance telephoning either under ocean or on land have been the waste of electrical power and the loss of volume of the human voice. On land this has been partially overcome by increasing the size of the wire used but it still is impossible to talk from New York to San Francisco, and conversation between New York and London is absolutely out of the question. Professor Pupin's invention, however, overcomes all these obstacles, and it is so simple that one wonders it was not discovered before. He merely inserts coils of wire under the sheathing of the cable at intervals of an eighth of a mile, and this prevents the loss of power that has made such communication impossible heretofore. On land wires the coils are used at intervals of a mile with the same result.

The democrats of Spokane ratified the nomination of Bryan and Stevenson, and Senator Turner, of Washington, made a striking speech, in which the following rather remarkable utterance occurs: "In this day and generation the commercial spirit of the republican party demands that we throw both principle and prudence to the winds and that we go up and down in the world subjecting unwilling peoples to our rule. This in order that the field

of commercial exploitation for the wealth of the country may be extended and increased in its demands. All this is done regardless of the character of the people to be subjected and of their fitness for American citizenship. It says we may govern them as colonies and without giving them any participation in our own government. It will be seen by everybody that this is a stultification of every principle for which our forefathers fought and which they imagined they had incorporated in the frame work of our republic. Fellow citizens, the assertion of such a power means empire and despotism. It means a large standing army and militarism. It means increased taxation, extravagance, corruption and despotism. It means in the end the subversion of our own liberties and the extension of these evils to our own people, because such has been the history of all peoples who have attempted to govern others on arbitrary principles which they themselves would not submit to. They not only become reconciled to arbitrary power, but they rise up and place in the hands of those disposed to employ it the means to make that power effective over themselves. Fellow citizens, we have now reached the parting of the ways, and must either march on in this new road mapped out for us or continue on in the pathway laid down by the fathers. The one path is straight and narrow, the other is broad and garish and tinsel bedecked; but the one leads to safety while the other leads to empire and despotism. As I have confidence in the intelligence and patriotism of my countrymen I can not permit myself to doubt the verdict which they will render upon the issue thus presented for their determination."

### READING ROOMS FOR CHILDREN.

In the current Review of Reviews Katherine Louise Smith has an interesting and timely article on "The Provision for Children in Public Libraries." Her paper is interesting because well written and generously illustrated; and it is timely because the greatest successes for social reform lie in the work for children, and in no other way may these successes be attained than by harnessing the young folk with the best of reading and the best place possible for reading.

The children's library is gradually being recognized as a great factor in sociological questions for the young, and the incompleteness of any educational system which does not provide this being forced upon thinking persons. "What more influences the character of a child than the ideal he strives to follow? Nothing creates ideas sooner than books, and if the public is to profit greatly by its library it must be trained from childhood into the use of proper reading."

It is said that 50 per cent. of the school children leave their regular studies before the age of 12. These should not be lost sight of. They have gone from school just when they were being trained to learn. At that age the thirst for knowledge is beginning to make itself felt. What to do for these children, how to satisfy their longing to know, how to give them good reading in a comfortable and proper place—these are questions which the public library can and should satisfactorily answer.

It is ten years since the public library board of Brookline, Mass., set aside an unused part of the library building for a children's reading room. This was the beginning of a movement to make provision for those who are to be trained by reading. Other libraries followed this good example. In 1893 the Minneapolis library fitted up a room for young people which has the largest number of children's books provided by any public library in the country. The Denver public library also opened a special set of shelves for children, and by 1898 Boston, Omaha, Seattle, San Francisco, Detroit, New Haven, Buffalo, Pratt Institute (Brooklyn), Pittsburg and Kalamazoo had followed suit. Out of 125 libraries only thirty-one have some sort of children's reading room.

At present there are four principal kinds of children's libraries—1, that represented by the New York free circulating library, in which children are served with adults; 2, that of the public library, in which juvenile literature is given a special set of shelves; 3, that of the Pratt Institute free library, in which the children have a separate room opening off the room for adults, and, 4, that of the Minneapolis Public Library, in which the children have a room on the ground floor entirely separate from the rest of the building devoted to adults, and need not enter the main part of the building.

One of the signs of improvement pointed out by the writer is the fact that libraries are not simply interested in children, but are devising ways to do more effective work. The building and furniture of the children's department are important factors and the children's librarian must have the best scholastic training. Most of all, she must be in sympathy with the little ones and be in every way their guide, philosopher and friend. The librarians in the department in the Kalamazoo library is a kindergarten of many years' experience. Besides the books and periodicals for use in this library, they have

dissected maps, pictures and drawing cards; also pictures which the children may cut up and paint. On cold and stormy Sundays the room is crowded to its utmost capacity, and the sight of two boys on one chair is not uncommon.

The demands of the children are almost as various as the children themselves, and a sympathy with child nature is needed to understand their wants. As a rule one attendant is kept in the room to give the children personal attention. Some libraries have an age limit for borrowers, and the administration of children under 12 to membership is of recent date. Cases of mischief-making are rare, though the temptation to carry off an interesting book is strong, and the number reported lost in a year is surprisingly small.

The children's room is open daily and sometimes evenings. It has been thought desirable that children be allowed to have access to the shelves and select their own books. The disadvantage of the general catalogue is illustrated by the boy who wanted to read something besides fiction, and walked off with Mrs. Oliphant's "Annals of a Publishing House" under his arm. Happily he was discovered in time; but the only remedy is a room where the children may examine the books on the shelves. Other requisites for a children's room are plenty of sunshine, plenty of books and plenty of assistants.

A glance at the happy faces in the children's room is all that is needed to show that such a room is in the right direction. People are gradually beginning to realize this and to provide a proper room for the young. The librarian must be a person of tact and with a love for children. The very fact that the child voluntarily opens his heart demands sympathy and discrimination. It is a delicate position and one requiring a ready knowledge of child nature.

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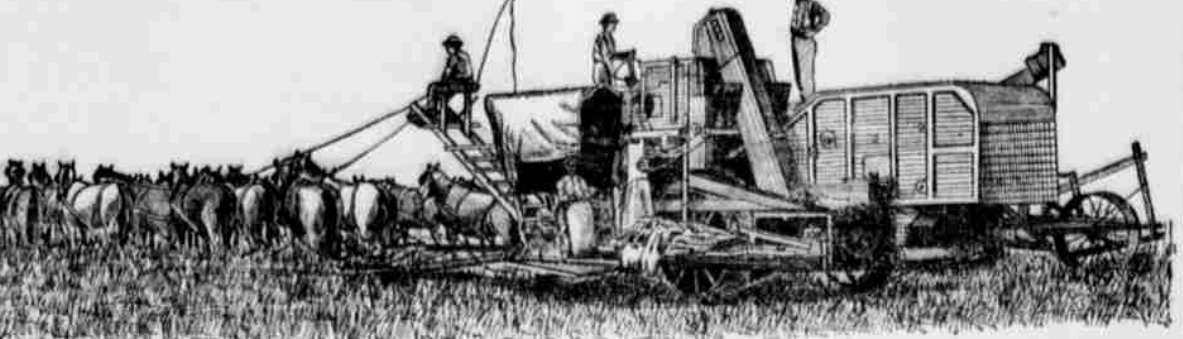
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