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LET THE GIRLS HAVE IT

In the long run, who pays the cost for increased operating expenses in any line of business? The public, of course.

In the present strike situation the telephone operators are asking what is termed a fair living wage. And if all of the girls working in exchanges had to entirely support themselves on their salaries some of them could hardly do it. Living at home, where the family expense is divided, makes it possible for the lower-paid girls to get along.

The majority of the public seems to be in sympathy with the strikers. Then the public must be willing to pay the increases in salaries that the girls ask, for the difference will eventually be added to rentals and tolls. The sentiment among the businessmen is pretty well divided. Some claim that the girls cannot earn all that they are asking. That may be, but we are living in a different age—times are different than they were but a few short months ago. We are becoming accustomed to higher prices and the whole standard is changed.

Nor is the price situation getting any better. It seems to be getting worse. Necessities as well as luxuries are going up instead of coming down, as was predicted when the war ended. It takes more money to live, and people are living better than they used to.

The girls claim that the company was granted an increase in rates in order that they might meet increased operating expenses, but that the company is not offering them a fair increase in salaries in proportion.

Let the matter be worked out on a fair basis, making the increased salary commensurate with present and reasonably future needs. All parties will trust a mediation board appointed by the President, and, with the facts at hand, a just solution can be arrived at. But let the girls have all they are entitled to. They have no easy job at best.

It is too early to make comparisons on service, for the local company is admittedly handicapped with lack of switchboard equipment and every unit is overcrowded. When the new boards are installed then the public can reasonably expect, and with justice demand the highest efficiency in service.

50 PER CENT PAY RENT

The own-your-own-home campaign started by the department of labor shows a steady upward growth. There are now 206 cities in 38 states which

are pushing the campaign actively, and building permits have increased greatly over the spring of last year.

In spite of this, there is still a serious shortage of houses, and a far greater proportion of families live in rented quarters than is for the good of the country.

The French, who are a famously thrifty and loyal people, show only 20 per cent of their population living as renters, while in this country over 50 per cent are rent-payers.

Home-ownership just naturally promotes thrift and most of the home-ly virtues, and it also offers a basis for credit when capital is needed for the extension of business.

The greater the home-owning population, the sounder the nation, and it is to be hoped that the home-ownership campaign will continue to expand until it includes the great majority of our people.

ARTISTIC IDEALS ARE OBSERVED IN HOME-BUILDING

Campaign Reveals that America is Awake to the Best Possibilities of Construction

In the own your own home campaign the U. S. department of labor has received abundant assurance of a widespread interest in the artistic side of building. Wherever cities have conducted organized work to stimulate the construction of houses, evidence has been abundant that interest in beauty as well as utility governs the work of providing shelter for growing populations.

While the plan of the American Federation of Arts to make a tour of the country for the purpose of improving the public taste by the exhibition of pictures and statuary is praiseworthy, the application of art

to everyday affairs must be made concrete, it is pointed out, if it is to have a speedy effect. For this reason exhibitions of wall paper, rugs, curtains, artistic in design, have been provided in connection with a number of the local campaigns. Models showing varieties in architecture and grouping of houses, with a view to best general effect, also have been shown.

Landscape architecture has its part in the plans projected in most cities. The development of the garden as part of the home idea is extended to its community relationship wherever possible so that in the wholesale home building cities beautiful may be assured.

Files Suit for Divorce
Mrs. Lola M. Reisenberg filed suit today against V. S. Reisenberg for a divorce and to be restored to her maiden name, Lola Lengele. The parties were married in Seattle in the month of June, 1911, and lived together as man and wife until March, 1917, when the defendant is alleged to have taken up with another and sent his wife to Cashmere, Wash., with the promise of coming in a short time; but did not arrive until the month of July and then did not live with the plaintiff. The defendant again paid her carfare to another point which was the home of her parents near Albany, it is alleged, and further refused to give her any support. The plaintiff sues on the grounds of desertion for a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony and restoring to her her maiden name.

Visits O. A. C. Stations
Hon. J. K. and Mrs. Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Woodworth left this noon for Portland by automobile to join other members of the board of regents of the O. A. C. to make an inspection tour to the O. A. C. experiment stations of Eastern Oregon. The college has established stations at Burns, Union, Hood River and Moro, in Sherman county, with the purpose of growing such products

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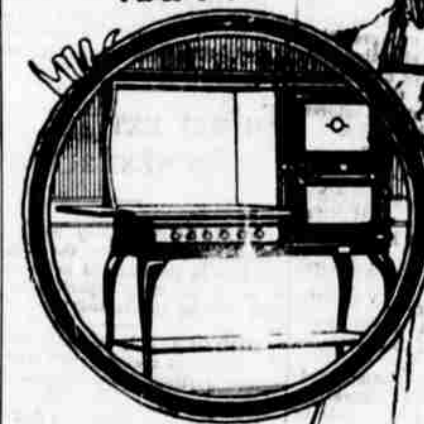
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