

# Curtiss Theatre

## Saturday Mar. 18



Adolph Zukor presents **Elsie Ferguson** in **Footlights** A Paramount Picture

A big special Paramount production in which beautiful Miss Ferguson does the finest work of her splendid career. The Paramount Co. themselves class this picture as one of the best twenty they have produced in the last ten years. Truly the picture is remarkable and unusually entertaining.

Also on the Program International News and a Universal Comedy

## Monday and Tuesday "THE FOLLIES"

## Wednesday March 22

Special Lady Friends **Ethel Clayton** William D. Taylor's Production



**SHE HAD PROMISED** that she'd stand by this renegade brother, whatever he might do.

And this promise lost her all that woman sets her heart upon, until— You'll thrill at what lies beyond!

Also **TOPICS OF THE DAY** and **Harold Lloyd and Bebe Daniels** in **"THE MARATHON"**

**COMING**  
**"THE FOX"**— the greatest Western of them all with Harry Carey, Betty Ross Clark, Gertrude Olmstead, the famous Elk's beauty & two troops of the 11th U. S. Cavalry.  
**"CONFLICT"**— a thrilling story of the lumber country in which Priscilla Dean takes her famous ride on a torrent of floating logs.

### TO THE PEOPLE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 58

A. C. Miskelly, President of Board, Gives Some Facts and Figures in Regard to Costs.

Much has been said and written within the past 2 or 3 years regarding the increased cost of commodities, living, rents, clothing, transportation, all raw and finished products, in fact everything has had its upward trend. But nothing much has been said about increased cost of education. And yet there has been a very large increase in cost of school work, which the average taxpayer is inclined to overlook. It must be remembered at the very outset that the largest item of expense for any school district is the salaries paid to the women and men who are making the teaching profession their life's work. As a matter of fact about 75% of the money collected for school purposes is paid out in salaries to your teaching force.

So I believe it might be of interest to the residents of Downers Grove School District 58 to know what the average salaries paid to high school and grade teachers have been in our district for the past four years. For the purpose of comparison I am giving herewith a list of 13 high and 14 grade schools in our vicinity outside of Cook County showing the average salaries for the past four years, with relative standing of each school each year. These figures are compiled by the superintendent of one of the schools in this list.

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Table with 4 columns: School Name, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Lists schools like Hinsdale, Woodstock, Geneva, etc.

Following is the relative rank in high school salaries:

Table with 4 columns: School Name, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Shows relative ranking of schools.

Table with 4 columns: School Name, 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919. Shows relative standing for grade schools.

You will notice that the average salary in Downers Grove for the year 1918-1919 was \$936.00 while in 1921-22 it is \$1760.00, an increase of 88%. The increase for Hinsdale during the same period is 34%. For Woodstock 121%, Geneva 93%, Sycamore 85%, Harvard 94%, St. Charles 83%, Crystal Lake 86%, Glen Ellyn 52%, Dundee 79%, Batavia 83%, Naperville 84% and Wheaton 71%.

The lower percentage of increase shown by Hinsdale and Glen Ellyn during the period, can be easily understood by noting the higher level of salaries paid by these two schools during the year 1918-19.

You will notice that the average salary in Downers Grove for 1918-19 was \$657.00 and for 1921-22, \$1167 an increase of 77%. The increase in Hinsdale is 73%, River Forest 85%, Batavia 112%, Dundee 82%, Sycamore 100%, St. Charles, 79%, Naperville 68%, Geneva 96%, Woodstock 101%, Crystal Lake, 81%, Wheaton 63%, Harvard 94%, Glen Ellyn 64%.

### STRIKING A NEW NOTE

The Primary Campaign now on in DuPage County has developed another new and interesting phase—new in the sense that it is foreign to the professional politicians, the professional office holders and their henchmen. It is a "something" which the old politicians of narrow self-interest claim is impractical, visionary and even indicated ignorance.

The fast slipping cynical old leadership has never experienced campaigning along any but the old lines and can be expected to know no better, for the new way does not work to their advantage.

The Ring System. Here's the System of the professional "ringer" and his henchmen. First of all as many bargains or

trades as possible must be made with other professionals in order to gain the support of their followers—each one of these bargains or deals incurs certain responsibilities that must be met after election, regardless of whether they serve the public's best interests or not. As a rule they do not consider the public, but only the selfish ends of the men who are parties to the bargain.

Flood of Canards. Next, a flood of canards, insinuations, derogatory allusion; and in many cases nothing short of base lies, are released against the opposed candidates.

These two principal lines of campaign are not carried on in the open, they cannot be, but where the average intelligent citizen is not alert and not taking a real interest, these methods

have proven very effective. But their effectiveness is only in direct proportion to the interest taken by the independent voter—for the independent voter will not take innuendoes and insinuations as a base for determining who shall win his vote.

Such methods are effective only on the listless half interested voter or the henchmen of a machine ring.

The independent voter will study his candidate, his qualifications, his record, who his supporters or associates are and what he stands for. The next general line of defense put up by the professional office holders is to the effect that it is folly to change the idea of considering a change in officials is contrary to all their principles—if their line of argument has been followed we would still be using candles, we would all be wading thru mud to reach our homes, the miracle of modern age, the astounding development and progress of these United States would never have been.

Attempted "Deals." It is along just such lines that the "old ringers" are developing their campaign against the element that truly represents the new spirit of DuPage County.

First, they have taken it for granted that the new candidates are susceptible to bargaining for support but they have found that there are three candidates in the field that are unapproachable when it comes to making deals—in one case the "old

TABLE NO. 1. AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL SALARIES INCLUDING PRINCIPAL AND FULL TIME TEACHERS. Columns for 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19. Lists schools like Hinsdale, Woodstock, Geneva, etc.

TABLE NO. 2. AVERAGE GRADE SCHOOL SALARIES INCLUDING FULL TIME TEACHERS AND PRINCIPAL. Columns for 1921-22, 1920-21, 1919-20, 1918-19. Lists schools like Hinsdale, River Forest, Batavia, etc.

JOHN F. HESTERMAN CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF At the Primaries, April 11, 1922 SOLICITS YOUR VOTE

"ringer" was so taken aback with the refusal to consider his deal, that he immediately branded the candidate as grossly incompetent and impractical—he next attempted to browbeat the candidate into his own game by threatening to influence the press (Continued on Page 8)

Whipping Cream FOR SALE AT THE ELLA MARY TEA ROOM



Let us serve you Electrically

OUR electro service is one of genuine home-helpfulness.—Mr. Electro-serve. OURS is a complete electric service. We will wire your home and install the fixtures. We will sell you the lamps and labor saving devices you need. We repair electrical goods speedily & expertly. MOCHEL BROS. 145 No MAIN ST. CHICAGO DOWNERS GROVE 366 J

## COPLEY LETTERS

(Second of a Series Addressed to Farmers, Business Men, Soldiers, Working Men and Other Folk)

### NO. 2—"TO WORKING MEN AND WOMEN"

To the Working Men and Women of the Eleventh Congressional District of Illinois, Dear Friends:

It is difficult for me to exactly define what the working men and women are segregated from the other folks in our district. I know that many of you hold that the class is limited to the men and women who work with their hands for hourly, daily, weekly or monthly wages and as a matter of fact I think it includes almost every man and woman in our district. I believe that personally I am in more hours of work than most men and women. My hope is to make my work as profitable and of great value to the entire mass of humanity as possible and to do this in the entire United States as well.

Some of you have been members of congress and have been popularly elected. You have had a substantial number of representatives in congress and have been personal friends and we agree on a great many things. I have discussed with them every bill that has been introduced, directly or indirectly, any influence on the conditions of the working men and women of this country, believing that they should be able to prosper unless others do.

There has appeared before congress at least five or six times a bill to limit immigration, with bills to limit immigration to the United States. I have voted to limit entry to the United States to the persons of physical, mental and moral excellence. During the past few years it became apparent that we would have a drastic period of reconstruction to go through with and I announced publicly that I would favor, for a limited period further restriction of immigration, to meet the absolute necessities of it in readjusting our affairs with the rest of the world.

My reasons for opposing shutting off immigration in normal times was that healthy and intelligent immigrants have been a help to our country. They have been producers and production makes a nation. The more that is produced the more the individual will have. Wealth is not money alone. It is every bit of food all the way from the wheat grain in the ground to the flour in our bins; every form of clothing from the wool on the back of the sheep, and the cotton in the growing to the finished clothes on our backs and in our closets, and every bit of shelter, school and other books and all forms of private and public transportation and the public forms of water works, parks, hospitals and everything that tends to the needs, welfare and happiness of our people.

Wealth has not done any harm. Some men who own some of it have occasionally been short sighted enough to attempt to do harm to it. It has always been man's best friend. Without wealth there can be no schools, no churches, no hospitals, no shelter, food, clothing or food in fact, there could not be civilization in this world and therefore the production of wealth is of the first importance to mankind.

We have the largest measure of wealth in this country because we have the greatest number of producers of all the civilized nations and we have produced more in the aggregate and more per man. In fact we are still further carrying on the great scheme of this government as ordained by our forefathers in 1776. I did not vote to limit the number of the right sort of immigrants. However, when conditions became confused in the readjustment period, it became apparent that the wisest thing to do was to halt immigration for a period to find "where the shoe fits."

I have no quarrel with the man, be he native born or immigrant, who acquires wealth by creating something for his fellow Americans. Take Henry Ford, for instance.

To my knowledge, I have never seen him or any member of his family. I have never had a dollar invested directly or indirectly with any of the enterprises with which he or any member of his family is connected. He is one of the five or six rich men in the world. But I do not believe that any one of you will deny that Mr. Ford has made life happier and more livable for nearly 50 per cent of our people. At the same time he has turned his great constructive genius in the lines that greatly reduced the cost of general production and distribution, and you will agree with me that he has sold his product cheaper than any other man in the world, and whatever may have been his fair share of the benefits which he has conferred, very few people begrudge him the success he has made.

I might go thru with a very long list of examples and show you the work that each one of these men has performed in making life happier and happier for all civilized mankind and particularly for those who live in this country.

There would be no means of livelihood for the working men if some one had not saved some capital and unless capital would work for the man who saved it and produce something for him there would be no inducement to save it, and if you want the best illustration of a modern world has ever produced, let me call your attention to the condition of Russia today, where more than 20,000,000 human beings will starve to death this year simply because a set of men were carrying out a pet theory that the people of this world would work and produce without the stimulus of self interest. Bear in mind Russia is a country even richer than our own in extent and fertility of its

soil and in the abundance and variety of its natural resources. If this tremendous loss of life is averted it must be by the voluntary contributions of the people of the other nations who recognize the necessity for the stimulus which self interest gives.

We have been a long time accumulating wealth in this country and the process was very slow for the first 130 years. The entire wealth of the United States including every lot, whether built upon or not in New York, Chicago and every city, town and village in this country, including every farm with its buildings, fences, drainage, domestic animals and machinery, all the banks, railroads, telephone companies, electric and gas companies, all the food, clothing, fuel, everything in fact amounted to a little less than \$1,990 in 1919 for each man, woman and child. All the land in this country, the mines, the forests and other natural resources were here, before man appeared on this globe. It is therefore, not a saving from his labor, and if we deduct the value of these the total wealth of this country in 1919 would have been a little less than \$1,200 per man, woman and child, and less than 1/4 of this would have been in currency.

We almost doubled the wealth of this country in the 18 years from 1900 to 1918, which is because we as a people produced more in that period than we ever did in any five years before, or than any other race ever did.

We have not lost our ability to produce. We are readjusting our selves to the rest of the world and getting ourselves in shape to find out just how much wealth we desired during the war, practically the entire production of the world for four and one-half years. We all lost sight of the need for economy that had been the guiding principle of every successful nation. We are now getting an object lesson and just as soon as we are readjusted we will have another period exactly like that from the last part of 1897 to the early part of 1914, when the impending shadow of a great war temporarily blighted industry.

I believe a man's work should be done by a man. It means a greater prosperity and a healthier nation. For this reason June 17, 1915, I introduced the first child labor law ever presented to the house of representatives of the American congress. The Democratic party controlled that congress and no Republican could possibly get the credit for any such humane law as this. It was referred to a committee and peacefully slept until the end of the congress. The very first day of the next congress I reintroduced that bill Dec 6, 1915. It was again referred to a committee. A Democrat introduced a very similar bill several months later. We still had a Democratic majority in congress. The Democrat's bill was taken up and passed, solely for the help that it might give him as a Democrat, running for the office of United States senator from the great Republican state of Pennsylvania. I was, however, the first man to present such a bill. I do not regret that my bill was not passed. I am entirely satisfied that a bill did pass and that such a great help to the real interests of labor in this country should have been brought about, even if my name was unfairly detached from the measure. Other labor legislation has had my vote, as the Federation of Labor's records show, but none, in my opinion, was of such great power for good as that to keep the child out of a grownup's job.

I am a candidate for renomination as the Republican primary, April 11, as one interested in the welfare of all classes. I never have had a dollar invested outside of my district. All my interests are local. I can only prosper as the people of my district prosper. The company in which my principal interest lies sells gas to over 55,000 families in the Eleventh congressional district. There are a few millionaires among its customers. Practically all of its customers are working men and women, at least 60 per cent of them work with their hands for hourly, daily, weekly or monthly wages. When you prosper, I do, when you suffer adversity, as during the present year, my business reflects your condition and I, too, suffer adversity.

My only other investment is in the form of newspapers, all in the Eleventh congressional district. Of the more than 80,000 residents in our district, who subscribe for these newspapers, the same conditions obtain. I only prosper when you do. For more than 32 years I have been at the head of the gas company. It has averaged selling gas cheaper than any city in the state of Illinois, outside of Chicago, during that entire period and since the beginning of the world war, or since our entry into it, we have sold gas cheaper than any city in the state, outside of Chicago.

I have been connected with the newspapers since December, 1905. We have sold our subscriptions very much cheaper than the average in the entire state of Illinois, and our advertising rate per thousand of circulation is one of the lowest.

Let me ask the working men and women of our district, can you think of a person who would be more interested in your prosperity than I, and will you not sit down and carefully scan my record and see if I have not voted consistently for the best interests of all classes of people. I know you realize that the prosperity of all is to the best interests of the man and woman who toil with their hands, as well as other working folks.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. C. COPLEY.