

NEED OF STATE MINIMUM WAGE LAW OUTLINED

Plicht of Indiana Women in Industry Is Depicted by State Official.

During the depression women are working in Indiana for 55 per cent less pay than men, and outside of factories there are no laws regulating their employment.

After a girl is 18 she can work twenty-four hours a day for any sort of wages and the state will not interfere, except in a factory, where she can not work after 10 p. m. nor before 6 a. m.

Despite these possibilities for exploitation, however, machines rapidly are replacing women in industry, and they are the victims of technological as well as periodical unemployment.

These are some of the facts regarding employment of women in industry which were laid before the women's party at a meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson, 1035 North Pennsylvania street.

Remedial Laws Blocked

The speaker was not a party member, but a Republican state official—Mrs. Jessie Gremelspacher, director of the department of women and children of the state industrial board.

"Of course, I feel we all will agree that eight or nine hours a day is long enough for any woman to work," Mrs. Gremelspacher asserted. "But Indiana never has been able to pass any laws limiting a woman's hours of employment, except the one which prohibits her employment at manufacturing between the hours of 10 p. m. and 6 a. m."

Girls under 18 are limited to eight hours a day and are not permitted to work after 7 p. m., but that is part of the child labor law. After 18 she may be employed twenty-four hours of the day if she has the endurance.

"As to pay women receive, her earnings are low as compared with men. In fact statistics show women's weekly wages are only about 55 per cent as much as men's weekly wages."

Problem Seen Acute

The speaker then pictured the mass of women displaced by machinery in all fields and pointed out that since two out of nine jobs in normal times are done by women, the problem is acute for them.

Making a plea for just wages for women, comparable with men for the same work, Mrs. Gremelspacher concluded:

"Women who are at work are not merely seeking to make a little extra money; most of them must bear their way expenses and many must support others. On the whole, they are steady workers, often highly skilled and necessary to industry. Any wage that does not take these factors into account constitutes inadequate payment for the services given and inadequate income for the needs to be met."

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CONSTANCE MAKES A PAST FOR HERSELF

There Is Nothing Highbrow About Buster Keaton and Jimmy Durante in 'The Passionate Plumber.'

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

It seems to me that "Lady With a Past" is more of a triumph for the dressmaker who made the star's gown than a triumph for Constance Bennett. Probably no star in recent pictures, with the possible exception of Gloria Swanson, has been as well and as smartly dressed as Miss Bennett in this one.

Miss Bennett plays the role of a very sweet society girl who seems to possess everything but sufficient amount of that "it" stuff to make the boys wild over her. She is just a wealthy wallflower until she hires a young chap (Ben Lyon) to give her the necessary past.

This "past" makes her a positive attorney and nearly getting away with it, until Claudette Colbert gets busy and forces the gangster and his pal, played Lillian Tashman, to produce evidence which clears the director (Melvin Douglas) of murder. To get this evidence Miss Colbert had to become a scarlet looking woman of sufficient color to interest the chief gangster, William Boyd. And, boy, certainly he is a hardboiled villain.

So you will see that the story is at its best when Miss Bennett and Lyon are handing out some smart comedy as Constance starts to live up to her past. Of course Constance is wild over David Manners, but he can't see her for dust until she gets a past and all the men in Europe go wild over her.

You can see that the story is a mild sort of an affair, but it has been smartly acted by Miss Bennett, Lyon, Manners and the others.

From the standpoint of gowns Miss Bennett has never looked more beautiful. I admit that I am somewhat lost to explain the big salary and the big box office draw of this star.

The director has spent a lot of money in sets. In other words this picture not only cost a lot of money but looks like the money from a box office standpoint.

It will probably develop into a pretty hot matinee idol draw because of Miss Bennett and her gowns.

Now at the Indiana.

KEATON IS A DRESS SUIT PLUMBER

Nearly fell out of my chair when the movie producers decided to cast Buster Keaton in "The Cardboard Lover," which is the last word in sophisticated farce and comedy.

Then the producer changed the name to "The Passionate Plumber" and added Jimmy Durante and Polly Moran for more hokum laughs. Here is a lot of rowdy hokum comedy scattered over too much film space. There is no doubt that "The Passionate Plumber" has its moments, but it takes the trio too long a time in reaching those moments.

The original story centered about a beautiful woman who hires a man to impersonate a lover so that the lady in question could have gay times.

Buster Keaton with her regular lover, who happened to be (she thought) a married man. In this version, it turns out that the lover was not only married but was carrying on two affairs at the same time. The ending is just plain burlesque hokum, and that scene in which the lover is made as a target for dishes, vases and furniture is also too overdrawn.

To me the funniest man in the picture is Durante, with the big nose. He is the pal of Keaton who gets the plumber into all kinds of trouble.

Keaton is at his best while presenting his boss, the lady who hires him, from meeting her sweetie. The picture has many sets and Keaton, Durante and Polly Moran keep running on and off the sets all the time.

I am not so keen over this one, but you and everybody else may laugh your head off at this one. Be you own judge.

Now at the Apollo.

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