

### BIG STORE PROFIT GIVEN VICE BODY

Maxwell Edgar Furnishes Their Own Figures to United States Bureau.

### PROF. TAYLOR AS CRITIC

Censures Methods of Commissioner and Blames Family Life for Errors.

Chicago, Ill., May 27.—Testimony before the Illinois senate welfare commission yesterday at the Hotel La Salle, all of it predicated on the minimum-wage-for-girls question, contained the principal features:

Maxwell Edgar, an attorney, gave the profits for 1909 of Marshall Field & Co., The Fair, Sears, Roebuck & Co., and half a dozen other big business firms.

Graham Taylor criticized the commission to its face for some of its methods, because he preferred those of a commission of which he had been a member.

Representatives of leading packing houses said they could raise all girls in the stockyards to an \$8 weekly wage without increasing the price of meats, but thought if such a minimum was established the consumer probably would pay for it.

Manager of a 5 and 10 cent store testified that such stores paid 7 per cent of their sales for wages, lost by theft or otherwise 5 per cent, and had no interest in the girls beyond the problem of getting as many of them as possible to work for \$6 a week.

### GIVES BIG STORE PROFITS.

Mr. Edgar's figures were the first matters to attract attention at the afternoon session. The following profits for the companies named he said were obtained from a certified copy of sworn statements to the federal bureau of corporations by officers of the concerns:

Company	Year	Net Profit
Marshall Field & Co.	1909	\$4,643,197.81
	1910	4,419,427.81
The Fair	1909	1,000,910.44
	1910	1,136,878.46
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	1909	6,039,794.61

### German Coffee Cake

Made Without Yeast

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine.

There is no warm bread quite as appropriate for Sunday morning breakfast as German Coffee Cake, yet it is seldom made by housewives who do not bake their own bread. If K C double raise Baking Powder is used it will be just as good as if raised with yeast and it will have the further advantage of being fresh and warm. Save this recipe and try it next Sunday.

### K C German Coffee Cake

Two and one-fourth cups sifted flour; 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; 1 level teaspoonful salt; 2 tablespoonfuls melted butter; 2 tablespoonfuls sugar; 1 egg; milk.



Sift dry ingredients together, beat the egg, add milk and butter to the egg to make one and one-quarter cups; stir all together with inverted spoon to a stiff batter. Turn into biscuit pan and spread even. Brush top lightly with melted butter. Sprinkle sugar and ground cinnamon over the top. Bake in moderate oven.

Dutch Apple Cake or Prune Kuchen can be made with this same batter by covering the top with pared and sliced apples, or cooked prunes with the pits removed, skin sides down. Dredge with sugar and cinnamon the same as for Coffee Cake.

"The Cook's Book" contains 90 just such delicious recipes. You can secure a copy free by sending the colored certificate packed in 25-cent cans of K C Baking Powder to the Jacques Mfg. Co., Chicago, being sure to write your name and address plainly.

1910	6,606,231.47
Armour & Co.	1909 4,358,488.83
	1910 865,266.95
W. W. Kimball & Co.	1909 834,709.59
	1910 636,622.70
Illinois Steel Co.	1909 11,165,839.22
Crane Company	1909 2,576,777.58
	1910 2,974,334.70
Cudahy Packing Co.	1909 230,684.13
	1910 290,721.34

### \*Of Illinois.

### GETS FIGURES BY MISTAKE.

The capital stock of Marshall Field & Co. amounts to \$6,000,000 and The Fair \$1,000,000. Of the firms mentioned the Crane company recently put in a \$7.50 minimum wage for girls.

Mr. Edgar said he obtained his figures while preparing "tax-dodging" suits, and was told later that the figures were sent from the bureau of corporations through an error, and that he would be liable under the federal statute if he gave out the figures.

"We'll let the state of Illinois profit by the blunder, then," said Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, "and we'll see how serious a breach of faith the people will regard it."

### TAYLOR AND O'HARA CLASH.

Graham Taylor's frankness with the commission came during the morning session. He showed no hesitancy in criticizing methods of the inquisitors. He said the commission was criticized by professors and sociologists all over the country.

"Isn't it true these professors and sociologists depend for their salaries largely in money from the interests paying low wages?" asked Mr. O'Hara.

Mr. Taylor said he didn't know as he would say that. He thought vice was due largely to the failure of family life and to unsupervised dance halls and amusement places. Low wages, he asserted, was a "sinuous" influence, hard to define. He thought the minimum wage question, which he favored, was more of an economic question, and said his criticism of connecting vice with it was not that vice and the minimum wage needed no attention, but that he feared by connecting the real facts regarding the two would be lost in the confusion.

### PACKERS ON THE STAND.

Louis F. Swift, president of Swift & Co.; C. L. Charles, assistant superintendent of Morris & Co., and M. G. Harding, superintendent of the Chicago plant of Armour & Co., testified concerning conditions in the stock yards.

Each witness said his firm could raise wages, if necessary, without damaging effect on income. Mr. Swift's testimony summarized, was:

"Our 495 women average \$10.05 a week. In the plant the 389 women average \$7.50 a week. They work about fifty hours. They are paid on an hour basis, so the need for their services may be met more economically. Housing aid, home life have much to do with vice, but \$8 a week is not too much for a girl. We pay the wages we do because they are standard for that work in Chicago."

"What would it cost to establish a minimum of \$8 a week?" asked the lieutenant governor.

"About \$20,000 a year."

"Could you do it without seriously interfering with dividends and without making customers pay for it?"

"I don't know. I suppose it would be added to the cost."

"But, Mr. Swift," asked the chairman, "wouldn't your stockholders be glad to pay it?"

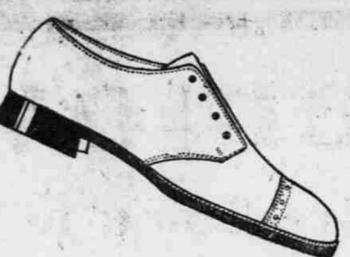
"Well, we want to help these girls all we can, and we want to help the men, too. I think it would be a good thing for at least half of the girls."

### CONDITION AT ARMOUR PLANT.

Mr. Harding said the Armour plant employed 844 girls, the lowest wage being 8 1/2 cents an hour, ten getting that figure. There were 311 at 10 cents an hour, or \$6 a week, if they worked sixty hours. One received 11 cents an hour; there were forty-nine at 11 2/3 cents; seventy-seven at 12 1/2 cents, and others at higher wages. The average for the 844, he said, was \$7.19 a week for ten successive weeks.

Mr. Harding declared raising wages in Illinois might mean shutting down plants part of the time, if other states could get help cheaper. He said competition would make it hard to raise girls' salaries. When asked why women were employed he said:

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## BEAUTIFUL ROCK ISLAND

Floral contest. Prizes offered by the Civic department of the Rock Island Women's club. Contest open to everyone. Children especially urged to enter.

The following prizes are offered:

A \$10 prize in each ward for the greatest improvement of front yard from June to Oct. 1.

A \$10 prize in each ward for the greatest improvement in back yard from June to Oct. 1.

A \$3 prize in each ward for the best improvement of boulevards.

A \$3 prize in each ward for the best vine-covered porch.

A \$3 prize in each ward for the best vine or foliage covered back fence.

A \$3 prize in each ward to children under 15 years of age for best kept flower garden.

A \$3 prize in each ward to children under 15 years of age for best kept vegetable garden.

A special prize of \$5 for the best camera pictures taken before and after the improvement, whatever it may be, the picture to be printed in the city papers later on.

To the ward presenting the best appearance Oct. 1 there will be given a special ward banner.

Judges will be appointed to inspect places both before the improvement is made and after. No contestant will be allowed to contest for more than one prize. Seeds and plants will be provided for those who are not able to purchase them.

Apply to your ward chairman for entry cards. The ward chairmen are as follows:

First—Mrs. Rudolph Nuessli, 429 Fourth street.

Second—Mrs. R. M. Pearce, 1132 Fourth avenue.

Third—Mrs. J. R. Tuckis, 1701 Fourteenth-and-a-half street.

Fourth—Mrs. B. D. Connelly, 724 Nineteenth street.

Fifth—Mrs. R. J. Fullerton, 1620 Twenty-second street.

Sixth—Miss Katherine Larkin, 556 Thirtieth street.

Seventh—Mrs. G. W. Borg, 4226 Seventh avenue.

Chairman for Business District—Miss Carrie Gregg, 2422 Eighth avenue.

stuff bacon or ham into glass tumblers or wrap butter with a deftness, speed and neatness no man could attempt."

### BUY TIME AT "RETAIL."

The lieutenant governor introduced a new line of thought at this time. He referred to the practice of laying off employees a few hours a day in slack time, made possible under the hour-pay plan.

"When a girl comes to you to sell all her time, why do you buy it from her a little at a time—by retail? Why don't you get it from her at wholesale?" he asked.

"For economic reasons," was the reply.

The same question brought the same answer from Mr. Charles, the Morris general manager.

"Don't you know this is unfair, both to the employee and to yourself, since it raises resentment against a corporation which bears down with its whole power on the helpless foreign girl?" Mr. Charles was asked.

"I think it is a bad thing for them; there's no question about that," he replied.

Mr. Charles also said he thought foreign workers here should be paid the same as Americans. Morris employs 324 girls, the wage scale being slightly higher than Armour & Co's. If one firm paid more, the others would have to follow, to get good help, he said.

"No girl can live on less than \$7.50 or \$8 a week without getting more elsewhere," he continued.

He added that many of the women in his plant were married, helping their husbands add to the family income.

"TIP TRUST" HEAD BALKS.

Jacques Russo, head of the "tip trust" in Chicago, refused to tell his receipts and was excused temporarily, pending action by the senate.

George E. Munger, a laundryman, said he could not raise wages without so reducing profits as to go out of business. He declared his firm paid girls as low as \$4 and \$4.50 a week, and expected them to stand on their feet all day long and eat lunch where they could get it at noon. Most of

girl in charge of the music section.

"We pay that because we can't get one for less," he said. "If we could get them for less, we'd do it. We don't care where a girl puts her \$6 a week or where any more she gets comes from; all we're interested in is getting girls at \$6 a week."

## BANKERS RETURN FROM GATHERING

Group One of Illinois Association Holds Convention at Galva.

Group one of the Illinois Bankers' association met at Galva yesterday and passed a resolution favoring the amended Tice bill. A. J. Lindstrom of the Rock Island Savings bank and Phil Mitchell of the Rock Island State bank attended the convention. The following officers were elected:

President—S. C. Roberts, Princeton. Vice President—J. Y. Whiteman, Bigsbyville. Secretary and Treasurer—H. O. Banner, New Boston.

Member of the executive council for three years—V. A. Wingren, Galva.

## MATHERSVILLE

Frank Haigh visited friends in Sherrard Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas Dairson and daughters, Mrs. Frank Angerer and Mrs. Guy Whan, were in Farmington the first of the week being called there by the death of their niece and cousin.

The Misses Emma and Rachel Knott were Rock Island shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hebbeln have returned home from their wedding trip.

Mathersville crossed bats with the Moline Olympias at the local ball park Sunday. The game was a complete shut-out, the score being 5 to 0 in favor of the home team. The batteries for Mathersville were Maynard, Lemon and Roudemski, for Moline, Eng and Fletcher.

Murt Connor was in the tricycles Wednesday.

Murt Connor is having a house erected in the south part of town. Contractor Baker has the contract.

Mrs. John Hodge and daughter of Sherrard were visitors at the Zimmer home the past week.

George Coitman is sick.

Mrs. Amos Muller has returned to her home in Sherrard after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Ranson.

John Wilson was in Rock Island Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Hoigate and baby of Gilchrist visited at the Sward home Thursday.

Mrs. Ben Wild was a Cable visitor the past week.

The Ladies Aid society met with Mrs. John Adams Wednesday. After the business was transacted refreshments were served.

The Misses Edna Haddick and Gertrude Johnson of Sherrard were visitors here Thursday.

in Cable on business Saturday.

At the school caucus held a few days ago the following were nominated: For president, Andrew Garret; members of the board, K. G. Holtgreen, Joe Clark, P. J. Horan, Murt Connor, William Strathan and Ben Adams. The chairman and clerk of the caucus were authorized power to fill any vacancy should it occur. Henry Johnson was president and Charles Kirchnerman clerk.

There was baptismal services of Latter Day Saints at Wanlock Sunday. Elder Sade of Joy was in attendance. About thirty people from here attended.

The new depot has been treated to a coat of red paint. It is now in the hands of the plasterers and will be ready for occupancy in the course of three or four weeks.

H. L. Pearce and son Maxwell were in Cable Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Greenwood of Oco are visiting at the Joe Halsbeck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgar and baby were Rock Island visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wild were Reynolds visitors Sunday.

Mrs. H. W. Mecker has gone to

Rock Island where she will make her home.

Miss Bertha Johnson is visiting in Moline.

George Nichol of Silvis was a visitor at the Caddy home Sunday.

Ed Fitzpatrick enjoyed a visit in Rock Island Friday evening.

Dave Hagman was in Rock Island Friday.

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Joe Clark and Neil McGonigle were

## WHO HAS ROOMS For Visiting Elks?

During the Elks State Convention on June 3, 4 and 5, the hotels of the city may be unable to accommodate all of our visitors, therefore the Hotel Committee of the convention desires to know how many of our residents will have rooms to rent on the above dates. All visitors will expect to pay a minimum rate of \$1. Parties desirous of taking advantage of this opportunity and at the same time helping to demonstrate that Rock Island can accommodate a large convention will kindly fill out the coupon herein inserted and mail to "Hotel Committee" care of Rock Island Argus

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the girls, he asserted, brought cold lunches and made coffee at the laundry, furnishing their own coffee and receptacles therefor. Two girls succeeded in getting \$15 after working for the firm 20 years, he added.

L. R. Steele, manager of S. S. Kresne's 5-and-10-cent store, said 70 per cent of his employees were paid \$6 a week. They remained from a day to four months as a rule, he said, when most of them either quit, were discharged for stealing or discourtesy, married or went to other stores. The average length of service was one year. The highest wage was \$15, to a

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