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THE NEW OPERATOR. THE ROMANCE OF THE NEW TELEGRAPH OPERATOR AND HIS GIRL.

Nellie and Rob had quarreled. Not so many lovers for both were operators and his charge of office whose wires were too busy to permit any war of words.

It so happened one winter evening that Ned Owens, the operator at Pine Bluff, a little station intervening between the two.

It will be seen that within the space of half an hour, Nellie's heart had undergone a complete metamorphosis.

"You were right, Nellie," said the girl, "but I have not changed my mind."

"I will leave her," he muttered. "Why toil and sweat out in existence for a creature who will perhaps wreck my manhood as she has threatened my happiness."

"I have on No. 23 for California," were the words that the little brass sander sang out.

"You coward," groaned Robin. "How dare you meddle with my heart and now openly try to humiliate me!"

"They did go back into the office, closed the door, and No. 23 whizzed around the bend short one passenger."

"Poor Nellie! The next few weeks were long and empty. The spring was over and the blossoming of the roses on her cheeks, kissed away the flush and left her face wan and expressionless."

"The spring time had made many changes upon the wire. Ned had deserted his post and a new operator had taken charge of his office, which had always been a kind of playground for her, when she gambled at will."

"Sitting one afternoon brooding over the past and dreaming of the far west she was aroused from the lethargy by her instrument clattering out her office call, and continuing to repeat the same until she had duplicated the letters in answer."

"Good evening, Miss N. I learned yesterday through Ned Owens, night man at airfield, that you were a lady operator. Why have you not called me before this and driven away the spring fever with your sprightliness?"

"I understand that you are the new operator. It is a great pleasure to meet you."

"I am glad to meet you. I have been waiting for you."

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THE LABOR TROUBLE. SUGGESTING A NATIONAL COMMISSION OF LABOR FOR VOLUNTARY ADJUDICATION OF EXISTING DISSENT.

The President on Thursday last week sent a message to Congress on the subject of the labor troubles.

To the SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: The Constitution imposes on the President the duty of recommending to the consideration of Congress from time to time such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient.

While the real interests of labor are not promoted by a resort to threats and violent manifestations, and while those of the claims of labor, wantonly attack the rights of capital, and for selfish purposes or the love of disorder sow seeds of violence and discontent, no legislation on the subject should be enacted and deliberately undertaken, with no purpose of satisfying reasonable demands or gaining partisan advantage.

That night her dreams were troubled, and when the morning looked in the window there were tears upon her lashes. She made a hasty toilet and snatched off to the office, wishing that a wreck would delay the early train.

"Nellie uttered a little shriek and fell in his arms."

"The Danger of Contagion in Throat Troubles. The medical editor of Babyhood writes: A recent case within our knowledge, in which fatal diphtheria developed upon what had been believed to be a simple quinsy, suggests a few words regarding the duty of isolating patients of serious throat affections from other children in the house."

"We would urge, then, that if it is at all possible, every child suffering from sore throat be isolated until it is discommodated. Physicians are urged to be especially careful in their isolation of patients, by the timidity or suspiciousness of parents."

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to enforce its decisions, much encouragement is derived from the commendable good that has been accomplished by the railroad commissions which have been organized in many of the States, which, having little more advisory power, have exerted a most salutary influence in the settlement of disputes between conflicting interests.

In July, 1884, by a law of Congress, a Bureau of Labor was established and placed in charge of a Commissioner of Labor, who is required to "collect information upon the subject of labor, its relations to capital, the hours of labor and the earnings of laboring men and women, and the means of promoting their material, social, intellectual and moral prosperity."

The Hon. J. Pulitzer—Hard Luck of the Poor Fellow as a Legislator. From the Atlanta Constitution.

Ex Governor Campbell of Missouri, in a recent talk about the Hon. J. Pulitzer, publisher of the World, said: "I remember when Joe was elected to the Legislature of this State, he was only asked one vote of being expelled from that body. Pulitzer had within a few years come up from the position of a roustabout on a Mississippi steambarge to a private watchman. Then he became a restaurant waiter, and while occupying that position he formed the acquaintance of Carl Schurz, who made him a reporter of his Westliche Post. In this way Pulitzer got some influence in one of the German wards and was elected to the Legislature. It was just at the time that the Democrats reclaimed the State by electing B. Gratz Brown Governor."

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