

# New Child Labor Law Sends Many Youths Back to School

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PROF. GEORGE HOWELL

Who Issues the Certificates That Mean Much to Young Wage Earners.

Many Breakers Were Working Short-handed Yesterday Because Applicants for Certificates Could Not Pass Necessary Qualifications— Busy Day for Prof. Howell

At the different breakers of this city and valley yesterday many breaker boys were refused employment, owing to not having necessary certificates regarding their age and educational qualifications necessary under the child labor law which went into effect Saturday. The companies were forced to exercise a strict watch so as to prevent those not qualified from working, thus avoiding prosecutions for violation of the new act.

As a result many breakers are short of boys and the output is restricted.

"Our deputies are holding strictly to the records. There is no evasion of the law. When a man makes an affidavit a certificate is issued to the boy. We then take that affidavit and investigate it fully. If what the man has declared is true, well and good. If not, then the matter is turned over to the Child Labor league attorneys. Mr. Fred Hall, of Philadelphia, one of the agents of the Child Labor league, was in the office this morning to inspect our records.

"He informed me that next week a tabulated record of the costs of verifying the ages of children in different foreign countries would be sent here. This will greatly facilitate the work. For instance, a man comes to this office and makes affidavit that his son was born in one of the cities or towns of Denmark. All European countries have complete birth records. There is a small charge, varying from five to fifteen cents, for tracing up the case. With a record of the costs for this work, added to the postage, we have the exact amount of the cost, thus saving extra work."

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