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THE BREAD LINE

The thinker has long maintained that the wages of the laborer are always near the bread line—that is, he would only as much wages as it requires to reproduce himself in good order, the employer well knowing that he must keep his workmen supplied with food, shelter and clothing sufficient to protect him and his family and allow reproduction in order to keep the mines, factories, farms and so forth running. I say the thinking man has long recognized the above as a fact.

Before me a prospectus issued by the board of trade of a southern city that ought to convince anyone of the above contentions, if any more were necessary. This prospectus is issued for the benefit of the business interests of that city. It is sent to different manufacturers throughout the country to induce them to locate there. The prospectus will gotten up. It shows skill and care in arrangement. It has a number of fine cuts of the principal features of the city and surrounding country, giving in detail all that one might reasonably want to know in such cases.

But what strikes the writer as being so cold-blooded in its article headed "Labor," of which the following are the exact words: "Labor at reasonable cost is the basis of this city. The source of the labor supply is the native white population surrounding the city, the most prolific in family production in the United States. The laborer is capable and contented. Strikes are unknown." The low cost of living and the mild climate making the cost of fuel and clothing less than in many other cities and permitting of outdoor work every day in the year, render it possible to maintain a lower wage scale than prevails in like industries in the north."

As an example of some of the wages paid the following is quoted: Common laborers, from \$1 to \$1.50 a day; carpenters, \$2.50 to \$3; printers, \$2.75 to \$4; painters, \$2; plumbers, \$2 to \$4; paperhangers, \$2.50 to \$3; brick masons, \$4.50 to \$5; plasterers, 35 cents an hour; teamsters, \$1 a day; textile mill hands, 50 cents a day and up.

The prospectus boasts of having one of the largest cotton mills in the south, and also the largest woolen mill in the world, hence the quotation of textile hands at 50 cents a day and up.

What does the above convey to the reader? Only this—that whatever advantages nature has given the laborer in that city are taken from him by the manufacturer. If the climate is rigorous, he is paid sufficient wages to purchase fuel and clothing. If these are unnecessary, they are not furnished in wages by the employer. In other words, the laborer is not allowed any benefits that his location make for him by the reason of his living in a mild climate, but they are absorbed by the employer.

If some wizard of an Edison should discover a food the value of 10 cents worth of which would be sufficient to maintain the laborer in working condition, do you not know that the wages would at once fall. Wages have remained and always will remain near the bread line, sometimes above and sometimes below. So long as the present system is in vogue the above condition will prevail.

You will note in the wages quoted in the prospectus that those trades which are best organized receive the highest wages, and that those unorganized receive the lowest.—Thos. Farmer in Chicago Record-Herald.

She Found Relief.

If you are troubled with liver complaint and have not received help read this. Mrs. Mary E. Hammond, Moody, Texas, "I was in poor health—with liver trouble—for over a year. Doctors did me no good and I tried Herbine, and three bottles cured me. I can't say too much for Herbine, as it is a wonderful liver medicine. I always have it in the house. Publish where you wish." Sold by D. J. Fry.

Gorky's Impressions of London.

What is the glory of England? England's glory is her insatiable love of liberty. But this love is now dying out unsatisfied; and it behooves you, therefore, to quicken it anew in the spirit of the people.

The mighty city seems to be thinking: Will they soon return and ring again the chimes which are born of my spirit so that the nations of the earth may hear? Will they once again sound my mighty trumpets and proclaim the thoughts and hopes of England?

A sullen and mournful noise, mingling with the mist, enshrouds the city like a dark cloud. There is a great strength in the din and roar, but there is also a great weariness.

In the mist I see the face of London, wise and sorrowful, like the face of a giant in an old and wonderful tale. The city lies in contemplation, and she compels us to contemplate life. The mighty, somber city built of stone and richly clothed in its luxurious dress of green gardens and parks is superbly adorned with the priceless productions of an old and daring art. You pause in rapturous wonder in front of Westminster Abbey, that fretted pile which rises sublime into the sky; and you gaze with deep reverence at the massive gray Tower of London, which evokes a long series of memories—above all, memories of your glorious Queen Elizabeth. Much wickedness was perpetrated within its gray walls; many ghosts bespattered with blood whirl round its venerable towers.

But the old tower is not the less beautiful for that. The capital of every country has its tower in which blood has been shed, and the gray Tower of London is not more innocent than any other. If men allow themselves to be killed, they are themselves always partly to blame. Partly, I say. For is there any one among us who is altogether innocent of the crimes which are committed around him, or who has no part or lot in the cruelties that abound in life?

But the pearl of the city, its most precious and priceless possession—the most splendid ornament, I think, of England—is the British Museum—a panorama of the life of the nations of the earth; a great and mighty creation, built by the far-reaching and powerful hands of the English people. This great and massive palace, filled with treasures, stands rooted to the earth like England herself. There it stands as if it were the granite binding of the great book of human civilization—the book which would require years to read through to the end.

And everywhere it is clearly seen how much genius there is in London. But the thought flashes across the mind: Has not the great spirit of the nation become narrowed in the last decade? Has not the nation been too much absorbed in petty and purely material disputes, and has not this passion retarded the development of its free spirit, of that true creative spirit which has enriched the world with eternal and immortal treasures?

The number of dealers in antiquities is one of the striking features of London. This is natural in a country of such an old civilization; and the love of Englishmen for things which remind them of the great past is incomprehensible. The old glass and bronze, so simple and so richly fashioned by passionate love, bear the imprint of the inspired workman. That imprint is less apparent in the samples of contemporary artistic industry. They bear witness, it is true, to a striving after simplicity—a noble aspiration—but somehow the work is dull and lifeless; and involuntarily a melancholy thought enters the mind that the power of creation is decaying and that the power of manufacture is taking its place. The

old things are better; they are the work of a cheerful and healthy generation.

Look at Rosetti and Burne-Jones. Why did those men of strong and delicate talents draw their inspiration from the past? Why did Botticelli fascinate them? Why were they not able—or did they not wish, perchance—to approach nearer to actual life? Was it not rather because the life of the civilized society of our day has become too crowded and colorless and tedious, and because men are ruled more and more by sordid passions? There is no room for poets in this life. They seek the beautiful in the cemeteries of the past. For the poets of the present there is no today to arouse creative thought; the glories of tomorrow are not theirs; they live only in the far-off yesterdays.—Maxim Gorky in London Mail.

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A Kangaroo Farm in England.

The increasing popularity of kangaroos and wallabies as pets had led to a curious departure in farming at Lyncombe Hill, Bath, where the first kangaroo farm in this or any other country has been established.

The founders of this enterprise are two Englishmen, Messrs. W. H. Payne and Jack Wallace, who probably know more about the unexplored wilds of Northwest Australia than any persons living who are not native bushmen. Their wanderings in the remotest of savage Australasian districts cover a period of more than 30 years, and they are both seasoned bushmen, keen naturalists and skilled trappers.

They were the first persons to bring the beautiful and valuable antelope kangaroo to this country, and at Lyncombe Hill they have just effected a remarkable success in breeding from this species, one of the does having care of a youngster—the prettiest and liveliest little fellow imaginable, with a dainty little head exactly like that of an Italian greyhound.

An Express representative was shown over the kangaroo farm by Mr. Payne, who is now in charge of Bath while Mr. Wallace is securing a new collection of animals, which are to arrive from the Antipodes next April.

Mr. Payne first led the way into the nursery—a large, bright apartment heated very near to tropical temperature. Comfortably quartered here were several young wallabies, with the little antelope infant and its mother.

The buildings and paddocks of the farm cover about four acres, and they are surrounded by a high stone wall. The latter is an essential on a kangaroo farm, for, as Mr. Payne pointed out, an old-man kangaroo is a wonderful jumper. "Heights of ten feet and lengths of 20 feet are

not uncommon," he added, "and I have myself measured a jump along the ground of 18 feet in the large paddock here."

It was interesting to see half a dozen antelope kangaroos in one of the paddocks hustling one another to secure a slice of bread Mr. Payne carried. They boxed and wrestled just like human beings.

"The rarest kangaroos in England are to be seen in the Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester," said Mr. Payne, "and they nearly all went from this farm, but the most interesting fact in relation to our kangaroo farm is that we are doing a steadily increasing business with country gentlemen with whom the idea of having kangaroos at large in their parks is becoming very popular. Wallabies also are being bought in large numbers by well-to-do people."

Kangaroos are docile and sensible pets, and they require very little attention. In the summer they live mainly on grass, and sleep out of doors; in winter they require a shelter such as park deer have and they do best on a diet of crushed maize.—London Express.

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