

THE CAUSES AND REMEDIES

Practical Viewpoint of Present Conditions, and What to Do

Before me lies a pamphlet of about 150 pages. The cover would probably be called pea-green. The date is October 15, 1912. The printshop is given the name of Government printing-office Washington. The title is in part "Statistics of Unemployment," "Whole number 109." I give you this detail in order to let you know where to obtain this important work of the Department of Commerce and Labor, for I am sure you will be eager to have it, because you will want the information which our government is sending out free; am quite sure you are trying to get all the information obtainable in order to be in a position to discuss public questions intelligently.

In the meantime let us turn to page eight and look at that table of data for 1890 and 1900. In the former year we find the unemployed to number 3,523,730 equalling 15.1 per cent; in 1900 the unemployed is given at 6,468,964, or 22.3 per cent. You will observe that the increase of the unemployed was 7.2 per cent in ten years.

Do these figures mean anything to you? Do you not think that there is something wrong with an industrial and economic system where such a condition obtains? You are aware that while you have a job it is not safe where so many are unemployed. Perhaps you are also aware that to be out of a job may mean the postponing of several meals. But it is highly probable you are not aware what the sensation of hunger is like; well I can't tell you what it is like though I have inside information regarding the sensation, but I will say I don't think any person desires it often.

Surely it is not likely that laziness is increasing so fast. Bear in mind these statistics relate to working people, that is, poor people, and have no reference to the idle rich.

Even if you live on a farm and either rent or own it, this unemployed problem means something to you, though you may not be out of a job. On the other hand how will the idle—to be a jobless worker means to be without an income—buy the products of your labor? That seems to me a serious problem. What do you think?

You may form your associations for marketing your crops; cut out the middlemen—all that will help some, but at the rate of increase in the years noted what of the future?

Something's got to happen, and it may be to you. I have seen a few men when the question of unemployment is mentioned with flippancy, say "he is looking for work but praying to God he won't find it." Then this philosophy (frequently in overalls) will taste of his mouth and try to look wise, and thinks you will consider his remark original, when it is by no means original with him, and is most likely untrue. It is only the poor parrot repeating what some well-fed loafer taught him. Such a person is not always real bad but just unable to do his own thinking, as the Bard of the Avon said, "Alas poor fool."

Now you will note that these figures come from a government report also that the period covered was during four years of Democrat control and six of Republican. Now you are told that your wise government is looking out for the peoples' welfare. What has the government done during that period that was over half prosperous? What are the public officials doing now? Attending banquets and making speeches when they are not busy drawing checks from the treasury.

Let us look at this subject from a slightly different angle. When there are so many persons unemployed from lack of opportunity because no one will hire them, their labor power is going to waste; idleness, unless it is recuperation, which is not really idleness, will, among the producing classes, bring want, which in turn produces more waste. A part of this want will be supplied by charity, which is again a waste of energy, as the charitable committee is employed at non-productive effort. It is unthinkable that any normal person will deliberately seek want. Therefore it follows as the majority of workers are not the owners of the tools of production, and cannot employ themselves, and the capitalists will not employ them, these persons are involuntary idlers, and its consequent poverty, and they are a menace to society.

In order to protect itself it is the logical step for society to furnish employment through public ownership of the tools of production.

There are a number of busy people who are not producers, that is to say, their efforts are not responsive to the economic needs of society. Some of these are employed in "duplication," here we can see the logic of the trust. The trust is but a labor saving device, an evolution in industry.

Those politicians of whom we are cursed with a large number, who propose to destroy the trust, to bring about a "healthy competition" as they are pleased to call it, are a clumsy lot. Take for instance the milk distribution in a city. You will see often, quite a number deliver milk along the same street. Now it is milk, not numerous wagons that the consumer wants, so that trust is systematizing the business and taking the useless wagons. Our political economist of the trust busting variety wants to restore the old way, when in reality that means paying a lot of men and wagons to idle on the street, as some one has aptly said "I call that man idle who might be more usefully employed." Why not have the city own the distribution of milk at cost? That would seem to be progress instead of the proposed retrogression.

It is not a hundred years since men were imprisoned for advocating public schools. At that time education was a private enterprise. Would anyone care to go back to the good old days now that education is so universal? No, most of us like the writer, who was a victim of the lack of education, would still further improve the public system so that anyone

EARLY DAYS IN OREGON

Reminiscences of one of Molalla's Old Pioneer Residents
Editor Courier:— I closed my last narrative with us ready to leave Suter's Fort on horseback but before resuming that journey I will go back to relate two incidents that came under our observation after we left the Barlow Company.

After travelling quite a long distance over sand and sage brush thru a trackless desert, we came into the Buffalo country and there we encountered a great deal of trouble just as soon as we invaded their range.

Our oxen became wild and almost uncontrollable. They would snuff the air and then bellow and paw the ground. They became so wild that they would stampee in spite of all effort to control them. We were obliged to cut holes in their noses and tie ropes in them so they could be managed.

At times we could see thousands of buffalo in a single herd. Sometimes it was necessary to halt the train to let the vast host go by. Of course we had all the buffalo meat we wanted.

When we left the Barlow train Captain Greenwood gave us a general order not to molest or interfere in any way the Indians while we were trailing through their country, and as we traveled along through the sand and sage brush the older Greenwood boy John (24 years old) was our guide that day and with others were riding horseback a little in advance of the wagons, when a lone Indian rose up from the sage brush and scared Greenwood's horse. This made John mad. He ordered the poor Indian to

OLD SETTLER GONE

Mrs. M. K. Irvin died at the home of her family at Estacada April 2, 1913, at 8:45 P. M. At her bedside were her husband, children and old friends. Mrs. Irvin was stricken with paralysis Feb. 6, and was confined to her bed from that time. She rallied for a time until about ten days before her death, when she became worse and was unconscious the last two days she lived.

Mary K. Shortridge (Mrs. Irvin) was born in Platte A, Missouri, May 5, 1844 and was 68 years and 10 months and 27 days old at the time of her death.

Mary K. Shortridge was married to John P. Irvin Aug. 29, 1862 at Independence, Missouri, and emigrated to Oregon with her husband and six children in 1875. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, five of whom are living and five deceased.

Those living are: Alice A. Folsom, of Rice, Washington; John J. Alax, Irvin, Frank M. Irvin, living in or near Estacada. The deceased are: Nannie, Charles S., Katie Maud and George S. Irvin and Amie B. Covey.

Mrs. Irvin was a member of the Church of Christ, joining that body at 12 years of age.

Mrs. Irvin leaves many old friends, acquaintances and relatives, and will be long remembered for her many kindnesses in sickness and death among her many friends and neighbors.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

More rain—more rest. Garden making is a dream, but there will be sunshine by and by and Oregon weather is hard to beat anyway.

There are more new houses being built even if the city taxes are looming up. May and Dewey are building a house on Molalla Avenue for Mr. Set- ar. Mr. Gruell is remodeling the house he bought of Mr. Imbler.

Mrs. McBride, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Mrs. George Gillett is able to be up and Mrs. Maute is slowly getting better. Mrs. Shelley has been on the sick list and Ruth Mason and Wanda Hickman were out of school last week on account of illness.

Mrs. Swanson visited among her former friends and neighbors last week. She is now a resident of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Story, of California, are visiting relatives and friends here. Mrs. Story is a sister of Mrs. Frank Welsh.

The Ladies' Aid of Mt. View, will meet at the home of Mrs. R. M. C. Brown on Molalla Avenue, next Tuesday afternoon. A large attendance is requested.

Mrs. Arthur Warner, of Mt. Pleasant, visited her mother, Mrs. C. A. Hickman, last Sunday.

R. M. C. Brown has bought the Mason property and will build a modern residence on it this summer.

John Gillett has bought the fire house and will move it on Duane St., where he has bought a lot and there he will rebuild it. We expect a new building for the hose Co., to be erected in the near future.

FROM UNION MILLS

Lively Comments and News Notes From Lively Correspondent
Coming up the 7th street hill of Oregon City ye scribe was suddenly confronted by a bevy of youngsters just out of school. They formed a solid line abreast across the sidewalk and we were ready to bolt for the middle of the street and the mud when the little rascals, seeing our fright, gave us a passage and soon we were safely through the enemies' lines. But if we had really known what danger we were in you would have heard us yell "Oh! (P)Shaw."

It is to be hoped that the iron hand of the law will be laid (appropriately) on the Oregon City kids and the elders be made to wear velvet-soled slippers, so there will be no noise or discord to jar on the nerves of the GROUCHERS.

We are looking forward with much interest to May 20th and hope it will be a grand success. A word to the editor however. Be sure on May 19th, to put your pipe, chewing gum and BOTTLE, (spirits of foment) in your pocket.

We are blessed with plenty of drinking water these days, the pine squirrels come out and try to arrange their disabled toilet between showers, and we have our camera set ready for the sun if it should happen to come out.

Some of the farmers around here are thinking of trying a new way of farming—by flat boat.

Hultz Bros., of Mulino, have a large run of logs in Milk Creek with plenty of water to float them.

Arthur Sweifel had to have his arm doctored again, as he began using it too soon.

J. F. Nelson has been doing some plowing for Mr. Shaw.

A. Durst, our miller, made a business trip to Colton April 4th.

O. A. Davis is home for a few days as it is now too wet for logging.

Albert Durst made a business trip to Portland Monday, Mrs. Durst and baby Eldon accompanying him to visit with Grandma Fully.

D. L. Trullinger has nearly all of his railroad ties sawed out.

Ye Union Mills scribe is going over into God's Country (Liberal) and take a drink with ye Liberal Scribe and watch the railroad and grass grow.

John Keller says he isn't any good with boxing gloves.

J. D. French is importing the large kind of frogs from the East. Watch Dave; he has an eye to business.

In D. S. Young's defense of the O. A. C. and questions asked Meredith it puts one in mind of the bulletins sent out from the O. A. C. They are like frosting on a cake, the more you eat the more hungry you get.

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our thanks for the kindness and sympathy of the Woodmen and friends, in our sad bereavement. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings which were so kindly sent.

MRS. G. E. HARGREAVES AND FAMILY.
Milwaukie, Oregon.

Rheumatism, as a result of kidney trouble, stiff and aching joints, back-ache and sore kidneys will all yield to the use of Foley's Kidney Pills. They are tonic in action, quick in results, curative always. W. S. Skelton, Stanley, Ind., says: "I would not take \$100.00 for the relief from kidney trouble I received from one single box of Foley's Kidney Pills."

Huntley Bros. Co.

Money to Loan
On improved farms, from one to two years. Dimick & Dimick, Beaver Bld., Oregon City.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

COLTON

Mr. Will Dix, of Shubel, visited with his mother at Colton Saturday and Sunday.

Charlie Swan has finished plowing at Rex Gordon's place which he has rented.

Wm. Werner, of Portland, was out to visit his family Saturday and returned Sunday.

Albert Baurer from Sherwood, is home helping his father to cut hop poles.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gottberg of Elwood, were visiting friends at Colton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, of Bee Hills, have moved to Oregon City.

The school board of Dis. 72 met Thursday and made a contract for 2 months more of school, with Miss Inez Snodgrass as teacher.

Will Hettman returned to his home at Bee Hills Sunday, after a few days stay at Highland.

Oscar Miller left last week to attend the dog show at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stromgreen made a trip to Mulino on business last Monday.

Miss Inez Snodgrass was home last week visiting her people at Mulino.

Mrs. Rex Gordon has returned home from Springwater, where she has been visiting with friends and relatives for a couple of weeks.

Delbert Bonney and family are making preparations to leave for Washington soon.

Julius Hult's house caught fire one day last week and considerable damage was done before help was summoned. Mr. Hult not being at home at the time. The fire was started from the fire place Geo. W. Miller, agent of the Ore. Fire Relief Association, was out to view the damages Monday.

The two lady preachers will hold meetings at the Colton school house every evening next week at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Auntie Stromgreen visited with friends at Colton last week.

EAST EAGLE CREEK
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Douglass made a trip to Estacada one day last week.

The Pynch Club was very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Naylor last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cooke were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglass spent Saturday and Sunday with Oregon City friends.

Joe Cahill, while working down at the mill near Barton, had the misfortune to fall between two cars Saturday and was badly injured. A special car was sent out and he was taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital, where an examination was to be made Monday to ascertain the extent of his injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibson were Barton visitors last Wednesday.

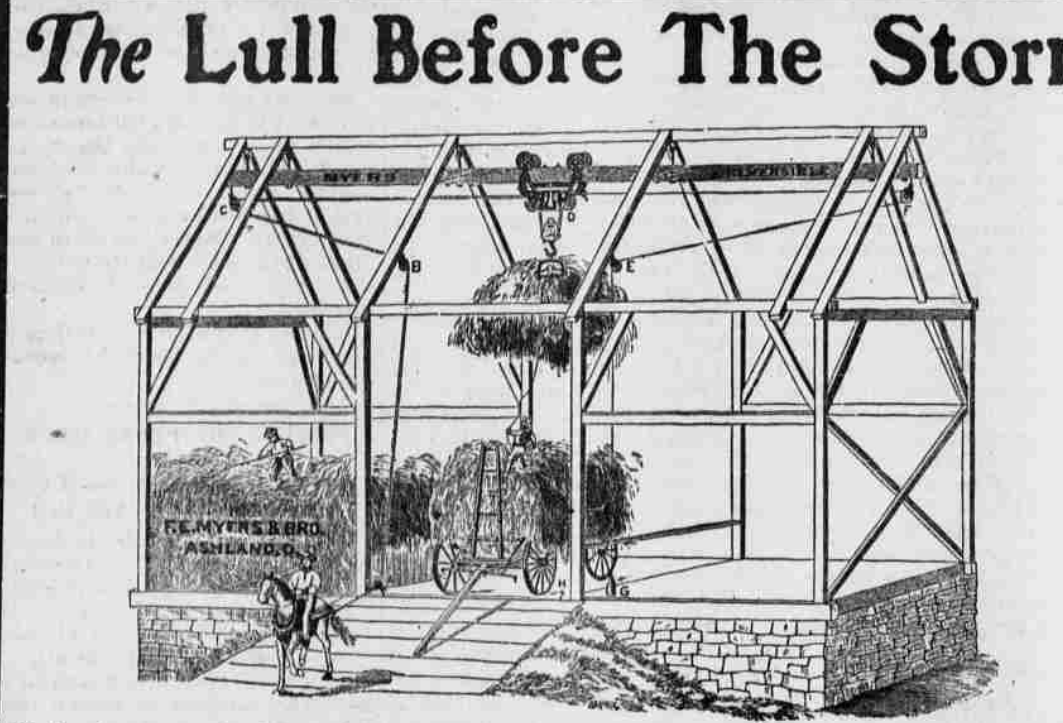
Mrs. Kate Douglass called on Mrs. Howlett Sunday afternoon.

Russell Jones went to Portland Saturday to make his parents a visit.

Sunday James Gibson celebrated his 87th birthday. Nearly all his sons and daughters and some of his grandchildren came and spent the day with him in honor of the occasion. A fine sumptuous dinner was served. Those of them present were: James Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. John Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Udell, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibson, Earl Gibson, Hazel and Franklin Gibson, Susie Reid, Theodore and Chester Reid, Iva Agnes, Herbert and Alice Udell, Mrs. H. F. Gibson and Edward Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Woodie spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Kitzmiller.



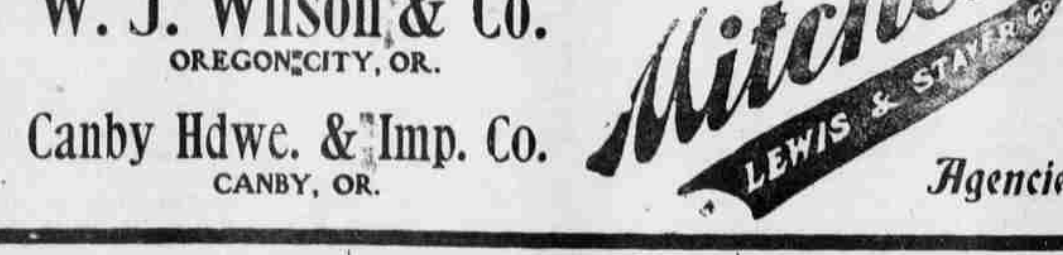
The Lull Before The Storm
IS the time to make PREPARATIONS. Put in your MYERS HAY UNLOADER
NOW, and you will be in tip top shape to handle your crop this year.—Take our advice and come in and look them over next time you are in town.

A Lot of Time is Lost Through BAD DOOR HANGERS. Hang your doors on MYERS STAYON HANGERS or the new Tabular Track Hanger and you will have NO MORE TROUBLE

This is another matter that should be attended to before the busy season

CHAMPION MOWERS, BINDERS, RAKES, ARE THE BEST

PAY US A VISIT
W. J. Wilson & Co. OREGON CITY, OR.
Canby Hdwe. & Imp. Co. CANBY, OR.



lished every two weeks. It was edited by H. A. G. Lee and J. Fleming, proprietor. It was a four page, four column sheet.

Two columns were devoted to news from the "states" and foreign matter. This news was gleaned from papers brought by a vessel lately arriving at the harbor; and from the captain of the vessel. The news was five months old but was the latest news to reach the colony from the great outside. The vessel came from the Sandwich Islands.

There were several columns of advertising, which, according to the times, were undisplayed.

We reproduce the following relating to an uprising among the Molalla Indians. There are only two of this tribe left. Chief Henry and Aunt Elizabeth.

"Some disturbances have recently taken place between the Molalla Indians and the Whites in the Molalla settlement. On receiving the intelligence in this place a volunteer company was formed and marched to that settlement under the command of Col. James Finley, with much promptness, which we are happy to say resulted in an amicable adjustment of the difficulty. We regret we cannot, at present speak more fully on the subject, which we regard as one of deep interest to the citizens of Oregon. We hope to give it further notice in our next.

At a future time we will reproduce a letter from this paper which throws much light on the conditions of the colony at that time."

run and when he had run a short distance John shot him through the back. He fell forward on his face and John rode on.

My father and Dr. Bonney were in the lead with their wagons and when they came up to the poor fellow he was breathing, but very shortly. Dr. Bonney examined his wound and said it was fatal. A quilt and some water was brought from the wagon and he was laid on the quilt. He refused to drink. We left the poor man and drove on.

Capt. Greenwood was farther back with a smaller company and when he came up to where the Indian lay he shot him and buried him in the sand, and that evening he came up with our company and after being told that his son John had done the shooting he called a meeting and the old man decreed that John should be hung the GALLEY NO 4.

next morning, but John had skipped during the night. The next we heard of him was that he had been cut to pieces in a Spanish gambling row at Suter's Fort.

A few days after this a Mr. Kinney, a man from Texas, who had two wagons, one drawn by 4 yoke of oxen, the other a large hack in which his wife and two little girls rode and in this hack they carried their beds and ready prepared provisions. A fine rifle was hung by straps overhead, and fastened to the top of the wagon bows and was already for use. Kinney always rode a fine mule. Once, as we moved on, Kinney's team in the lead, all at once a large Digger Indian raised up close to the wagon. Kinney went to his hack, took a pair of hand-cuffs

and walked to the Indian and snapped them on to the poor fellow and led him to the hack and chained him to the hind axle.
To be continued.

Every one come and enjoy yourself at the basket social at the Eldorado school house April 26, given by the ball team, a good program is being arranged. Ladies please bring baskets.

Mrs. Rose, of Portland, visited with her brother, Charles Spangler, and wife a few days last week, returning home Saturday.

Miss Bessie Oswald, Crystal Graves, Margie Friend, Mr. Harvey Schuebel, Jack and Ellis Graves spent Thursday evening with Elsie and Harry Schoenborn.

A crew of men are grading and improving the Hazeldale road.

Harry Schoenborn made a business trip to Mulino last Friday.

Miss Crystal Graves called on Miss Margie Friend last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Elsa Fischer, who is employed in Oregon City, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Miss Retta and Susie Gordy spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss Pearl Schombberger.

Mrs. Robert Schuebel visited with Mrs. Friend and daughters one day last week.

Miss Retta Gordy visited with relatives in Portland Friday, coming home Saturday with her cousin, Miss Lena Ball, who has been in the sanatorium.

Miss Grace Schuebel, of Oregon City, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Duffy, of Shubel passed through our town Sunday on their way to Union Hall to spend the