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#### PROBING THE COST OF LIVING.

THE RISING cost of living is a matter that interests everybody, and every person who cherishes enmity against a particular institution or practice in American life is likely to blame that thing for most of the trouble. So there is a great deal of foolish prattle on the subject, when serious and thorough investigations are needed.

The immediate future will see a number of investigations. It is announced that the department of agriculture will undertake a sweeping inquiry. Congress may also take a hand in it, and some new light ought to be thrown upon the problem.

Further revision of the tariff

might help to relieve the situation and to reduce prices in some quarters. If it did not go too far and put American industries out of business and American artisans and factory help out of work. The tariff must play only one part among several in raising the cost of living.

Another part is certainly played by the increased production of gold. History shows clearly that prices have always risen with an influx of gold. Wages and salaries do not fluctuate so easily as prices. There is always a struggle to preserve satisfactory relations between wages and prices.

Still another influence is the concentration of a third of the American people in the cities. The urban population in 1860 was only 16 per cent of the whole. James J. Hill has recently had some interesting things to say about the cities in limiting the supply of food.

It is easy to scoff at the claim that living is more expensive because of a higher standard of living. Of course there are great numbers of the people who have not adopted a higher standard and do not have telephones, fancy goods, pianos, frequent amusements, etc., for they can not earn enough of pay for those things or they live in remote districts where there are no theatres or beguiling department stores.

But it is a fact that a great proportion of the people have rather suddenly raised their standard of living and that millions are living extravagantly. This phenomenon, though not found everywhere or in every household in any given locality, nevertheless affects all the people.

It accounts largely for the drift to the cities, where more of the luxuries may be had. It also means the withdrawal of vast numbers of working people from work that is essential to man's support and their employment in the manufacture of luxuries, which eventually reach the scrap heap.

The nonessential industries "put a lot of money into circulation." This same remark is often made as if to justify the senseless spending of the very rich. But it should not be difficult to see that the diversion of labor and capital to the production of luxuries must be attended by a proportionate rise in the cost of necessities.

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