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THE ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED
The staterican Economist, August 19.)
16th by Secretary of Labor Davis to the effent that there are
$5,735,000$ unemployed workers in the United State present time is startling
claims that this great unemployment is not due to free World since importations are falling off while we are still under
free trade. It is true that importations have fall free trade. It is true that importations have fallen off, but
they are still greatly above normal, so that the World's claim they are still greatly above normal, so that the worlds claim bered that the agricultural products of the country are now
protected, and that the overwhelming flood of grain and other arm products into this country has, to a great extent, be
But not even the World will claim that business is not
waiting on congress. The producing interests of the country, guided by past experience, are not going to blindly enlarge their producing facilities or increase their output until they
know whether they are going to meet foreign competition without the benefit of an adequate protective tariff. Many manufacturing plants are now closed and they w tured there are not given adequate Protection. In their place And the workmen formerly engaged in making the domestic products are now a part of the great army of the unThat tells the tale.
The enactment of a scientific, adequate protective tariff
will still the unrest which now exists, settle the uncertainty, set the wheels of industry turning and bring constantly in-
creasing employment untilall who are now idle may find emcreasing employment, untiva ail who are
in Oregon. They are in that game merely for the $\$ 18$ membership fee which they collect from each man who is induced
to join their outfit. That is all the thin will amount to in Oregon their outrit, meal tickets for a lot of organizers. The men induced to pay the $\$ 18$ a throw will, for the most p\&rt, become
disgusted after a time and consider themselves skinned; which is all it will amount to. Some others will no doubt re-
main longer, and, like the fox in the fable that had his tail cut off in the trap and then tried to make all the other foxes join in and boost the game of the organizers, helping them way will be attained in this socialistic skin game in Oregonand, after a while, the whole thilig will blow up. Then these organizers, at $\$ 18$ a shot, will have to turn to some other game. They will never get down to honest work. It is easier
and more profitable for them to work the workers. The people in the country south of Salem will count the
days, till September 21, when the paved Pacific highway will be thrown open for their use and for the use of all the world. it is a coincidence that the reconvening of Congress after its
present recess will come on the same day. It is to be hoped
that the important pieces of legislation, like the tariff bill, that the important pieces of legislation, like the tariff bill,
that have been held up by the yawpsters, will then be speed-
ily spread on the country to on forward and the great bodies of men now out of work to be employed at American wages.
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