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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

The problem of national prosperity hinges a great deal upon the equitable relations of production and consumption. As a natural sequence they must equalize one another or the result will be inharmonious, suffering and destruction.

The first and signal result of the recent remarkable changes in the conditions of production and distribution, which in turn have been so conducive of industrial and societary disturbances, has been to greatly increase the abundance and reduce the price of most useful and desirable commodities. If some may say, "What of that, so long as distribution is impeded and has not been correspondingly perfected?" it may be answered, that production and distribution in virtue of a natural law are correlative or reciprocal. We produce to consume, and we consume to produce, and the one will not go on independently of the other; and although there may be, and actually is, and mainly through the influence of bad laws, more or less extensive mal-adjustment of these two great agencies, the tendency is, and by methods to be hereafter pointed out, for the two to come closer and closer into correspondence. A hundred years ago the maintenance of the existing population of Great Britain, of the United States, and of all other highly-civilized countries, could not have been possible under the then imperfect and limited conditions of production and distribution. Malthus, who in 1798 was led by his investigations to the conclusion that the population of the world, and particularly of England, was rapidly pressing upon the limits of subsistence, and could not go on increasing because there would not be food for its support, was entirely right from his standpoint on the then existing economic conditions; and no society at the present time, no matter how favorable may be its environments in respect to fertility of land, geniality of climate, and sparseness of population, is making any progress, except through methods that in Malthus' day were practically unknown. Illustrations confirmatory of the assertion that the food resources of half a century ago would be inadequate for the support of the existing population of the leading civilized countries are familiar. All the resources of the population of the United States, as they existed in 1880, would have been wholly inadequate to have sowed or harvested the present average annual corn or wheat crops of the country; and, even if these two results had been accomplished, the greater proportion of such a cereal product would have been of no value to the cultivator, and must have rotted on the ground for lack of any means of adequate distribution; the cost of the transportation of a ton of wheat, worth twenty-five dollars at a market, for a distance of a hundred and twenty miles over good roads, and with good teams and vehicles, entirely exhausting its initial value. The six great corn states are Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Ohio and Kansas. They produce more than one-half the corn raised in the country. These states, by the census of 1880, had 2,056,770 persons engaged in agriculture, and it would have been necessary for this entire community to have sat astride of shovels and frying-pans for one hundred and ten days out of three hundred and sixty-five to have shelled their corn crop by the old processes.

The matter of harmonizing these results must, however, be left to take care of itself. The only application that can be made is when the inharmonious is produced by the interference of parties for selfish ends, that cause an abnormal condition, as, for instance, the creating of so-called "corners" in and of the productions of the soil. In such cases wholesome enactment should be applied to correct the evil.

The Chronicle says that the recent blizzard in the Northwest was marked by many incidents of heroism, but few appealed so

erfully to the sympathies as the fate of the young teacher and his five pupils near Mandan, D. T. Shut up in an isolated house on a lonely prairie, they slowly starved and froze to death, yet in this agony, rendered doubly hard by the weakness of the little ones, the teacher sacrificed his own comfort and hastened his death in order to prolong the lives of his charges. Such an example as this makes one think better of human nature, and it should be referred to the pessimists who believe that self-interest is the ruling motive.

REPRESENTATIVE HERMANN has submitted a long petition from citizens of Lane and Coos counties, a king for a lighthouse at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, in Lane county. A bill has been introduced in accordance therewith, but before any committee can act upon the matter the lighthouse board will be directed to pass upon the location.

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SUMMONS.
In the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Linn county.
Mrs. L. Gough, plaintiff, vs. C. J. Gough, defendant.
To C. J. Gough, the above named defendant. In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above plaintiff in the above entitled court, now on file with the clerk of said court on or before the first day of the next regular term of said court which said court begins on the 12th day of March, 1888, at the court house in Albany, Linn county, Oregon. And if you fail to so answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief demanded in said complaint, which is that the marriage contract existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that plaintiff have the care and custody of the minor child Clement G. Gough, mentioned in the complaint, and her costs and disbursements in this suit, and such other relief as is meet to equity.
This summons is published by order of the Hon. R. P. Boise, judge of said court, made at chambers in the city of Salem on the 25th day of January, 1888.
W. R. BLYE,
Attorney for Plaintiff
Notice of Final Settlement.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, N. executor of the last will and testament of Elisha HARRY, deceased, has filed in the county court of Linn county, Oregon, his final account as such executor, and the said court has appointed Monday, the 6th day of February, 1888, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, for the hearing of objections to said account and the settlement thereof.
J. L. WIGGLE,
Executor.
Executrix's Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned N. has this day been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of John A. Shore, deceased, by the county court of Linn county, Oregon, and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified to the undersigned at her residence in Seio, Linn county, within six months from the date of this notice.
Dated December 7, 1887.
JULIA A. SHORE,
Executrix.
HEWITT & BRYAN,
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