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DOES MACHINERY CHEAPEN LABOR?

A feeling has been rife among the working men of the country that the introduction of labor saving machinery caused the displacement of laborers and the reduction of wages. In fact in many cases in the labor difficulties, the laborers have acted upon this idea and made active demonstrations against the machinery. A close study of the actual situation however, will demonstrate to every person that such is not the case. The Florida Times-Union says that it should be taken into account that the introduction of machinery also creates a demand for hand labor. For example, the introduction of the sewing machine, while bringing relief to millions of overworked women, deprived thousands of seamstresses of the means by which they had earned a subsistence. Yet there was created a large demand for women to run machines and for men to build, and sell, and repair machines. While many women were thrown out of employment by the introduction of the sewing machine many others were afforded employment by the invention of the typewriter. The typewriter and telephone have thrown many clerks and messengers out of employment, but as many more have found situations through the increasing demands of the telegraph and railroad services, which together give employment to more than a million persons in the United States. Thus we find compensations wherever manual labor has been encroached upon by mechanical invention. Labor-saving machinery, including the appliances for transportation, diverts labor into new channels, and, by direct and indirect means, benefits all classes. By the use of machinery thousands of articles are produced for a small fraction of what they would cost if made by hand. Thus they are placed within the reach of poorer people than could otherwise afford them. Articles of necessity can be used more freely when their price is reduced by mechanical processes. The cheapening of commodities leads to increased demand for them, and increased demand creates increased production, and an increase in production necessitates the employment of a greater number of laborers. In India, where the population is crowded to an extent which would be deemed impossible in Europe, the introduction of machinery has given marked relief, especially to the rural districts, from which tens of thousands have been transferred to factories and railroads. They all becoming consumers instead of producers of food. The fact that there is a superabundance of laborers in the United States is not owing to the extensive use of machinery, but to the flooding of the country with foreign laborers. Very few of the immigrants come prepared to be employers. Nearly all want employment for themselves, and must have it or starve. They understand native labor, and thus it comes about that the number of the poorly paid and unemployed is very much larger than it would be under normal conditions.

CONSIDERABLE has been said by the San Francisco papers in regard to the enormous amount of potatoes that have been shipped into that city, and the extremely low prices paid or no sale being made. The Chronicle explains the matter as follows: The so-called glut in the potato market has received a good deal of attention during the past week, and it has been repeatedly said that choice potatoes were selling either

for but a few cents a sack or not at all. As a matter of fact the local consumer has, despite the alleged over supply, been obliged to pay roundly for this staple article of food. Choice potatoes retailed in the Western Addition at \$1.30 for a box of about 60 pounds. It is true there is a superabundance of half-decayed and otherwise undesirable potatoes in the market, but for a fine article good prices must be paid.

Governor Penoyer is realizing that it is a rough and thorny road that a politician has to travel. The removal of Dr. Harry Lane from the superintendency of the Asylum seems to be having a boomerang effect, as it is being intimated that it was effected for the purpose of paving a political promise made by the governor to Mr. Raleigh chairman of the democratic central committee in Marion county. That gentleman was angry with Dr. Lane because a contract for implements for the asylum was not awarded to the firm of which he was a member, it is said. Whether that was a fact or not, Governor Penoyer was the responsible one in his removal and will have to bear the blame.

One of the most interesting events to us as inhabitants of this republic, is shortly to transpire in Europe. It is the celebration of the six hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Swiss republic on the earth. Our one hundred years of existence seem small indeed, compared with the time that the hardy mountaineers in the heart of Europe have maintained their national existence in spite of the machinations of the surrounding powerful nations.

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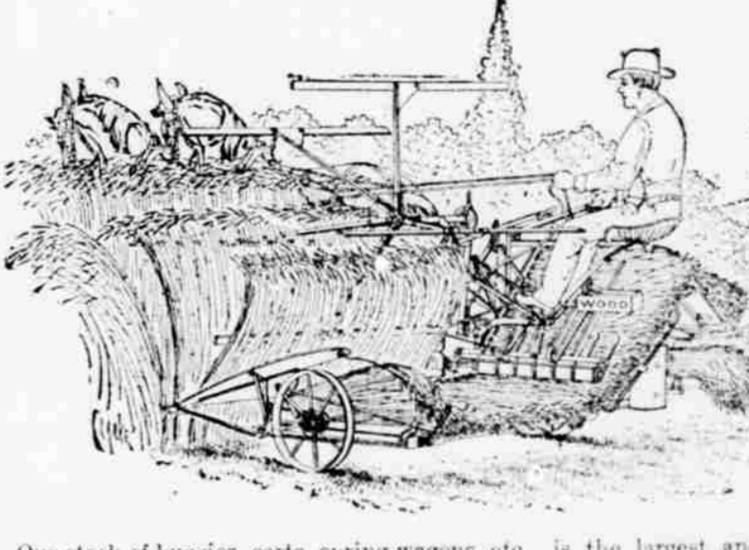
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