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How IT Looks
I arrived in the city of Port land, Oregon, on Saturday after
noon, September 9th, at 3 oclock Inon, September 9th, at 3 o'clock. clothes for rough work on the
mountains near Baker City, for mountains near Baker City,
which place I had to leave at o'clock Monday morning. I found in one of the two large merchant tailoring establishments something
that would do with a little alterathat would do with a little altera
fion to the cooat and pantaloons. tion to the coat and pantaloons.
returned to my hotel disappointed but half amused over the vain ef forts of the dealer to get a half
hour's work done on the clothe in order to make them wearable He first appealed to his regular tailors. They answered from their Turk-like positions on the bench,
in true Turk-like phrase, that they wouldn't draw a stitch more b the merchant sent out to sundry Women who did work for him
The answer came back that they The answer came back that they
would take in no more work that day. After every resource
been exhausted he gave saying: "I must lose the sale alter them, and I might hav known it would be so on the start You have no notion how independ-
ent labor is in this country. My folks work pretty well, but the out warning, and work with out warning, and work pretty
much as they rather than as mind when they do work. They hard as I can for the past two tailor who will sit on the benc and be reliable to do odd jobs like this, and I can't get any one.
have offered $\$ 3$ a day, and I would give it right along, and steady
work every day in the year, but it's no use. I can't get any one. tailor was repeated in that of th hotel proprietor, the contractor, every, vocation with which I came
in contact on that cosst. The country itself is so inviting, and rewards so richly individual pro prietors, that every one who goes
there is under constant temptation to forego the intention with whic he came, of going into employ
ment, and forthwith begins to set up for himself. The consequence ments is searee and of ments is scarce and of poor qual
ity. Those who hire out do so only for a short period, until they
can get into shape to can get into shape to work fo
themselves. The resuit is that competition, the great factor of
good service, is almost utterly wanting. Workingmen look upon their present service for owners
only temporary, and consequentl are restless and anxious to adver tise the fact that they are really
independent men, only doing for the time being. For instance once, after sitting awhile in si
lence, waiting for the inform me what he had for break fast, he also in silence, I the the solemn pause breakfast." "Well, so would I, too! Here I've been working since six o'clock
without any." Again, the
that country invariably twenty five cents a pair for blacking boots, answered my friend's re-
quest thus:
"Well, I guess to-morrow morn ing Ill black them. Tve black enough boots for to-day."
things out there most trying would have destroyed my temper perpetual struggle to get out of
to pay so liberally for. It requires
so much ingenuity in putting your
request, self-depreciation and half. request, self-depreciation and half-
apology for making it at all, gen-
tle accerter tle acceptance of rebuffs, and per-
sistence accompanied with the wisistence accompapied with the wis-
dom of the serpent to get (after a hard day's work driving around
the country or iuspecting the inthe country or inspecting the in-
choate enterprises on every side)
even a satisfactory meal or clean bed upon one's retarn at night.
The consciousness that one pays
for everything whether be gets
 did not bave the requisite
edge of western laborers' peculi-
arities to make my ferryman load at properly. Luckily I recoved it.
CChinese labor, now that immi-
gration is stopped, is so gration is stopped, is so inade-
quate to the demands of the situation that important railway exten-
sions have been at a standstill purely from this cause. Railroad
building, ill supplied with labor as building, ill supplied with labor as
it is, has drained all that is available to so great an extent that
farmers during August literaly farmers during August literally
went begging for harvest hands. I could mention many localitics
where I know uot merely private
residences but business blocks and residences but business blocks and
public structures are waiting for
workmen. Carpenters, workmen. Carpenters, brich
layers and mechanics enough cain
not be found. The saw mills not be found. The saw mills and
logging camps offered high prices
for men during July and August. for men during July and August.
The wages offered were goodraised beyond the average that has
heretofore been paid-but few workmen presented themselves
and they would only and they would only work for a
while and then lay off and spend
their money.

## There are few drones out the very few men longing about the

 very few men longing about thdepots and hotels, almost none extra services, so that every o
has to wait upon himself. one of either sex need be idle,
deed can afford to be, when dustry pays so well. The need
good, serviceable good, serviceable women is
great as that of men. Take it
the matter of house servants the matter of house servants.
have a wife and three children my family," said a banker to one day. "I will gladly pay *35 and competent house servan Said anotber: "I positively ca
not find a nurse good for anythin I would pay 85 a week and boar
if I could have my wife relieved of the care of the children an
drudgery of the nursery." Said a drudgery of the nursery." Saia
restaurant keeper: "We can
get women who will get women who will superintend
the kitchen, much less wait on the
table." The
table."
The proprietor of the furnishe
rooms I occupied in Walla Wall
was one day in the washtub wash was one day in the washtub was
ing out the linen of the ing out the linen of the house. I
inquired: "Can't you get women to do the washing?" "No," wom
the answer; "I cannot get the answer; "I cannot get help
and, mueh as the business pays, I
think I will quit. It is wearing me out; making the beds, doing the chamberwork; everything myself, with the help of one boy.
I've got to quit or break down T've got to quit or break down.
"Can't you get a Chinaman? "Well, no; not one that will stay not one that will not get me
mad in a day I can't stand mad in a day I can't stand
You know that a Chunaman wit hire to do but one thing. If he a chambermaid, he won't cook, oblige one
I can't get along with them and


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