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ASTORIA, OREGON:

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English Nail Makers and Their Wretchedness.

Those who are so apt to jump at the conclusion in the abstract that machinery and invention throw manual labor out of employment, and so encourage pauperism, would do well to take a lesson from some of the industries which are carried on by hand work, and study the phases which they present. One of these pictures, which quite eclipses the "Song of the Shirt" for squalor and wretchedness, has just been drawn by Mr. Robert P. Porter, in the *Tribune*. Mr. Porter was a member of the late Tariff Commission, and is clearly a close observer of matters concerning industrial labor.

The country which Mr. Porter visited was the "Lye Waste" region in the Back Country—a district located partly in Stafford and partly in Worcester, England. In this district, situated seven miles from the great manufacturing industries of Birmingham, and distant beyond description, is to be found an army of 24,000 persons engaged in making nails and rivets by hand. A place where only wreck and ruin, squalor, filth, and wretchedness abound, it is yet peopled by some of the most industrious people in England. The work of nail and rivet making is done in little smithies attached to the hovels, which are filthy and horrible beyond description. The father, mother, and children all engage in the industry, while the wages of two parents and a daughter, say of fourteen, are barely sufficient to keep the family from starving. Mr. Porter puts it in this wise: An expert nailer, working steadily from Monday morning to Friday night, can only make two and a half bundles of iron rods into nails, for which he gets 6s. 7½d. per bundle, or for his week's work, 16s. 8d., exactly \$4. Now, his wife, by working every moment of her spare time and late into the night—neglecting the wretched little children—can make a bundle of common nails, for which she is paid 3s. 1d., and the little half starved, stunted girl of twelve, with her brown arms and steady, unerring aim, will hammer out half a bundle, 1s. 6½d. Total earnings of an industrious and hard working family, three at the forge, for the entire week:

Father.....	16s. 8d.	\$4.00
Mother.....	3s. 1d.	.74
Daughter.....	1s. 7½d.	.39

Gross earnings of family per week 21s. 4½d. \$5.13

But out of this pittance must come 3d. for carriage of iron from the "forger's" and returning the nails, 1s. for the smithy fire, 3s. for the wear of tools. Net earnings, \$4.47 cents per week—the united earnings of three industrious, sober persons.

The saddest feature of this business is that the young women should be allowed to work at the machines called "alives," heavy machines made of iron and worked with a treadle, employed in flattening the heads of the large eight-inch bolts. Hundreds of women work at these machines, and do not earn over \$1.25 per week, and this work has been done in this way for a century. The poor operatives scarcely have an additional comfort over what was obtained a hundred years ago.

The effect of such work and surroundings upon the morals of the community are what might be expected. We have no reason to believe the picture at all overdrawn which describes the young women as living most wretchedly. Not only do they marry early—several girls not over seventeen being pointed out to Mr. Porter as mothers of children two and three years of age—but the London *Standard* tells a story appalling for its wretchedness. According to that journal, "women within a few days of their confinement have been known to work in the agony of exhaustion, in order to earn a few pence at the 'hearth'—not the 'hearth' of home, but the 'hearth' of the 'forge' they have been known to return to work in a day or two after childbirth, emaciated in constitution, weak and weary for the want of simple nourishment. Their children, ragged and ill fed, have had to lead miserable

and wretched lives, with no hope before them but a life of wickedness and vice."

It goes without saying that the remedy for such a state of slavery is emigration. The United States may not be a paradise where gold grows in the streets and diamonds crystallize on trees; but it at least is a country where such squalor and wretchedness are comparatively unknown.

Pointers.

The new state mortgage law will be tested in the courts.

A member of the Baltimore school board has done the English language a service in adding a new word—"fussation." No dictionary is required to learn its meaning.

The statistics, as given by the *Detroit Free Press*, show that a California stage robber saved \$4,581 in ten months, but in nine months a Niagara hackman saved \$5,265.

Arthur Boyle, of New Mexico, claims to have discovered a Pueblo Indian at Algodones who, himself over one hundred years old, is earning his own living working at a loom over two hundred years old.

The Canadian newspapers are discussing commercial independence of England. The finance minister lately said, in an official document, that Canada ought to make her own treaties, "without interference on the part of those who do not understand her wants, and may not be very careful of her wishes."

The Rochester *Post* sets itself against the proposed reduction of two cents a gallon on whisky. "What good would it do?" asks the *Post*. "If our lawmakers want to popularize themselves they should reduce the tax on the drink and let the price per gallon remain where it is. It has come about that statesmen do not grasp the live issues of the day with sufficient comprehensiveness."

The Washington *Republican* asserts that it has information to the effect that hundreds of evil-disposed Irishmen go about in London drinking gallons of kerosene and threaten to set fire to themselves in order to destroy the city. A large organization has been discovered of Irishmen whose sole food is dynamite, and they are sworn to jump up at a signal and explode themselves in the heart of London when they light.

The Oregon Transcontinental company negotiated the sale of bonds required to build the Oregon and California line before the agreement between the two companies was made public. As yet we have heard nothing of the meeting of the stockholders which took place in Portland on the 10th inst.

NEW TO-DAY

County Treasurer's Notice.

THERE IS MONEY IN THE COUNTY Treasury to pay all County orders presented prior to August 31, 1883. All such orders will cease to draw interest after this date. CHAS. HEILBORN, Treas. Clatsop Co., April 20, 1883.

Notice.

A MEETING OF THE TAXPAYERS OF School District No. 1, Clatsop county, Oregon, is hereby called for Monday, April 23, 1883, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the school house on Main street for the purpose of levying a tax for the maintenance of the public schools in said district, and to defray the expense of erecting a new school building, if thought necessary, also to consider other matters in connection with said proposed building, and such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the Board, J. O. BOZORTH, Clerk School Dist. No. 1.

WILL LEAVE.

The Regular Tillamook Packet, A. B. FIELD, Master.

WILL LEAVE THE MAIN STREET Wharf at 6 o'clock, on

Thursday, the 24th inst.

With freight and passengers for Tillamook. C. LEINENWEBER, Agent.

To All Whom It May Concern.

ON AND AFTER THIS DATE THE Longshoremen of Astoria, in the event of any vessel loading or discharging at any point on the Columbia river from Walker's Island to the mouth of the Columbia river, shall not help to load or discharge said vessel or vessels unless Astoria Longshoremen are employed. By order of the president, PHIL CARROLL, Sec'y, Astoria, Oregon, Mar. 29th, 1883. 4 tm

Notice.

J. G. ROSS DOESN'T PROPOSE TO BE underbid by anyone. From date meals will be served in the best style procurable at the PIONEER RESTAURANT, for twenty-five cents. J. G. ROSS, Proprietor.

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Public Reading.

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eloquist Miss A. R. Lane, will give one

of her popular public readings on

Friday Evening, April 20th.

Admission Fifty cents. Children half price.

Tickets for sale at the drug stores and F

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Spring Opening.

MRS. MALCOLM HAS RETURNED

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BROKER, BANKER

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