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ONE CAUSE OF HARD TIMES.

COMMITTEES from various trades organizations throughout the country have petitioned President Cleveland to call an extra session of congress September 28th to take into consideration measures "for the relief of the industrial classes and the revival of business."

It is evident that even if the president did comply with the petition it wouldn't do any good unless it were settled where the cause of the hard times lies. There is a ridiculous idea in the minds of some people that such a thing as dull times, or scarcity of work can be helped by a legislature, state or national. The present enforced dullness is one of those things that cannot be legislated upon and have the legislation do any good. Of course congress could meet to-morrow and discuss and pass laws, but though they could hinder they could not hasten the inevitable reaction that is sure to take place in business before the year is out. It would be a good deal like praying for rain. If it did no good it certainly could do no harm.

The present stringency in the commercial world does not affect our country alone; it is universal in its area. They are worse off in England, on the continent of Europe than we are.

The principal facts appear to be that commodities of all kinds have gradually depreciated in value for the last ten years and while this has been the case with the products of labor, the price of labor itself has not fallen in nearly the same proportion. A man gets almost as much for his day's work now as he did ten years ago, and can get twice as much for it. His dollar has twice the purchasing power it had in 1875. It does look paradoxical that this should be a source of hard times, but when we reflect that the man who pays the man the dollar finds it impossible to sell his goods for enough to enable him to keep on paying him the dollar, the employe has to go, and he has not got the dollar to buy with, he the goods ever so cheap. It is this complex relation of labor, capital, production, market, supply and demand that make the matter so hard to handle, or render possible any other course than one of passive compliance with existing circumstances till they turn like the tide in obedience to an outside force.

The London Economist recently published a table showing the fall in prices of staple articles during the last ten years, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item (Coffee, Sugar, Tea, etc.) and Price (Jan. 1, 1875 vs Jan. 1, 1885)

Inquiries set on foot by Bradstreet's in sixty cities of the United States, embracing 250 reports, show the decline in wages since 1882 to be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Industry (Flour mills, Bakeries, etc.) and Average Per Cent Decline

There are secondary causes which produce a still further decline. It is to be noted in this connection that the all-pervading decline is about equal to the reduction in the value of silver by unfriendly legislation. Commodities and silver could not keep in exact relation, because the latter is subject to fluctuation. The reduction of prices in England reflects those in this country. The New York Sun recently contributed a fact which throws some light upon this intricate problem. It quoted government statistics to prove that, with the exception of copper and bituminous coal, the aggregate production of no single mineral has greatly increased from 1882 to 1884, while that of several, such as pig-iron and petroleum has diminished. "Nevertheless," proceeds the Sun, "prices fall constantly, and there is no prospect of an immediate rise." "Is it not clear," it asks, "that the low prices are due to the increase of the unit of value, and that there has been a rise in the value of gold, producing an apparent diminution in the value of everything else?" That is the point at which all in-

vestigation is bound to pause. The unfriendly legislation against silver has increased the value of gold. That increase is registered in the fall of prices. It will be admitted that this fact is sufficient to explain all the phenomena of the present so-called "hard times." Every new attack that is made on silver, judging from the past, will produce still lower prices. The proposition estimating the reduction at 20 per cent is to add 20 per cent as a starter to our debts, state and individual, to call 120 lbs of wheat a cental and 43 1-5 inches a yard of cloth, for the benefit of those who own gold in large quantities. There is a party now in the country marshalled by the national banks, which from a short-sighted and selfish view of finances proposes to still further aggravate "hard times" by suspending the coinage of silver dollars and running gold up to a greater altitude.

One of the causes of "hard times" is the inability to pay the wages formerly allowed by reason of the fall in prices which, according to the above facts, appears to have been caused by war on silver, which has operated to increase the value of gold thus rapidly becoming the sole unit of value.

A New York dispatch of the 17th says: Much interest is manifested in the report that Villard will once more assume a prominent position in the management of the affairs of the Northern Pacific. That the Rock Island is about to obtain control of the Northern Pacific is generally believed in railroad circles. It is known that New York capitalists largely interested in Rock Island have lately secured large amounts of stock in the Northern Pacific and Oregon and Transcontinental Co's. It is stated that Vanderbilt has been hobnobbing with the Wright party to secure an interest in the Northern Pacific for the benefit of the Northwestern. The Rock Island people have managed to join hands with the Villard and Billings parties, who have been strongly opposed to the Wright management. The annual meeting of the Northern Pacific will be held in September, and it is the general opinion that there will be a complete change in the management. It is stated that the condition upon which the Rock Island secured the co-operation of the Villard and Billings interests is that Mr. Henry Villard is again to be president of the road. Mr. Villard's mission abroad is said to have been to secure the proxies of the German stockholders, and he is now en route home, and together with Mr. Billings and the Rock Island people, he expects to be able to put himself again at the head.

The full text of the decision of Judge Crease, of the supreme court of British Columbia, in the Hibbs extradition case, has been received at the postoffice department. In his preamble Judge Crease said: "It is a case of considerable importance, because the complaint is for an offense which has no exact parallel in the history of extradition cases, and because of the danger that would arise from repetition, should it not prove to be an extradition offense. That will be easily understood when it is considered that there are some 15,000 postmasters who have the same facilities as the prisoner in the United States, and if one such can with impunity unblushingly confess to having abused his trust by embezzling \$10,000 in three days, and then avoid all punishment by merely skipping across an imaginary boundary line, it is easy to understand the mischief such an example to even a few of that great army of postmasters might do."

HUGH LARKIN, the commissioner of statistics of Ohio, has been investigating the cost of maintaining the families of mechanics in that state, and finds that it is less than the cost of maintaining prisoners in the county jails, being 32.45 cents per capita a day for the former, and about 55 cents a day for the latter.

THE expenditure of Europe in armaments amounted last year to £183,519,997. Russia is first with a total of more than £46,000,000, France is second with more than £33,500,000, Great Britain third with nearly £31,500,000, and Germany fourth with over £22,500,000.

THE New York World is a good example of American newspaper enterprise. It runs a special train to Boston and delivers the World to Bostonians at seven o'clock in the morning—229 miles from the office of publication.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN pursuance of an order of the United States Circuit Court for the District of Oregon the undersigned is prepared to refund, on a surrender of contracts (printed in green color) the amounts paid to the Oregon and California Railroad Company for land lying within the limits of the forfeited portion of the Oregon Central grant, generally known as the grant for the line from Forest Grove to Astoria) that is, lands situated beyond a distance of twenty-five miles from the track of the completed railroad line from Portland to McMinnville.

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ISAAC BERGMAN,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE Stockholders of the White Star Packing Company, that the annual meeting of said company will be held at the company's office in Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, on Saturday the 22nd day of August, 1885, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting.
OLUF W. FEDEISEN,
President.
Attest: A. T. BRAKKE, Secretary, Upper Astoria, August 7th, 1885.
Stockholders Meeting.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Old Fellows Land and Building association in the lodge room of Beaver Lodge No. 33, I. O. O. F., on Monday, August 24th, 1885, at two P. M. A full attendance is requested.
A. J. MEGLEE,
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Astoria, Oregon, July 22, 1885.

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