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Many Men in Idleness.

Laborers in possession of jobs are in luck these days, even at reduced wages, because many are loafing the streets in quest of work, and every call for men is answered by more than there is room for. Price of labor has fallen about 25 per cent in six weeks, reaching \$2 a day for American hands and \$1.50 for foreign. On the Mt. Hood Railway teamsters are working for \$2 and laborers for \$1.50. Last summer and in the early autumn wages of laborers, including farm hands, were \$2.50 to \$3, and jobs were begging for fillers. Suspension of railroad work, decline of building, lumbering and logging and release of many hands on the farm are the main causes of the labor surfeit.

Continuance of these conditions is expected to turn many hands to clearing land, which has almost been suspended of late years, and to cutting cordwood. The Willamette Valley contains large areas of stump and underbrush land, which farmers have been unable to clear for cultivation, owing to the high cost of the work—\$75 to \$150 an acre. The case was cited yesterday of a man who last summer refused to clear land for \$75 an acre, and last week offered to take the contract for \$60, but the owner has decided to wait until the price goes down to \$50.

The reason for the high price of cordwood is the small cut made last summer, owing to high prices and scarcity of labor. The country around Portland contains a vast quantity of timber fit for cordwood, and many a household has been unable to buy the cut product, owing to its excessive price of \$6 and \$7 a cord.

The lowest price yet offered for laborers is 15 cents an hour—this for foreigners—making about \$1.50 a day. So-called American laborers—a higher grade—are offered \$1.75 and \$2 a day. These wages were formerly \$2.50 and \$3. Farm hands, who were paid \$50 a month, are offered \$20 and \$25 a month. Laborers in logging camps are receiving \$2, whereas they were receiving \$2.50. Other wages in logging camps range from \$2.50 to \$2.75 for fallers and \$3 to \$4 for hook tenders.

The idle throngs frequent chiefly the district around Second and Burnside streets. Though the men are more numerous than for many years, they are spending little money, say keepers of the North End resorts. The amusement halls of Erickson's and Blazier's are packed with the idle humanity for each performance, and at the end of an entertainment in the one place the throng floods across the street to attend that in the other.

Many of the idle men are transients; in fact, there seem fewer in the city than a week ago. Large numbers are beating their way southward for a milder climate. The northern cities are regarded as inhospitable resorts during the wet winter. Towns along the route of the Southern Pacific are much troubled by the travelers, and their marshals are kept busy running out the vagrants.—Portland Oregonian.

Curled and warped shingles on roofs of suburban and country houses are a common, but not a pleasing sight in parts of the country where buildings are covered with wood. Shingles warp and curl because after a wetting—and they get many—the upper side dries first. In a few years the roof leaks, decays, and must come off. Many years ago farmers made what they called their "everlasting" roofs of white pine, cedar and black walnut shingles, free from sap, rived with a frow, and shaved with a drawing knife. Such shingles cannot now be had, for the straight grained timber necessary for their manufacture is scarce and very expensive.

Formerly good wood was plentiful and shingles cheap. It costs more to replace a leaky roof now, and earnest search has been made for ways to check the warping and decay of shingles, and make the roof last longer.

The Forest Service has studied the shingle problem along with that of the preservation of farm timber. It is found that shingles treated with creosote by a special process which the service has in-

vented warp but little and decay slowly because water is kept out of the tissues of the wood. One such roof will outlast two or three left in the natural state to curl, spring leaks and fall to pieces. The creosote used is nothing more than dead oil of coal tar, but it keeps water from entering the pores of the wood and renders it immune to decay for a long time. A roof of that kind costs a little more at first, but it is cheaper in the long run. Woods which are usually classed as inferior, such as loblolly pine, beech, sycamore and others which are quick-decaying readily take the preservative treatment and are given a largely increased value.

The preserving apparatus is neither expensive nor hard to operate. One such outfit will serve several farmers. The main items are an iron tank (an old engine boiler will do) with preservative fluid in it and a fire under it and another of cold preservative. The shingles or other woods to be treated are immersed for a sufficient time in the hot creosote and then in the cold. Full details of the operation are given to applicants for information by the Forest Service at Washington.

Shingles are one of the most important lumber products in this country. Last year nearly twelve billions were made. Even this enormous number was a heavy falling off from the total of the year before. It is a significant fact that the chief source of shingle supply is now the forests of the far northwest, from which shingles are brought even to New York. The eastern sources of supply are not able to meet the eastern demand. It is therefore fortunate that shingles are so easily given a preservative treatment by which their life is lengthened.

Many handsome residences in all parts of the country have their sides and gables covered with shingles. This architectural use often calls for staining or painting in harmonious colors. Such coloring is less frequently seen on roofs, where it does not last long, because rain washes it off.

The Forest Service has been experimenting in this field, also, and has found that stains may be carried into the shingles along with the preservatives by the new process. The coloring matter is mixed with the creosote, reaches every fiber which the creosote touches, and lasts as long as the creosote lasts—and that is a long time. Such a stain does not easily weather out, whether on walls, gables or roof. It is expected to prove much superior to the old way of staining or painting the surface only.

Loafers, Unfed and Chilly.

Portland Oregonian. Gaunt winter follows the sleepy summer, to behold a host of erstwhile idlers, unroofed, unfed and but half clad, infesting the places of thrift, begging of its bounty and sometimes seizing of its store. Tales of the summer loafers, who are now hungry and cold, come from Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and other towns along the railroad highways of the gentry, telling of their flight southward with the swallows. A Eugene paper tells of them:

Their begging is a nuisance, and they are even going further. The story is told on the streets that there have been five hold-ups between here and Springfield in the past week or ten days. From Cottage Grove comes a similar story. At that place an effort is being made to increase the night police force, as the "travelers" are getting saucy.

But two months ago these men could have earned \$2.75 and \$3 a day. Farmers, lumbermen, builders and all employers of hand labor were seeking their help, unable to get it at those wages. Sometimes the idlers were employed, but dawdled for the most part and were pert and saucy when asked to speed their languid strokes. Employers found that such men frequently did about half as much work at \$3 a day as they used to do at \$1.50. The men received high wages for poor service. They took a large part of the money store of the country, frittered it away on wasteful things, and, with the frenzied financiers, did their part in stretching the money medium to the limit. The country could not endure this waste any more than that of Wall street gambling. The frequent prophecy of the employer, "Something has got to happen," has come true.

Now the loafers are following

the railroad tracks southward. Few of them, however, will leave us. They will prey on the country all winter, railing against the capitalist system that has enslaved them and denied them their "per capita" of the world's fruits. It will do them good to hunger and shiver for a while, for next summer they will be more provident. A grasshopper once in the summer time laughed at the toiling ant and went on singing. But when the cold came he approached the ant and begged for food, only to receive the chilly answer: "since you sang all summer, you may dance all winter."

There is work yet waiting for many a man in the country, if he is industrious and sober. The loafers need not dance all winter, if they will convince the farmers that they will work.

One-tenth of the earth's surface is unexplored.

The vocabulary of the average person is 700 words.

Paris has seven free eating houses for poor mothers.

Italy has more convicts per capita than any other country.

Of all the songs published one in ninety-five attains popularity.

As things look now, observes the Philadelphia Inquirer, a few years more will find us reckoning the trans-atlantic voyage in hours instead of days.

A man in Wisconsin was shot in mistake by a neighbor, who took him for a rabbit. Evidently, nature study is too much neglected in the schools of that state.

The Rev. Mr. McPherson's observation that "sin is merely virtue in the wrong place" is suggestive of the ancient truth that "dust is nothing but mud with the juice squeezed out."

Luther Burbank has now succeeded in producing a tree that bears seventy-three different kinds of apples. Since the days of Adam, says the Baltimore American, the apple tree seems to have a fascination for men of the experimental frame of mind.

A West Virginia man had his hopes of happiness blasted by the ghost of the former husband of the lady he was to marry appearing to her and warning her against another matrimonial venture just before the knot was tied. This was, indeed, a mean-spirited interference.

Flower pots and fruit trees, roses and shrubbery for sale at the Hillsboro Plant and Flower Garden.

GOING HOME.

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chikan. The returning delegates went ashore to hold a big meeting in that town whereat John W. Corson made a homerule speech to nearly 500 persons, including all the school children of the town. Stores closed for the meeting and the Hawaiian girls sang several songs as a feature of the meeting. Captain Nord, of the Jefferson, was in a hurry to reach Metlakatla before dark and he attempted to pull away from Ketchikan before half of the party returned. But for the intercession of John W. Corson, Nord would have taken the Jefferson out with all but one of the Hawaiian girls and a number of passengers still ashore.

Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered is ill and it is probable the Hawaiian girls will be detained in Seattle until the middle of next week. Mrs. Weathered is suffering from the effects of a severe fall in Juneau and nervous exhaustion. While her condition is not serious, it is impracticable for the chaperone to start home with her charges in her present condition. It may be the girls will miss their trip to Victoria and Vancouver, but Mrs. Weathered will make every effort to get up in time for that journey. The entire party is at the Butler Annex.

The Hawaiian girls, who were in Seattle last Sunday and Monday, visited the steamship Minnesota, made a tour of inspection and had a great time. They left Tuesday for San Francisco from which point they will embark for their island home in Honolulu. Mrs. Weathered, who had been quite ill, was much improved and is helping the girls have a good time.

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A peculiar run of Indian names is recorded by the Indian School Journal in the case of a woman whose name was Mollie Panther. She first married Mr. Coon and next a gentleman named Fox, and after his demise wedded Mr. Mule. When Mule died she became Mrs. Wolf, then Mrs. Tiger, and wound up the list by marrying Mr. Hogg. Some enterprising man ought to get hold of her and start a menagerie.

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Wherever the tramp of British cavalry is heard there will be found the imprint of American horse-shoes. This is because an American manufacturer has lately secured a contract to supply 100,000 sets for use in the British army. The secretary for war has explained that he made the agreement with an American because he could get better shoes at a lower price than the English manufacturers were willing to supply when bids, or as the English say, tenders, were solicited. Here is one Englishman, at least, who is free from prejudice.

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