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the country comes the declaration that while apparent
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quarter before seems now to be the lot of all-the prices
of everything being up-real progress in the development of the section is handicapped. For instance, during the
past week a certain timber man has advertised for a crew of 100 men , and to date not one has applied. The Pacific \&. Eastern has not as yet ever had all the laborers needed.
The very prosperity of the northwest accounts for this condition. All the labor that presents itself is quickly
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others, and he loses no time in entering upon some independent means of making a living. He frequently indeed becomes an employer himself.

The story that the northwest has to tell in this respect differs only slightly from the story of the middle west The fact is, the whole country is looking and even clam
oring for willing, competent labor. If labor lies unemployed in New York city and other great centers of population it is because it is removed from the employment that eagerly a waits it. Very successful efforts are now
being put forth with the view of bringing together the worker and the work. That these efforts are not always
successful is due in part to the fact that the class of labor that is idle in the great cities is not the labor that is needed in the west, and in part to the other fact that large numbers of people in all great cities cling to occupations that
are declining or to trades that are chronically oversupplied
with with help.
The work of distributing labor should be continued.
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