

One Version of Hard Times.

It is very evident that the moneyed men of the country have pulled up on their purse strings; the scarcity of money this fall shows this beyond a doubt. This occurs every four years, just before a presidential election. Why is it? The question is easily answered. Moneyed men are not going to risk their money out until they know what kind of an administration the people—the voters—are going to give them. They have assured the people that if they would give them a republican government they would let go of their money; they have assured the people of this fact by the fulfillment of former promises. In former years, immediately preceding a presidential election, they have told the voter, "you give me a republican president and I will let you have my money." These promises were fulfilled, will they not be this time? Why do they do this? Simply because they know that under a republican administration and protection they can prosper. They know by experience that under democratic rule no man can prosper. The man who has money enough to tide over four years of democratic rule is going to hoard up his profits from a republican administration and live from it until an opportunity is offered for profitable investment under more favorable conditions, and the man who has not enough is going to suffer until he sees to it that a change of conditions are brought about at the polls.

Can the man with money be blamed for this? Would you not do the same thing? Put yourself in his place.

The following clipped from the S. F. Chronicle goes to show that times will be hard and work scarce until after election:

CHICAGO, August 29.—Pullman will be an idle town after September 1st. The great shops of the Pullman Company are to shut down on that date, and thousands of men employed in the various departments of the car-building corporation will be without work. Thirty thousand people at Pullman and in the surrounding towns will be affected and it may be that work will not be resumed until after the Presidential election.

When the Pullman Company is working on full time 7000 people are employed. During the last few months, owing to the lack of new orders, men have been laid off, 300 and 400 at a time, until now the force does not aggregate more than 2000. These men have been engaged in finishing the cars already under way, and when these are ready for the rails the shops will be closed and the great plant will be idle.

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The crew of the Lena, the Russian war ship which was dismantled at the Mare Island Navy Yards, was paroled, and permitted to go about the city at their will, but were not allowed to go beyond the city limits until the close of the war between Russia and Japan, unless upon agreement between those two nations, which would relieve the United States of all responsibility.

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