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A TIMELY ESSAY.

POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ITS MISSION.

In no country do we find the truth of this fact more obviously borne out, than in England, where industrialism has reached its maximum development. For in this Commercial Emporium of the world, statistics show that twenty per cent of the population is in abject misery. As the ordinary individual gazes upon the magnificent results of modern industry in our great cities, it very seldom dawns upon him that these productions are often the occasion of untold miseries, ay—of the slavery of millions of poor people.

labor for day after day, and year after year, makes man a mere machine, and he becomes so proficient in his occupation, that it requires no mental exertion whatever. The evils which will inevitably arise from this continual disuse of the rational faculties of the working class can be easily imagined, and no other explanation is necessary to account for the awful outrages of socialism that have been perpetrated in the great manufacturing countries of the world.

The hours of labor might also be shortened, and thus the workman would have more leisure time at home amidst family joys, during which he could cultivate his intellectual faculties. Operatives should not have to work more than ten hours a day at any kind of labor, and even nine hours is thought sufficient by economists.

The fact is evident when we compare England with Russia, the one, the foremost industrial country in Europe, the other the most backward. In England employees work on an average about fifty-six and one half hours per week, while in Russia they labor eighty hours per week, and yet no one will say that Russia is the richer for it.

Another grave difficulty which arises from the division of labor carried to such extremes as we witness at the present day, is that it makes slaves of the workmen; in as much as they are unable to make an entire article by themselves, but can only perform a certain part of the work required for the product.

These are only a few of the inconveniences arising from the division of labor, as carried on at the present time; but still greater inconveniences arise from the indiscriminate introduction of machinery. The number of hands that are required is greatly decreased by the use of machinery, where but a few years ago handicraft alone was employed; and thus thousands of men are thrown out of work, with the deplorable consequence that their families come to the very brink of starvation.

through want of exertion, the nobler instincts debased, and the keenness of perception destroyed. In fine, the life of a workman becomes a burden to him; the few sparks of ambition that may have glowed within his bosom are slowly extinguished, never more to rekindle, and from a rational being, endowed with the noblest faculties, he becomes a mere machine.

The dreadful evils which arise from Sunday labor demand redress, and it is justly contended that the State should interfere, and erase forever one of the darkest blot upon our modern civilization. Thus, it is evident that political economy has a vast deal of wrongs against society to shoulder, a vast deal of human misery to answer for.

He is not dictated to as of old, but rather takes a share himself in the dictating. It is not exaggerating in the least to say that political economy has accomplished far more good than it has caused evil.

IRISH NEWS ITEMS. Mrs. Margaret Crawley, of Jonesborough, died on Jan. 17, in her 104th year. Joseph Vaughan, for twenty-eight years clerk of the Athlone Union, has resigned.

After the lapse of a month the street preachers made their appearance in Sligo on Sunday, Jan. 19, and the proselytizers succeeded in creating a big disturbance as usual.

Notices of impending evictions at the suit of Arthur Blennerhasset, of Tralee, against Margaret and Thomas Egar, and Daniel Murphy who live near Killorglin, have been served.

The election of two members of the City Council of Limerick for the Castle and Custom House wards took place on Jan. 22. W. O'Connell was chosen for the former, and Daniel Nelson for the latter ward.

constabulary that the county is in a very satisfactory state; therefore I am justified in congratulating you on the state of the county.

Thomas Pim, Sr., of Dublin, senior partner of the firm of Pim Brothers, died recently. He was eighty-one years of age. He was a Liberal in politics.

The election to fill the seat in the House of Commons for the North Belfast, made vacant by the death of Sir Edward James Harland, Bart., Conservative, has resulted in the return of Sir James Haslett, the Conservative candidate, over Adam Turner, Independent.

A meeting of the Armagh Catholic Local Board of Education was held on Jan. 13. Cardinal Logue was appointed chairman, Mr. Wm. Gallagher, solicitor, vice-chairman, and Patrick Lavry, solicitor, secretary to the board.

ON A BICYCLE TOUR. A CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCE WITH LONG, HARD RIDING.

HAS TRAVELLED FULLY 3,000 MILES ON HIS WHEEL—HE MAKES SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE BENEFITS OF THE SPORT, AND TELLS OF THE DANGERS.

The Rev. Wm. P. Ferguson, Presbyterian Minister at Whitesboro, whose picture we give below, will not be unfamiliar by sight to many readers. A young man, he has still had an extended experience as foreign missionary, teacher, editor, lecturer and pastor that has given him a wide acquaintance in many parts of the country.



"After a delightful sail through the Thousand Islands, I stepped on shore in that quaint old city of Kingston. A shower had fallen and the streets were damp, so that wisdom would have dictated that I, leg-weary as I was, should have kept in doors, but so anxious was I to see the old city that I kept the whole evening in the streets.

"Five o'clock the next morning brought a very unwelcome discovery. I was lame in both ankles and knees. The head wind and the damp streets had proved an unfortunate combination. I gave, however, little thought to it, supposing it would wear off in a few hours, and the first flush of sunlight saw me speeding out the splendid road that leads toward Napanee.

"Night overtook me at a little village near Port Hope, but found me still lame. I rested the next day, and the next, but it was too late; the mischief was done. I made a good many miles during the rest of the season, but never a day and seldom a mile without pain.

greatly benefited by the use of Pink Pills, and knowing her as I did I had no doubt of the truth of the statement that she had authorized.

The first box was not gone before I saw a change, and the third had not been finished before all signs of my rheumatic troubles were gone to stay.

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LATEST MARKET REPORTS. LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, February 17.—The market was a shade firmer for cattle, but prices show no material change from a week ago, while, on the other hand, values for sheep were weak and 3c to 1c per lb lower, at 10c to 11c. Best States cattle, 10c, and Argentines, 9c.

MONTREAL, February 17.—Business in live stock circles at present is very quiet, there being nothing doing on spot in an export way, the bulk of the cattle going forward by way of St. John, N.B., being bought in the country and shipped direct.

The offerings of live stock at the East End Abattoir, on Thursday, were 450 cattle, 18 sheep and 15 calves. Owing to the extreme cold weather, and the fact that butchers generally laid in good supplies last Thursday, the attendance of buyers to-day was small, and, in consequence, the demand was limited, and trade, on the whole, slow.

At the Point St. Charles Live Stock Market trade was dull in cattle and sheep, there being no sales made. The receipts of hogs were larger and the feeling was weaker, prices declining 3c to 1c per lb. The demand was fair and sales were made at 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c per lb.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

Butchers' Cattle—Notwithstanding that the offerings were light to-day there were cattle left unsold at the close. Good butchers' cattle are in fair demand, but poor and common are practically not wanted at any price.

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Kneip's Water Cure Institution. 8 Milwaukee, Wis., July, '94. I deem it my duty to state the following: I had suffered very much from vomiting several months.

30 Years Headache. Milwaukee, Wis., May, '94. During a fire, about 30 years ago, I fell into a cellar, full of water. As it was in the winter, my clothing froze on my body after I got out.

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two picked head touched 3 1/2c per lb., but the ruling figures were from 3c to 3 1/4c per lb for the best cattle. Good fancy cattle are really scarce. Plenty of cattle, which were calculated to be worth 3 1/2c per lb. had to be sold for 3c per lb.

Stockers and Feeders—A load of light stockers was made up to-day by one dealer, the prices paid ranging from 2c to 2 1/2c per lb. Another dealer is buying good feeders, for which he is paying mostly 3c per lb. Those averaging from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. fetch from 3c to 3 1/2c per lb. Some good ones are wanted.

CHICAGO, February 17.—Cattle firm; common to extra steers, \$3.25 to \$4.05; stockers and feeders, \$2.60 to \$3.90; cows and bulls, \$1.75 to \$3.50 calves, \$3.50 to \$6.50; Texans, \$2.35 to \$4.10. Hogs—Weak and lower; heavy packing and shipping lots, \$3.95 to \$4.17; common to choice mixed, \$3.90 to \$4.23; choice assorted, \$4.20 to \$4.25; light, \$3.25 to \$4.25; pigs, \$3.20 to \$4.20. Sheep—Steady for choice, weak and lower for others; inferior to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.65; lambs, \$3.25 to \$4.65.