

IT WOULD BE OUR RUIN

Free Trade Means Competition With the Orient.

FACTORY HANDS, 10 CENTS A DAY.

They Could Supply the World—Evils of Cheap Money—The Butchery of Christians.

The note of warning sounded by students of the Oriental problem as to the coming industrial conflict between the Orient and Occident has been taken up by L. R. J. Hunt, who has spent the greater part of the last nine months in Japan and China. Mr. Hunt arrived in Seattle last Friday from New York, and left yesterday for that city. He will be in Seattle again in about three weeks, and will then leave again for China. Mr. Hunt is convinced that Japan and China will in a few years be able to produce the cheap labor of the whole world, and that the opportunity is presented, will defy competition. It is evident that Mr. Hunt will allow himself to be interviewed, but that he will be in Chicago a week ago he gave the Times-Herald of that city an interview on this question that was considered of such importance that the paper occupied the leading position on the first page of that paper.

Free Trade Means Ruin to America.

Mr. Hunt declares that no American can afford to view with complacency the effect of Oriental cheap labor on the markets of the United States, and that any free trader who goes to China or Japan will return an ardent protectionist. He said: "From 5 to 10 cents a day—these are the wages paid to operatives in Chinese cotton mills. The industries of the United States need protection not from Europe, but from the Orient. Should the ports of this country be thrown open free to the Oriental manufacturer, the producer of raw materials would suffer alike with the American manufacturer. Free trade with China and Japan would be ruinous to the United States, and anyone who has watched the growth of industries in the Orient will soon learn that there is more to fear from the latter than from all the countries in the Old World. Take the most radical free trader of this country and let him make a careful study of the industrial conditions of China and Japan. If he is a fair-minded man and has the greatness of character to admit a mistake once convinced, he will place the welfare of his countrymen above and beyond the question of party, you can rest assured that he will return to the land of the Stars and Stripes a protectionist. "I am not disposed to criticize the policy of our government in excluding Chinese labor, but why should that policy be broadened and the Japanese allowed to enter our markets? The American laborer will find that Asiatic labor in its native home will be a far more dangerous rival than Asiatic labor transferred to the United States ever could be. The national policy ever becomes one that admits Oriental goods free. Either China or Japan can today ship cotton from Liverpool, manufacture it into fabric, and ship the manufactured goods back to Manchester, the home of the spindle, and underbid the Englishmen in competition for American trade. "The only reason why Chinese and Japanese are today large buyers of English and American piece goods is because they only learned to manufacture a few years ago and have not yet the spindle capacity for their home demands. I advise political economists in their theorizing, however, to consider the development that will take place in China and Japan in the immediate future, as no nation in the world is so rapidly advancing as these two nations. Shanghai, China, which is the New York of the Orient, will become, under the new treaty, one of the greatest manufacturing centers in existence.

Ten Cents for Twelve Hours' Work.

"It will become more so if this country should adopt a free trade policy, thus making it necessary for our manufacturers to move their mills to the home of cheap labor, where millions of industrious people are ready and anxious to work twelve hours a day for a scale of wages ranging from 10 to 20 cents in silver, which means 10 to 20 cents a day in our good American money. And in your recent article you do not lose sight of the fact, too, that China is one of the most productive countries in the world, and that in furnishing raw materials for the advance of American industry it will make the producer of raw materials in the United States suffer alike with the manufacturer.

TEACHERS ARE CONGREGATING.

First Session of State Association Today—Many Already Here. The first session of the Washington State Teachers' Association will be held this evening at the state university building, Fourth and Seneca streets. Already a large number of teachers are here, who came early for the purpose of attending the meeting of the educational council, which held its first session last evening, and will continue its sessions at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. today.

Strongly Advised to Buy.

Mr. Perry was asked for his opinion on the wheat market, and whether he would advise very closely that according to the firm's opinion that now was the time to buy; wheat couldn't go much lower than it is; it had been going down for some time, and would undoubtedly begin to climb towards the 70 mark very soon.

How Bucket Shops Are Run.

"Well," said Mr. Perry, "the difference between doing business on the Board of Trade and a bucket shop is this: A bucket shop operator does business on the board simply his commission out of it. Of course, I might be running a bucket shop here, if I wanted to carry the deals myself."

Death of Mrs. Howe of Sidney.

Mrs. Emma Howe, wife of W. G. Howe, a prominent merchant of Sidney, died suddenly at her home yesterday morning from bowel and liver trouble. Mrs. Howe was a very estimable woman, and highly respected in her community. She was 60 years of age and had five children. The body will be embalmed by Bonney & Stewart and sent to Philadelphia.

Alleged Attorney Acted Entirely Without Authority.

V. Quimby, who was alternate engineer with Neal McKinley, killed in the wreck near Richmond Beach Sunday night, called at the Post-Intelligencer office last evening and stated that A. D. Warner acted entirely upon his own responsibility in endeavoring to commence a damage suit against the Great Northern.

Big Transfer of Real Estate.

Among the real estate transfers of yesterday, as recorded at the county auditor's office, is a \$50,000 deed from J. F. McNaught to James McNaught, conveying tracts in South Seattle, including lots in

THE MODERN LABOR-SAVING METHOD OF COOKING IS TO USE

A Gas Stove

IT IS NEAT, CONVENIENT AND ECONOMICAL.

THE DAILY POST-INTELLIGENCER IS NOW ON SALE IN PORTLAND, OR., AT RICH BROS., 24 MORRISON STREET, AND PORTLAND HOTEL NEWS STAND.

C. Thalheimer, of Samas, had three cows killed by the Lake Shore train Wednesday, making four a very strange occurrence in this way this year.

"Mikado" tonight, Madison Park.

"Pet Cigarettes" are again on sale by all progressive dealers.

Frederick, Nelson & Munro, Complete House Furnishers.

1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223 SECOND ST.

It Is None too Soon To commence laying in your supply of fuel. If you order GILMAN COAL You will have the best coal on the market and save money by doing so.

BONNEY & STEWART, Undertakers, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223 Second St., Seattle, Wash. Telephone No. 12.

PLEASE TO SPECULATE.

Sort of Bucket Shop Running in Seattle.

BLAND OPERATOR'S ADVICE.

He Admits in His Letters That It Is Mostly "Outgo" With His Customers, but Advises Buying.

If a person wanted to speculate in wheat, options he would not be obliged to open 500 miles to Seattle. In fact, he can be accommodated right here in the city. There is a concern here known as the "Seattle Grain and Stock Exchange," with offices in rooms 22 and 30 Sullivan building, Front street, which will give you one opportunity to invest as much money in "margins" on wheat as he chooses to put up, and continue to do so as long as the operator's nerve holds out against chances that are at least ten to one against him. As M. F. Perry, the secretary of the company, says in a letter written to R. W. Clark, of Chicago, 27 Rialto building, Chicago, "It is mostly outgo with our customers, and but little income."

The letter from Mr. Perry to R. W. Clark & Co. was sent by the firm to W. T. Baker, president of the Chicago board of trade. That gentleman sent it to a gentleman here, who handed it to the Post-Intelligencer. A very good idea of the business of the Seattle grain and stock exchange may be gotten from the letter, which follows. The words "George S. Holmes, president," were printed on the right hand corner of the letter, but had been crossed out.

LAND OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Seattle and San Francisco Capital Unite to Engage in a New Industry—The Capital Secured.

TO GRIND SKAGIT OATS

Company Formed to Establish an Oatmeal Mill.

THE THIRD IN THE COUNTRY.

An oatmeal and cereal mill with the latest appliances for the grinding of every kind of cereal, except wheat flour, is the next large enterprise to be started in this city. The Seattle Cereal Company has been organized and incorporated within the past few days, and its object is to build and operate a mill of that description here and to expend in the construction and equipment upwards of \$100,000. From ten to twenty men will be employed in operating it.

Which Would You Rather Buy?

There's no Harm

In knowing where you see the very best and most suitable

School or Sunday Suits.

From \$1 and Upwards

Boys' Caps from 15c and upwards.

Boys' Silk Wrist Ties, 5c and upwards.

Boys' Strong School Shoes, 75c and upwards. Hosiery and Underwear cheap at the Creditors' Sale of Bankrupt Stock.

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