

THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRIES.

Some facts of interest taken from an address recently delivered before the students of the University of Pennsylvania by A. E. Outerbridge, jr.

The existing condition and future prospects of manufacturing industries in this country are of an interesting character...

These statistics show that exports of American manufactures are increasing year by year, thus proving that we are now successfully competing in the markets of the world with the manufactured products of cheaper labor in foreign countries.

It has heretofore been maintained—and indeed, is still contended—by many manufacturers, that the relatively high wages paid to skilled labor in America, as compared with wages in European countries, preclude the possibility of successful competition.

It has been contended that freight rates on all heavy manufactured articles would surely always prove a prohibitive handicap. Facts again disprove theories.

Formerly it was customary to estimate approximately the cost of a locomotive at \$1,000 per ton weight. This an engine weighing 40,000 pounds would cost about \$40,000. Today a first-class locomotive, weighing about 130,000 pounds, costs about \$8,000, or less than 64 cents per pound.

This plan will also make it the self-interest of every wealthy person to see that the wealth of the country will be constantly on the increase, or the rate of interest will be lowered and his income reduced.

By this plan the government will have the actual business of banking to bank-ers, but will compel even bankers to do business for the people's interest.

has made an interesting, almost startling, discovery of the value of the piece work system of remuneration in its shops at Altoona, as compared with the "day's work" plan formerly in vogue.

By day's work, three days to build it in box cars. This work is now done in fifteen hours. The piece work on a locomotive formerly cost \$127, and now costs \$32.

In conclusion, I may repeat what I have said on a former occasion that the introduction of labor-saving machinery is not an enemy, but a friend to the worker.

The Plan Proposed by a Luzerne County Man for Pulling Prosperity Out of the Fire.

We publish, by request, the provisions of the new currency bill introduced in the last congress by Representative Leisinger, of Luzerne county, to oblige a constituent:

After the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the treasury department to prepare immediately a series of bonds, not to exceed in amount the sum of \$500,000,000.

Section 2—No state, county or city shall be allowed to borrow over 50 per cent of its taxable valuation of wealth. If the debt of any state, county or city shall be above 50 per cent of its taxable wealth, the loan from the treasury must be secured by first mortgage bonds.

Section 3—It shall be the duty of the treasury to issue first mortgage bonds, in form of twenty minute, NORTH STAR bonds.

Section 4—The treasury department shall issue three dollars of this class of certificates of deposit for every two dollars of bonds deposited with it, not to exceed 50 cents of the principal value of the bonds.

Section 5—That any bank, society or person, having in possession bonds of states, counties and cities, issued in harmony with this act, may deposit them in the treasury, and receive the full face value of the bonds in money as provided.

Section 6—The treasury department shall, upon application, and deliver the money free of cost to the borrower.

Section 7—The bonds may be redeemed in any legal tender money of the United States, and at any time after one year of the issue, and it shall be the duty of the treasury to withdraw from circulation three-fourths of the bonds so deposited.

The author of this plan is H. W. Evans, of Plainville, Luzerne county, and he submits the following reasons for its adoption:

It is the only way offered to make our paper money a certificate of labor stored; to benefit the whole people. Taxpayers' wealth is a security, and strength to all the people.

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Another reason in favor of this paper money based on bonds, will be the unlimited supply, which will defend the business of the country from money panics, and gold scares. The gold may go to Europe, but our states, counties and cities will remain as reserve security, because our paper money will fall all over the world a chance to test the merits of credit money based on credit, supplied on the same conditions with metallic money.

A WOMAN ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE. The woman suffragists do not get much

Alleviating



encouragement from Mary Elliott Sewell, who, in a letter to the Boston Transcript, makes public an argument against the granting of the voting privilege to women.

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