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THE BUSY FACTORIES

GRATIFYING EXHIBIT OF STATISTICS
AS TO IMPORTS.

Increasing Quantities of Manufacturers' Materials an Important Feature of Our Foreign Trade, Whereby Additional Employment is Assured.

The bureau of statistics' records for January of this year show that manufacturers' materials formed one-half of our total imports during that month and about 46 per cent of the imports for the seven months ended January. That is a very gratifying result in view of our continually increasing imports, and the necessity of which exists for the American wage earner to be kept busy.

The January proportion of manufacturers' materials was largely in excess of that of January, 1904. The figures were \$49,500,000 against \$37,000,000, an increase of \$12,500,000 in a single month, or one-third more. What that one-third means to the American wage earners their weekly pay envelopes can best tell.

For the seven months ended January, 1904, manufacturers' materials formed \$236,700,000 of our \$626,000,000 imports against \$254,000,000 of \$565,000,000 in the same months of 1902, an increase of \$2,700,000, or more than half \$4,000,000 increase in the total. This result is in every way comforting, as the busy American factory means the busy everything else.

Tariff revisionists should take note of the fact that of the \$286,700,000 manufacturers' materials imported in the seven months of this fiscal year no less a proportion than \$196,000,000 worth entered free of duty.

By manufacturers' materials is meant two classes—viz, "articles in a crude condition ready for manufacturing" and "articles wholly or partially manufactured, for use in manufacturing." The increases referred to are almost entirely in the first class. That is still better for the wage earners and all concerned.

It is interesting to note the stages by which materials for manufacturing have increasingly entered into our imports generally. These stages by fiscal years are 1820, 16.6 per cent; 1850, 28.2 per cent; 1880, 34 per cent; 1900, 45 per cent; 1905 (seven months), 45.8 per cent, and in the single month of January, 1905, 50.1 per cent.

There is another and equally gratifying side to the story—the increasing entrance of exported manufactures into our general exports. Shipments of manufactures in January, 1905, amounted to \$40,513,000, or 33.37 per cent of the total exports for the month. This eminently desirable proportion has been reached by the following fiscal year stages: 1850, 13 per cent; 1870, 15 per cent; 1890, 17.8 per cent; 1900, 31.6 per cent; 1905 (seven months), 34 per cent.

For the seven months of this fiscal year exports of manufactures were \$202,000,000, against \$250,000,000 for the preceding similar months, an increase of \$52,000,000. In January, 1905, alone the increase was \$2,000,000. These increases in manufactures exported prove the assertion that all concerned benefit by the increase in manufacturers' materials imported.

It is also worth while noting the lines in which this imported material increase has chiefly occurred. Raw silk in January, 1905, was \$5,637,000, an increase over January, 1904, of \$1,800,000; wool, 25,000,000 against 10,000,000 pounds; India rubber, \$23,447,000 against \$20,800,000, an increase of \$2,647,000; hides, \$34,430,000 against \$27,708,000, an increase of \$6,722,000 (yet Massachusetts is sectionally clamoring against the tariff on hides) and tin, in pigs, bars, blocks, etc. (not in tin manufactures), 43,621,000 against 39,714,000 pounds.

These things being so, we need not worry, but rather rejoice that congress adjourned without disturbing the American factory and business generally by hasty interference with the Dingley protective tariff.—Walter J. Ballard.

The Democratic Floor Leader.
The announcement that John Sharp Williams is preparing to make a campaign for the senatorship from Mississippi in succession to Senator Moore is not surprising. The senate has been the refuge before this of Democratic floor leaders who have failed. Senator Bailey, one of the most prominent members of the senate, was not a success as the leader of the house.

March Topics For Discussion.
March topics suggested by the national lecturer for discussion in the subordinate granges are as follows:

What is the most important matter to come up for consideration in our primary caucus or local election, and what is our duty in regard to it?

What grange events should be observed by our grange in addition to holding the regular meetings?

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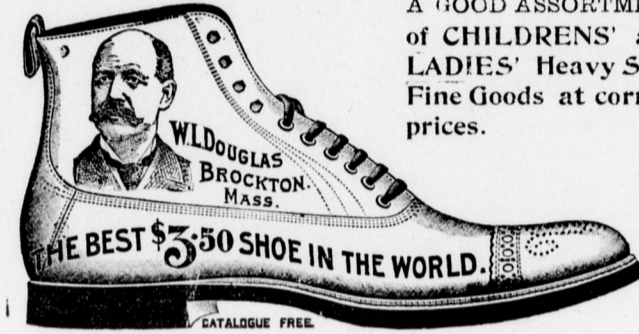
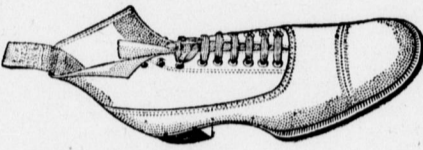
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P.	M.	P.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	A.	M.	P.	M.	P.	M.	P.	M.		
12:50	1:20	5:25	10:22	7:10	Halls	9:37	12:15	4:00	5:05	9:55									
12:55	1:25	5:30	10:25	7:15	Pennsboro	9:42	12:20	4:05	5:10	10:00									
1:05	4:32	5:40	10:34	8:01	Hughesville	9:47	12:25	4:10	5:15	10:05									
1:15	4:39	5:48	10:41	8:06	Picture Rocks	9:52	12:30	4:15	5:20	10:10									
1:25	4:45	5:54	10:48	8:10	Lyons Mills	9:57	12:35	4:20	5:25	10:15									
1:34	4:52	6:02	10:55	8:14	Glen Mawr	10:02	12:40	4:25	5:30	10:20									
1:44	5:00	6:10	11:02	8:18	Straw Ridge	10:07	12:45	4:30	5:35	10:25									
1:53	5:05	6:16	11:09	8:22	Beech Glen	10:12	12:50	4:35	5:40	10:30									
2:03	5:12	6:22	11:16	8:26	Money Valley	10:17	12:55	4:40	5:45	10:35									
2:12	5:18	6:28	11:23	8:31	Sonestown	10:22	1:00	4:45	5:50	10:40									
2:22	5:25	6:34	11:30	8:35	Nokoma	10:27	1:05	4:50	5:55	10:45									
2:31	5:31	6:40	11:37	8:39	Laporte	10:32	1:10	4:55	6:00	10:50									
2:41	5:38	6:46	11:44	8:43	Ringdale	10:37	1:15	5:00	6:05	10:55									
2:50	5:45	6:52	11:51	8:47	Bernice	10:42	1:20	5:05	6:10	11:00									
3:00	5:52	6:58	11:58	8:51	Satterfield	10:47	1:25	5:10	6:15	11:05									
3:10	5:59	7:04	12:05	8:55	Sonestown	10:52	1:30	5:15	6:20	11:10									
3:20	6:05	7:10	12:12	9:00	Eagles Mere	10:57	1:35	5:20	6:25	11:15									
3:30	6:12	7:16	12:19	9:04	Dushore	11:02	1:40	5:25	6:30	11:20									
3:40	6:19	7:22	12:26	9:08	Toyanda	11:07	1:45	5:30	6:35	11:25									
3:50	6:25	7:30	12:33	9:12	Willkes Barre	11:12	1:50	5:35	6:40	11:30									
4:00	6:32	7:36	12:40	9:16	Williamsport	11:17	1:55	5:40	6:45	11:35									

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