

# An Open Letter

To George F. Baer, President Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, President Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, President Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, etc., etc.

Dear Mr. Baer: I do hope you will stand firm against the arrogant demands of the men who have been mining coal for you, and that you will not again permit your sympathetic nature to be swayed by popular clamor.

You must realize the weight of the responsibility which rests on you, and I am sure that you will sink your personal inclination to let the workmen have their own way and consider only that you are the active trustee for the vested interests of our beloved country.

It is unfortunate that you are deprived of the valued advice and support of some of the best business men of our nation at this critical moment. Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is in Rome—so I learn from the papers—interviewing the Pope. I did not know that he belonged to that church, but I hope it is all right, and that Pierpont is making no mistake.

No one seems to know just where Brother Rockefeller is, and it is too bad he cannot be found when we need him the most. Perhaps a personal insertion in some good family paper might reach him and call him back to home and duty. The pernicious activity of irresponsible writers and reformers has so disturbed existing conditions that the leaders of our great vested interests are on the verge of nervous prostration, and I do hope that you will not break down.

How can those coal miners be so ungrateful? It seems only a short time ago when you shipped most of them over here from foreign countries, and did not complain about their wages then. I should say not. They were glad of a chance to live and work in our glorious Republic, and their names were so hard to pronounce that it was necessary to label them with numbers.

We brought them over by tens of thousands, and what is our reward? They want more money—always their cry is for more money.

Talk about Oliver Twist! The modern American workman has that greedy character beaten a mile to use an expression coined by young Mr. Rockefeller in addressing his Bible class. They should organize a political party and call themselves the "Oliver Twists," with a platform declaring for "More! More! More!"

They must be made to understand that capital cannot adjust itself to conditions of permanent prosperity so long as they continually demand more wages.

Two years ago you miners made a lot of outrageous demands and you were forced to arbitrate with them. An award was made granting some of their claims, and you stated at the time that your companies were threatened with great loss and possible ruin. Luckily this calamity was averted by your splendid business ability, and by an absolute control of the anthracite coal industry. In fact, Reading stock has gone up forty or fifty points, and I am delighted to know that the properties under your control have a market value of tens and tens of millions of dollars more than at the time when you were compelled to raise the wages of your men.

And now these very coal miners have the impudence to assert that they have a right to share in this prosperity. This makes me almost angry. In the name of common sense, what have they done to entitle them to share in these extra millions earned by your mines and your railroads? They did the work of course, but any one can work if he can find some one to pay him wages.

You and your associates had the judgment, the forethought and the money with which to acquire control of the anthracite coal business of the United States, and no reward is too great for such a combination. When they forced you to raise the wages, what did you do, Brother Baer? You put up the price of coal to the consumer. Ah! that was a stroke of genius!

You did not sulk in your office. Not

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And the remedy at the drug store is just as good as the sample we send out. As, for instance, here is a man who got such immediate relief from the sample that he at once bought a box. Was it just as good? Undoubtedly, since it cured him after all sorts and kinds of things had failed.

And it wasn't one of those simple cases of a few years' standing—it had existed 50 years.

Here is a sample of the kind of letters we get every day and we don't have to ask for them:

"Friend, I write to tell what good your Pyramid Pile Cure has done for me. I used your sample, and it did me so much good I went and got two boxes, and I used one and I am another man altogether. I have no pain, no piles, and I have been troubled with them for over 50 years, and could find no relief till now, thanks to your timely cure. Use my name if it will do you any good. Isaac Smith, Wharton, New York."

a bit of it. With an intuition worthy of Napoleon you perceived the road to victory, and you took it. With one stroke of your pen you tilted the price of coal. A commonplace man would have raised the price just enough to have met the increased wage fund, but you are not an ordinary man, Brother Baer. It is this capacity to take advantage of an opportunity which distinguishes the American business man above all others in the world, and you have been gifted in a most remarkable degree.

In looking over your most interesting autobiography in "Who's Who in America," I note this significant paragraph: "For years confidential legal adviser in Pennsylvania to J. Pierpont Morgan." That tells the story. While other young men of your age frittered away their time in studying medicine, arts, sciences and other non-essentials, you aimed straight at the mark, and now look at you! The eminent position you have attained and which you so worthily fill should serve as a lesson and a stimulus to the rising generation.

Of course, not every young man can expect to become a confidential legal adviser in Pennsylvania to J. Pierpont Morgan, but there are other States than Pennsylvania, and other great men than Mr. Morgan, but I must say that it would be difficult to select a more attractive combination.

If you are still confidential legal adviser in Pennsylvania to J. Pierpont Morgan I will suggest that you advise him to finish his business with the Pope as soon as possible and come home. I presume he sometimes advises with the theory that they will kick if you put up the price of coal another notch or two. Most of us, including all of our widows and orphans, are owners of Reading stock, and we are willing to pay a little more for coal so long as Reading continues to boom.

The only way in which money is absolutely lost to a community is by paying it out in wages. This is a fact well known to all modern political economists. If you were to be so foolish as to double the wages of every man, woman and child in your employ—what good would it do the country? Not a bit. They would purchase no automobiles, they would not help support the stock market, they would build no cost-residences, their daughters would have no expensive weddings, they would rent no boxes at the opera, they would flock to no watering places—in fact they would not help support any of the great institutions which keep money in circulation, and on which our continued prosperity as a nation depends. This truth is so apparent that it needs no lucid argument.

The workman is a sort of a necessary evil which will disappear as civilization advances. Even now one can live in New York City for weeks without encountering one—unless you call a waiter a workman, and I do not class him as such. We are beginning to call him a "steward" in New York, but I think that "trustee" is a more dignified and appropriate title for him.

But as I was saying, the workman should be made to realize that he is an anachronism. It will not help his social status to give him more wages. Statistics prove that he spends all that he receives, and the constant fluctuation in wages only increases the work of bookkeeping.

Excuse this brief dissertation on the economic features of the case. Like you, I once worked for a living, and am thus able to take a calm and dispassionate view of those who are so unfit as to continue in that class.

Stand firm, Brother Baer! If you are again compelled to grant more wages and shorter hours, soak up the price of coal. The public will stand it, they are used to it. They will not blame you if they will vent their wrath on the stupid coal miners who are not content to submit tamely to the decrees of an all-wise Providence. In the meantime, cable for J. P. I am on the track of Mr. Rockefeller. Sincerely, FREDERICK UPHAM ADAMS.

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## DECISION ON MINING LAW

Utah Supreme Court Complimented on Recent Opinion.

In deciding the case of the Grand Central against the Mammoth Mining Company the Supreme court of Utah has given us a valuable treatise on the law of mines. Not since Justice Field wrote the decision in the Eureka-Richmond case have we had anything comparable to it, especially in clearness of argument, in fullness and breadth of treatment, and in the vigorous way each issue is exhaustively discussed and conclusively decided. It is a decision that will be welcomed by the mining community generally, and that any one with a fair knowledge of mines can read and understand, so plain and simple is the language. The Grand Central won every point by a masterly defense—cleverly conceived and ably sustained. Best of all, no one, unless blinded by interest, can read this decision and not feel that the rightful owner of the ore won. We publish a lengthy abstract of the decision on another page.

It is the custom to disparage the United States mining law; unfortunately, it has come to stay, and it will continue to stay. Perhaps in time it may be possible to amend the law in certain particulars, but experience demonstrates that every attempt to substitute any other is doomed to failure, without assigning any reason, the general run of people interested in mines have again and again shown that they desire no change in the law, however manifest it may be to careful students of the problem that the law is radically defective. In any event, an amended law could only be applied in new mining districts.

It is a matter of congratulation that the courts, especially during the last few years, have displayed a steadfast intent to construe and build up the law by a series of able decisions which in time will define the rights of the miner under circumstances commonly arising. This constructive policy is

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illuminated by a number of decisions on apex rights, leading up to the several decrees of the Court of Appeals in the St. Louis-Montana case, and also the late decision in the Steward-Bunker Hill suits, adjudicating interfering extra-lateral rights, and upholding the principle that the position of the "wall" of a lode is a commercial one, as was also decided in the case under review.

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## New Rugs Make Their Debut.

Our Rug Buyer, who has just returned from his spring buying trip, announces to the Salt Lake public the preliminary opening of his purchases. He is enthusiastic over the patterns, colors, make and durability of this merchandise.

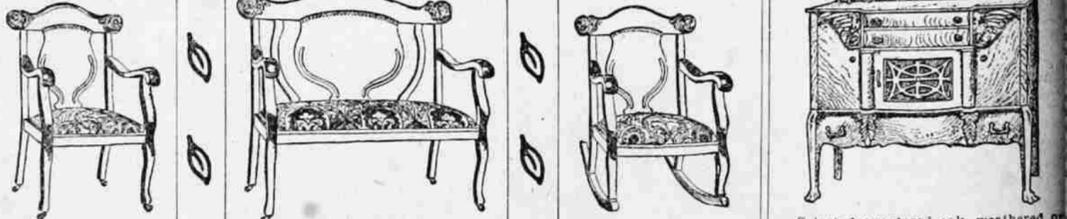
We urge you to attend this, the first show of fresh stock. Below we enumerate a few of the offerings to introduce these creations of the weaver's art to your notice.

- 9x12 ROYAL WILTON in Oriental patterns, **\$35.00**
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## Teachers and Tuberculosis.

8 A. Knopf, after describing the characteristics of tuberculosis, calls attention to some of the particular duties devolving upon teachers in the struggle against this disease which so essentially attacks the masses. He emphasizes first the importance of fresh air. The pupils should be taught to love fresh air. He refers to the danger lurking in the apothecary in the zoological gardens, which is such an attractive spot for children. Perhaps not to realize there are no animals so subject to tuberculosis as apes, a roof garden which can be covered in winter is absolutely necessary. The writer speaks of the advantage of fresh windows in schoolhouses. Heating and general ventilation of these rooms should be of the most improved kind. Walls and woodwork of the schoolrooms should be plain and easily cleaned. All corners should be rounded and the walls painted. The school furniture should be so arranged that it can easily be moved so that the floors can be thoroughly cleaned after each daily session. The hygienic drinking fountain should replace the drinking cup. A well-equipped gymnasium and a swimming tank with constantly running water suitably warmed should be the property of every public school. Every pupil should be taught to swim and should be given the opportunity to bathe several times during the week. The writer then gives valuable suggestions concerning physical exercises and the proper method of taking them. He refers to the danger of mouth breathing in children. He declares that teachers may do more toward the prevention of tuberculosis by teaching the children under their charge how to breathe, sit, stand and walk properly than do the entire number of physicians taken together accomplish. He gives a number of rules which he advises teachers to have printed on leaflets to be read and recited by the pupils, and explained and commented upon by the teachers. These rules include common methods of prevention of the transmission of tuberculosis and refer to such subjects as spitting, coughing, sneezing, cleanliness of finger nails, and so on. The writer calls attention to the proper feeding of school children, and advocates the offering of school lunches at moderate prices. He shows the great danger lurking in alcoholic drinks including patent medicines, which are in such common use among the masses. An important point, he says, in the prevention of tuberculosis among school children is that the school teacher should be familiar with the subjective signs and symptoms of tuberculosis and the characteristics of the person disposed to consumption. He believes

in weeding out the tuberculosis child and the tuberculosis teacher from our public schools, but he also believes that we should provide for these same patients, both teachers and children. The need for many seaside and inland sanatoria for the housing of these patients is great.—Medical Record.

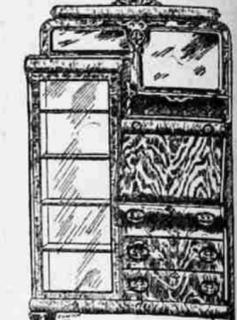
### Curious Experiments.

Curious experiments are being carried out by Captain Simpson of the steamship Moravian, to test the course and speed of ocean current. For the last fifteen years, during the passage of this liner between England, South Africa and Australia, the captain has every day thrown overboard a tightly corked beer bottle containing a scroll bearing the latitude, longitude, and date when cast adrift. Together with a request to the finder to forward the bottle to him at the London offices of the steamship line. The number of bottles returned to him, however, is very small, the average being less than one a year.—Detroit News.

### Drunkennes.

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**\$39.50**

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given by the Council of Salt Lake City of the City of such Council to make the following improvements, to wit: Extending and laying sewer in District No. 1, and drain the portion of the cost estimated at four hundred twenty-seven (\$427.00) dollars, (20.50) dollars per front foot of property, there being 20 feet improvement, by a local assessment upon the lots or pieces of ground situated in the described district, the following described district, to be affected or benefited, to-wit: Block 3, and the north 10 feet of lot 3, and the north 10 feet of lot 2, and the north 10 feet of lot 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.

All protests and objections carrying out of such intention presented in writing to the City Clerk or before the 5th day of April, 1906, at 10 o'clock a.m., will be heard and considered, and objections as may be made by order of the City Council. By order of the City Council, J. B. MORE, City Clerk. Dated February 5th, 1906. Sewer Extension No. 17.