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HELP TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE

The New York Recorder would like to impress upon the mind of every one of its readers the fact that he or she can and ought to contribute individually to restore business confidence and quicken the return of good times.

It is not really so much a question of currency as of confidence. The business of the country, by far the greater portion of it, is not done with metallic money, but with paper and credit and confidence.

Congress can, and we believe it will do a great deal to strengthen the vast fabric of credit and confidence on which business activity always has rested, and always must rest by stopping promptly the issue of paper moneys on a false short weight basis of intrinsic value.

The people themselves must do the rest, and every man should do his personal share toward the great patriotic work of re-establishing confidence.

Every man who believes in his country and wants to promote the speedy return of good times should resolve to observe these rules:

Spread no evil reports and believe none until you have verified them at first hand.

Look on the brightest side of every event, whether it be notice of a bank suspension or the report of a cholera ship arrived at quarantine, and refuse to accept the darkest version of it.

If you have money hoarded and owe debts, pay up those debts and put so much money in circulation.

If other persons owe you money and you know them to be solvent and honest people who can and will pay if they are not crowded and forced to realize on their assets at a shameful sacrifice, don't crowd them.

If every reader will lay these few simple rules to heart and go to business and work resolved to put them in force, the increased momentum given to the movement now on to restore confidence and revive business will be very great.

General confidence is only the sum total of individual confidences. If you want to see general confidence, set the example of being confident yourself.

Every American exhibit of manufactures at the world's fair is a tribute to the protective tariff policy which has built up the productive industries of this country in competition with the established manufactures and the cheap labor of Europe.

Smith & Wesson, the famous revolver manufacturers, recently sent a notice to their thousands of employes stating that instead of closing their works they had decided to make a 10 per cent cut in wages instead. At the beginning of the circular are found these words: "In view of the probable reduction to be made in the tariff within the near future, and the consequent increased competition, we do not deem it advisable to increase our stock of goods at the present cost." Then follows the terms of the proposed reduction with the conclusion that it is hoped that it may prove only temporary "but no positive assurance can now be given." It will be seen that the Sherman law does not figure in this case to the remotest degree. It is the threat of tariff destruction and nothing more. In commenting on the situation the Boston Herald remarks that the employes were thankful to be able to accept a reduction in wages as a shut down was generally expected. Nice democratic times these, when a working-man is forced to choose between two evils.

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