

Youngstown, Ohio, a City of Wonders In Iron and Steel.

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YOUNGSTOWN is located in the Mahoning valley in eastern Ohio, and is one of the most prosperous, thriving cities in the nation. Its population in 1880 was 16,000; in 1890, 33,000; in 1900, 44,000. A careful enumeration taken a few months since shows its present population to be 58,000. Its principal industry is the manufacture of iron and steel. The materials of which steel is made can be assembled here as cheaply as anywhere on the continent.

All the great railroads from Pittsburg to the Great Lakes pass through Youngstown, giving it unexcelled facilities for transportation.

Being midway between the ore and coke, with the best of limestone lying in exhaustless quantities at its door in the river hills, Youngstown is steadily and surely earning the right to be called the principal annex

to "the world's great workshop," as President Roosevelt so aptly styled Youngstown's neighboring city of Pittsburg.

The following is a statement of the total tonnage of the raw materials consumed in the iron and steel and kindred trades, together with the total productions of finished material in Youngstown during the year 1902. The figures are approximately correct:

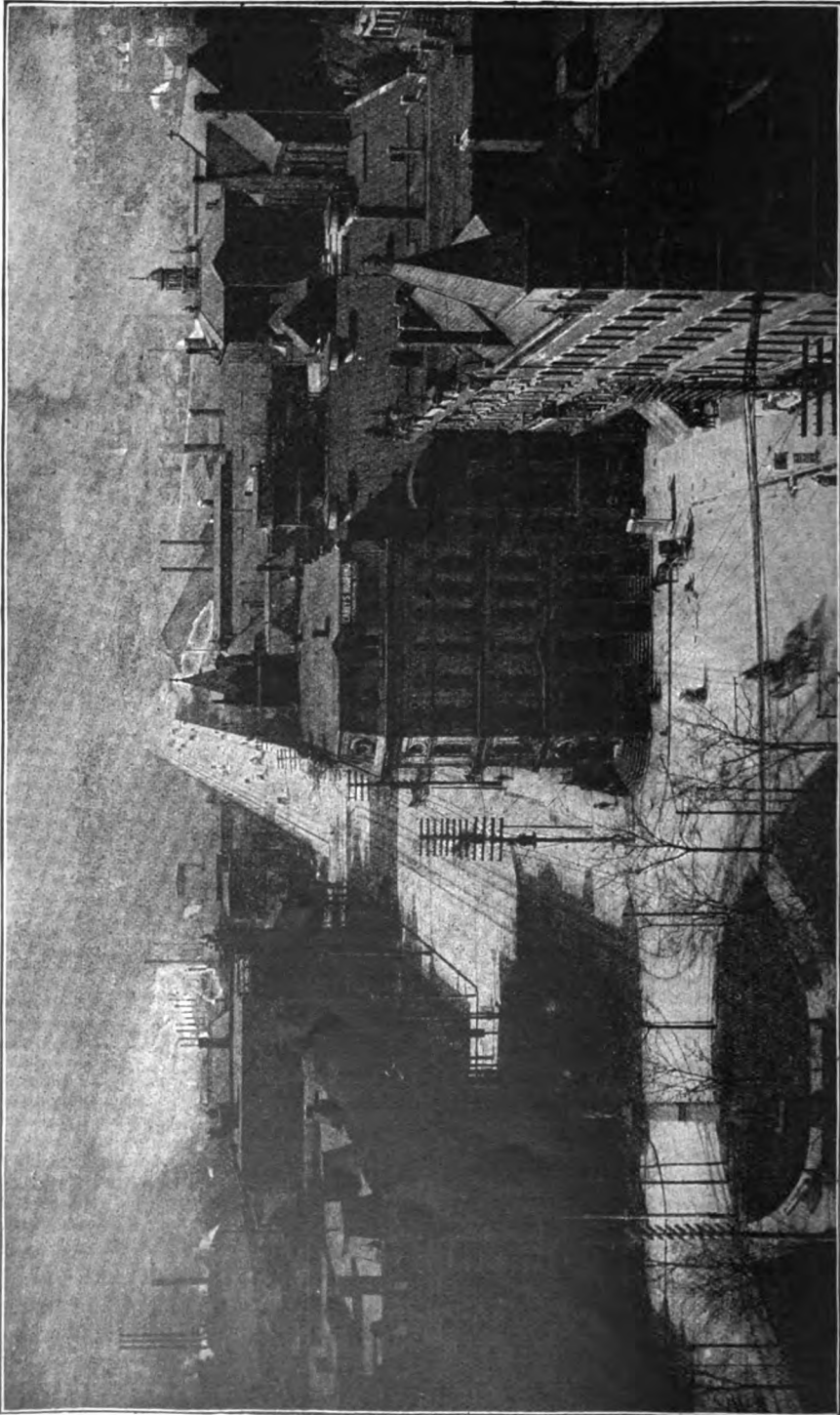
Blast furnaces, pig iron produced . . .	1,500,000 tons	Foundry machine shops, material used	130,000 "
Blast furnaces, raw materials used . . .	8,400,000 "	Bessemer and open hearth produced	1,600,000 "
Foundry machine shops, produced . . .	65,000 "	Finished shafts produced	7,930 "

The largest single plant in Youngstown is the Ohio Steel plant, now controlled by the United States Steel Company, and consisting of blast furnaces, converting works and finishing mill. There steel is made from the raw ore at the rate of 2,000 tons per day. The books of this company show that in the year 1901 it received 1,905,588 tons of raw materials and shipped 533,165 tons of finished steel, thus making the aggregate of its commerce 2,438,753 tons.

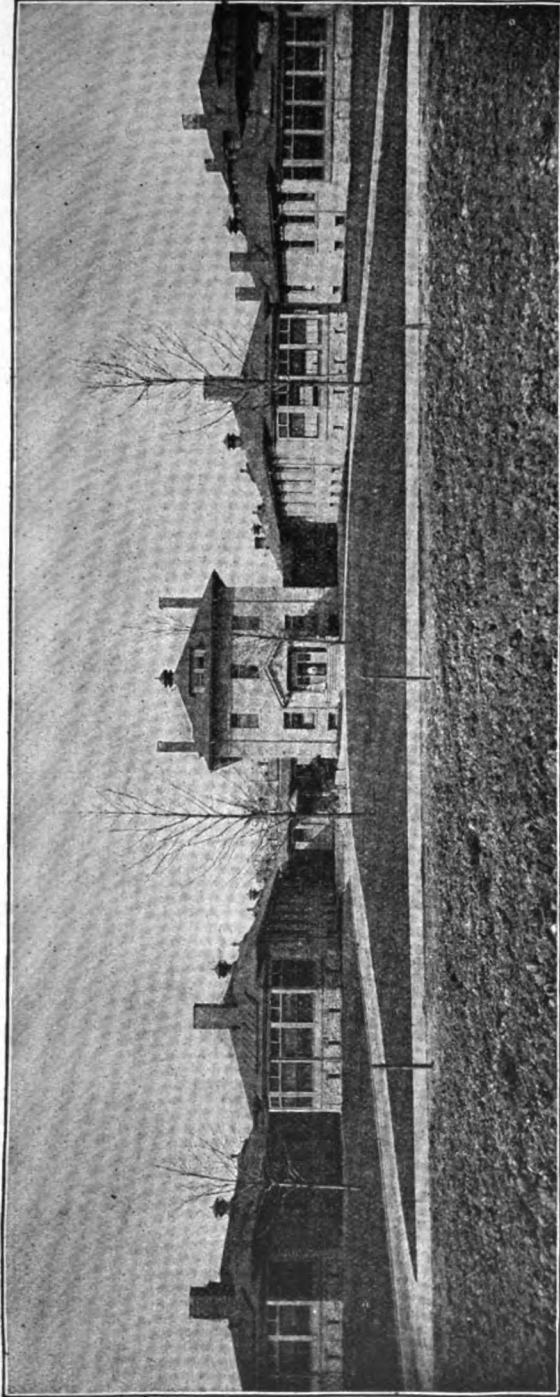
This plant is followed closely by the great works of The Republic Iron



THE ELKS' CLUB HOUSE, YOUNGSTOWN



A VIEW OF THE SOUTH SIDE OF YOUNGSTOWN, SHOWING MARKET STREET VIADUCT AND A PART OF CENTRAL SQUARE



Courtesy of the Youngstown Telegram

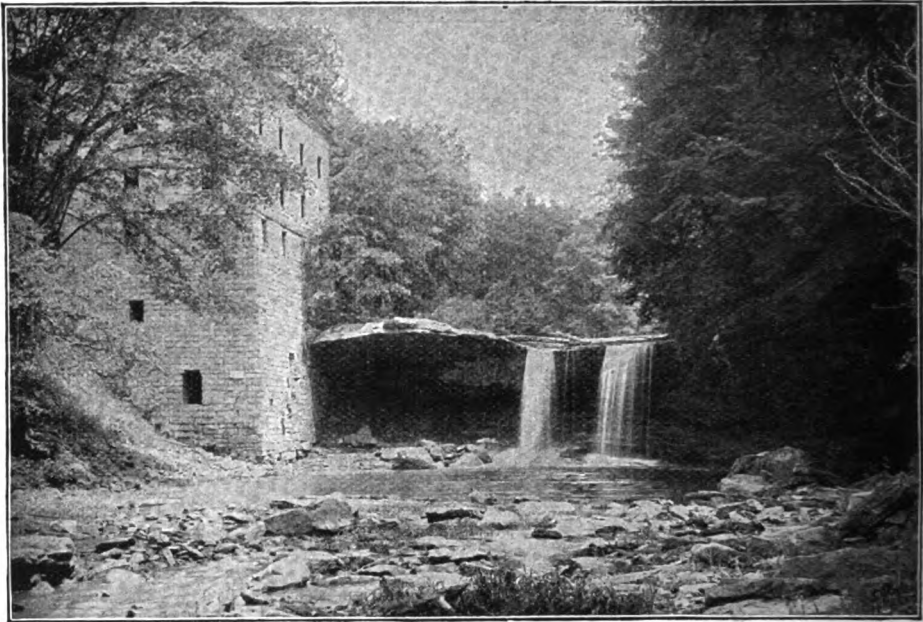
THE YOUNGSTOWN CITY HOSPITAL

and Steel Company, the Brier Hill Iron and Coal Company, by both the upper and lower mills of the American Steel Hoop Company, Youngstown Iron Sheet and Tube Company, Youngstown Steel Company, National Tube Co. and the Youngstown Iron and Steel Roofing Company.

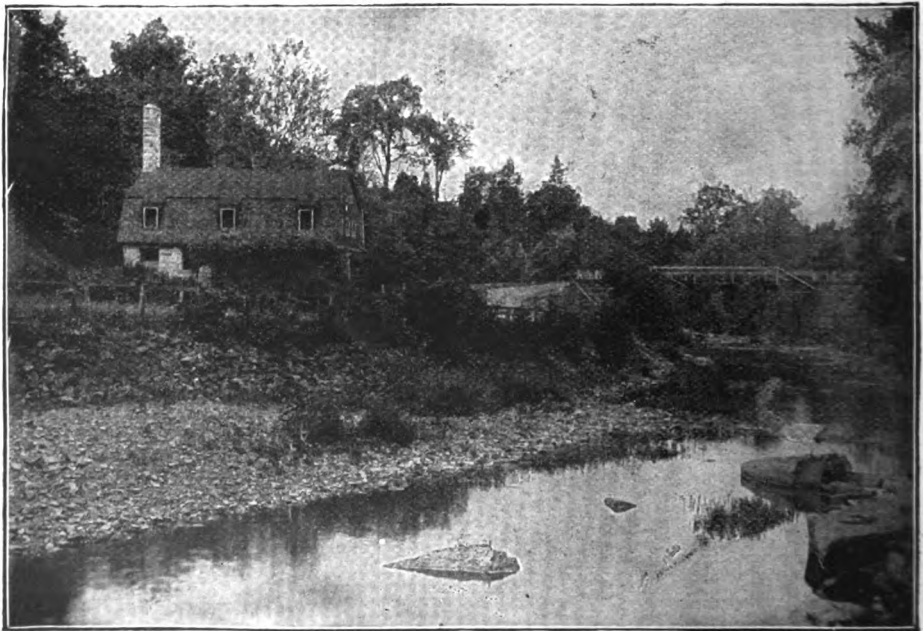
These great iron works swell the tonnage of Youngstown's commerce until it approximates 12,000,000 tons per annum, a total surpassed by that of only a very few of the great cities of the world.

Railroads

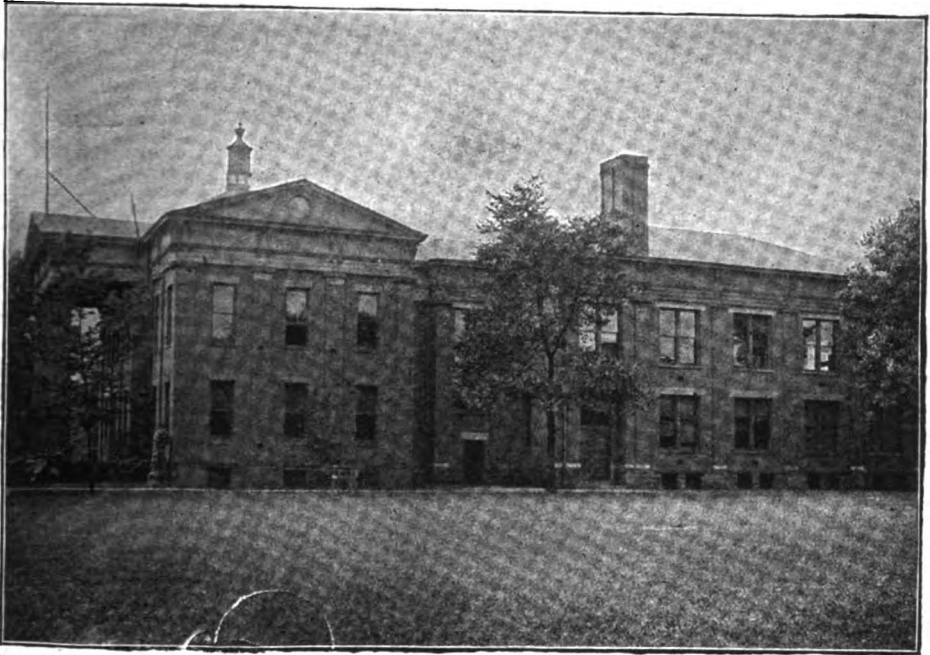
Youngstown has five great railroads,—the Pennsylvania Company, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Erie, and the Pittsburg & Lake Erie. These roads are all double tracked between Youngstown and Pittsburg and Youngstown and Lake Erie and have greater earning capacity per mile of track on that part of their road in the iron district than any other railroads in the world. The last annual statement of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie last showed its gross earnings on its two hundred miles of track to be little in excess of \$55,000 per mile of its track.



FALLS IN MILL CREEK PARK, YOUNGSTOWN



PAVILION IN MILL CREEK PARK, YOUNGSTOWN.



RAYEN HIGH SCHOOL, YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown's machine shops and foundries are some of them more widely known even than her great iron and steel plants. William Tod & Company are builders and designers of the largest blowing engines in the world. The Lloyd Booth Company constructs all kinds of rolling mill machinery. The George B. Sennett Company, the Enterprise Boiler Company and the William B. Pollock Company are other great businesses. Youngstown has two large factories where wagons and carriages are made. A large rubber works has just been established by The Republic Rubber Company, also an extensive factory owned by The Standard Oil Cloth Company.

The Banks

Youngstown has six banks—the Wick National, the First National, the Second National, the Mahoning National, the Commercial National and the Dollar Savings & Trust Company. All are

strong, healthy and prosperous institutions. Youngstown in all its history has never had a bank failure.

In order that the reader may appreciate Youngstown as a banking city, we give a statement of the growth and development of the youngest of these banks. The Dollar Savings & Trust Company was organized in 1887 with a paid up capital of \$500,000; in 1896 the capital was increased to \$300,000, in 1901 to \$500,000 and again in 1903 to \$1,000,000. In 1897 the deposits of this bank were \$500,000 and these have since increased to \$3,250,000.

The greater part of the deposits in the banks of Youngstown are savings from wages paid to laboring men in the iron works, mills and factories. Through the courtesy of the several banks we are able to lay before you a careful and accurate statement of the money paid out to laboring men in the principal industries in our city, for the first two weeks in

May, 1903. It shows the aggregate to have been \$623,882. The largest single payroll was that of the Republic Iron and Steel Company—\$135,482. Nor does this estimate include the salaries paid in the banks, stores, hotels and eating houses nor of carpenters, bricklayers and a hundred other smaller business concerns. It is a conservative estimate that the payroll in the city of Youngstown will exceed a million dollars per month.

Street Railroads

Youngstown has a good street car service. Its electric lines connect it with the neighboring cities of Warren, Niles, Sharon and Newcastle.

Schools

The schools of Youngstown are of the very best. It has one of the best high schools in the state, founded and endowed by the generosity of Colonel Rayen, where the youths of Youngstown may obtain a liberal education without cost.

Hospitals

Youngstown has two splendid hospitals, the Youngstown City Hospital and the Mahoning Valley Hospital. The Youngstown City Hospital is said to be one of the most beautiful and most perfectly appointed and equipped hospitals

in America. It was inspired by the humanitarian spirit of the time, founded and established by private generosity, and it is thought to be almost a pleasure to be sick there, so efficient and kind are the care and attendance.

Public Library

In the heart of the city stands the Reuben McMillan library, also a monument to the philanthropy of Youngstown's generous citizens. It is well stocked with the best of books and free to all.

Churches and the Y. M. C. A.

There are over fifty churches and missions here, and many of them have very handsome and costly homes. The Y. M. C. A. building was built by popular subscriptions eleven years ago, at a cost of \$90,000. The association has 1,293 members.

Parks

Two beautiful public parks add to the beauty of the city and contribute to the health and pleasure of its people.

It is hoped and believed that the city council will, by wise and conservative regulations, restrain to a degree at least the smoke nuisance,—then will Youngstown look less like "hell with the lid off" and be indeed a beautiful city.

IN ANTICIPATION

"**A** LADY clerk, sir! fain would I,
To sell me what I've come to buy."
"Now, lady, show me yards of mull,
And soft and thin to gather full;
With lace that's dainty, and so fine,
('Tis for more tender flesh than mine!)
Cambric and linen, white and neat,
As for a sacred robing meet.

"Two flannel pieces, one yard square,
With creamy finish, warm and fair,
And one to be with ribbon bound,
And one with silken floss worked round.
"And yards and yards of dainty stuff,
My heart must tell me what's enough;
With spools of white to sew the seams!"—
Oh happy wife! Oh tender dreams!

Cora A. Matson-Dolson