

### ANDREW BURNESON.

The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has acquired a high reputation in his chosen calling and whose prominence is not less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts. It is a pleasing indulgence to write the biography of a man of this character, such as Andrew Burneson is known to be.

He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1837, a son of Samuel and Mary (Cochron) Burneson. His father was born in Ireland and came to this country when young, while his mother was of Scotch descent. Our subject was reared and educated in his native county, and about 1853 came to Wellsville, Ohio, where he learned the machinist's trade of P. E. Guice, a steam-engine builder. He then worked in a large shop as a steamboat builder and helped build the New Brighton car factory, in which he owned

stock. In 1859 he moved to Canton, where he was employed on the construction of threshers, mowers and reapers for seven years. Two years were devoted to the commission business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in 1866 he came to Mansfield, Ohio, where he engaged in merchandising for a time, but soon sold out his stock, and on the 12th of January, 1867, he entered the employ of the Aultman & Taylor Company as their first foreman of their wrought-iron department, which responsible position he most acceptably filled for twenty-two years, or until 1889. In connection with William Ackerman and others he organized the Ohio Thresher and Engine Company, and erected a plant at Upper Sandusky, where they engaged in building threshing machines and engines for two years, in 1889 and 1890, employing about forty men. Mr. Burneson was the vice-president of the company, while Mr. Ackerman was the superintendent.

But they closed out their interests there in 1893 and returned to Mansfield, where Mr. Burneson has erected seventeen buildings for himself, including residences and business blocks, and now gives his attention to his real estate. He also owns considerable vacant property in the city, and operates two farms, known as the Crabb and Houston farms, which are one mile southwest of Mansfield and aggregate two hundred and fourteen acres. They are under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good buildings. In connection with general farming Mr. Burneson carries on stock-raising, with good success. He is a man of considerable inventive genius and while with the Aultman-Taylor Company he made many improvements in the machinery for the wrought-iron department, which proved of great advantage to the firm on account of the speed and accuracy secured by these improvements. He is an energetic, progressive and reliable business man, who generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and the prosperity that has come to him is justly merited, as he began life a poor man, but ambitious and industrious.

Religiously Mr. Burneson is a member of the First English Lutheran church, and politically is a supporter of the Republican party, but takes no active part in politics aside from voting, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive business interests.