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CENTRE COUNTY CAN MANUFACTURE BETTER AND CHEAPER IRON THAN ALABAMA OR TENNESSEE.

Bellefonte, February 21. Referring to the rich ore-fields of Centre county, of which we gave a brief outline in our last letter, the question may be asked why this region has been comparatively undeveloped up to the present time, To this inquiry we shall endeavor to give a satisfactory answer in as few words as possible before entering upon more detailed description of present condition. Forty three years ago, within the memory of your correspon. dent, at least twenty charcoal furnaces were in active and successful operation, all located at distance of from one to twenty miles from Bellefonte, the county seat of Centre county, all drawing their supply of ore from the great Nittany Valley ore field. The products of these furnaces, worked into blooms and bars at forges and rolling next important item in the manufact- he second trial the jury disagreed. ly discussed, generously supported or canmills generally operated by the owner ure of iron can be procured in any Since then she married the principal didly criticised. No year in the history of the furnace plants, found a ready and profitable market both in the east at Philadelphia and in the west at Pittsburg, and thence by the river far into Ohio and Kentucky. At that time manufacture that unless prices were obtained from the iron that at this day would appear exorbitant there could be little or no margin of profit in the business. Added to the cost of ore was the expense of making and transporting charcoal and the great cost and out canal or railway transportation. Some years later, with the advent of canals and railroads, came severe competition with the low priced iron made with mineral coal in other sections of the State and with the cheap English irons which met them in every market and soon brought about conditions under which only the fittest could sur. located as to ore and facilities for dent that capital invested in the manutranspor ation wire one after another facture of iron in Centre county' need

A peculiarty of this Nittany ore belt which is an old silurian limestone valiey, lying between two mountain ranges some lifty miles in length and from six to twelve miles wide, is the scarcity of springs of water except in the alme vicinity of one or two small streams, which rising among the hills, cut their way across the valley and, through gorges in the mountain range, find their way to the Baldeagle creek, a tributary of the Susquehanna. Owing to this absence of water in the ore belt, the old furnaces were unable to make any use of the vast deposits of fine hematite ores which exist throughout the valley, but are so amalgamated with the clays as to be unavailable without water to wash out the clay. For this reason they were dependent for supplies of ore upon the clean veins of ore which, the law providing for the appointment as we said before, could be worked in of special deputy marshals, supervithe furnace as they were taken out of the mine, and owners of inexhaustible bodies of these mixed ores often found it difficult and expensive to obtain even the limited supply of material required for their small charcoal furnsces.

Fortunately, however, this difficulty no longer exists. About twelve years ago it occurred to the owners of one of could be pumped up from the depth of to the subject. a thousand feet or more that water might easily be raised two hundred feet. Acting upon this idea the oil regions were visited, competant well-diggers were found and after a month of drilling water was obtained in unlimited quantity and the problem was solved. Since then Artesian wells and ore-washing machines may be seen at short intervals for thirty miles along the Nittany ore belt, and to-day the quanity of ore obtainable in this field is dependent tion total" went to boosting up the on'y upon the number of wells and ore boys in their efforts to steal the washers that the owners of the land are able to put in operation. Why then, is this region still undeveloped? Simply because the ownership of the lands being in the heirs of the original owners some minors, others trust estates and with various complications which have made it extremely difficult to combine in patience until the bill can be item various interests harmoniously and ef- ized. fect such organization as is neccessary to raise sufficient capital for erecting large furnaces with modern improvements and to manufacture iron with coke as a fuel instead of charcoal, as in he olden times.

Passing now from this general out-

line we will try to state more in detail some of the advantages enjoyed by this region over most others for the manufacture of cheap iron. Here we have reconstruction period does seem to an ore field vast in extent. practically sustain it. The money has been drawn iron of the finest quality. These ares is no way to get it back. When the have not existed for a quarter of a century can be obtained at the lowest tos-ble cost for mining, or rather wa hing, her mining in this region is morely digging up the mixed ores and clavs, cer ing or carrying them into the wa he s, hom which the ore passes out clean and ready for the furnace. This mixture of Harriston y Patriot. ore and clay begins at the surface of the ground, and thing pereira ing downward in some cases to a death of three hundred feet, its ex ent in that direction has not yet been an extended last proceeding have finally been held the Democratic faith. We are on the With the pre ent by no means complete in the lamous Mock murder case which | threshhold of important events and great appliances the clear one can be put up took place July 14, 1878. Mrs Mock on cars at the washers for a cost no . x- charged with murdering her husband, interest and hope. ceeding ninety cents per ton, and with was tri-d, convicted and sentenced to better methods and machinary this cost state prison for life but the supreme can be materially reduced. Coke, the court granted her a new trial and on quanity and of a quality equal to that witness against her which renders his with matters of interest to Democrats as of Connellsville from the great Snow testimony incompetent. Yesterday she the one which we are about to enter. The Shee and Clearfield measures, which are made an application to have her bonds reached by railway at a distance of men released by giving herown bond in he new Cabinet, the changes in the pubabout twenty miles at a cost not exceedthe sum of \$8000 which was granted. She ic service, the opening up of the books, all are of great concern. THE WEEKLY Post and long afterward, these furnaces de- ing and proabably considerably below pended for their supplies of ore upon two dollars per ton at the furnaces. ble witness and the other witnesses be- judicious comment from the old Democratic the working of deep lying veins of Limestone is everywhere close to the pipe ore, which were sufficiently free ores and can be had for the mere cost from clays and other mixtures to be of quarrying. We offer an estimate of filled directly into the furnaces just as actual cost of one ton of pig metal, to it came from the mine. These veins were be made by parties owning their ore generally far below the surface, and land and having a first-class furnace the sost of mining and hauling the ore with the best modern appliances, over bad roads and long distances to furnace supposed to be at Bellefonte the furnace so enhanced the cost of and allowing twenty cents per ton for freight on ore say five miles

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The Centre Jemocrat. were able to continue operations under the new conditions. with capital to build furnaces and to erect mills, rai! factories, etc., to consume their products, Centre county must doubtless soon become one of the nost important iron-producing districts n the United States. We have no desire to undervalue the efforts of our Southern friends to beat old Pennsylvania in her great speciality, but as harity is said to begin at home, we bink it only fair that Pennsylvania capitalist should at least investigate the great undeveloped resources of their wn State before going abroad to invest their money.

The Expense of Republican Infamy

The the communication submitted to the house of representatives by the secretary of the treasury yesterday, regarding the expenses incurred under sors of elections and chief supervisors, must be an interesting paper. The statement has not been given to the public in detail, but the aggregate figures covering the election of 1876, 1880, 1882 and 1884, given in the news columns of the Patriot this morning will open the eyes of those these old charcoal plants that if oil who have not devoted much thought

The total expenses of special deputy marshals for the years named amounted to \$651,330. The supervisors for the same period aggregated \$828, 324, and the chief supervisors, which are understood to be individually and collectively Mr. John I Davenport, of New York, received \$393,752. It would be interesting to know just how much of this "demnapresidency for Hayes, what proportion served to soap them when Garfield was in the field, and the amount that was employed to "cast an anchor to the windward" in be-half of Blaine, but the public will be obliged to wait

The totals are sufficient to show the enormity of the law under which the robbery of the treasury has been perpetrated for the benefit of the republican party. Not a dollar of the nearly two millions but has been tak en out of the treasury in violation of the spirit of the constitution, even if The Pittsburgh Weekly the letter of a villainous statue of the proposition to repeal the infamous law is brought before congress the figures d After the fourth of March there will be will plead eloquently in its support, a Democratic administration at Washingand the country will hope that such a measure way be speedily passed .-

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Woman's Province.

THE DUTIES OF THE GENTLER SEX-HOW BEST FULFILLED. What a great task is assigned to we

man. Its dignity can not be elevated. It is not her province to make laws, to lead armies, nor to be at the head of great enterprises, but to her is given the power to form those by whom the laws are made, to teach the leaders of mighty armies and the governors of vast empires. She is required to guard against having the slightest taint of bodily infirmity touch the frail creature whose moral, intellectual and physical being is derived from her. She must instil correct principles, inculcate right doctrines, and breathe into the soul of her offspring those pure sentiments which in time to come will be a part of themselves, and bless generations yet unborn. Yes, to woman is given the blessed privilege of aiding the sufferer in all the various stages of his existence. She smiles serenely at the christening, and weeps at the burial, while she soothes the bereaved heart. This is her province and duty. Yet how can she fulfill her mission unless possessed of a strong and healthy body? The preparation of Dr. S. B. Hartman, and known as PERUNA, is just the thing for persons suffering from a ma-jority of the complaints incident to this climate. It is invaluable to women, and Mrs J. W. Reynolds, of New Lisbon Columbiana county, Ohio, is a noted example of what the medicine can do. She says she has suffered for years with congestion of the lungs, catarrh in the head, and was troubled with a bad cough. She had tried a number of physicians, but they all failed to cure her. duced to try PERUNA, and immediately a marked change took place. After using one bottle her cough ceased and in a short time her other ailments were cured. She is now completely restored to health, and gives ad the credit to PERUNA. Mr. J. W. Revnolds, her husband, was a confirmed invalid. He could not sleep well, neither could be work. He used PERUNA, and as a result, was completely restored to his former vigor and strength. He says he now feels like a new man.

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