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RESOURCES OF OUR NORTHWESTERN COUNTIES.

That portion of Western Pennsylvania lying between Lake Erie on the north and the Ohio river on the South, and between the Allegheny river and the Ohio State line, is a district of the beauties and resources of which few people, who have not carefully examined it, have any proper conception. We propose to give, in a summary way, the result of our own observations made a few days ago in an excursion through the valley of the Shenango to Meadville, and of facts gathered from the statements of a number of very intelligent gentlemen who reside in various localities in that region. It is of the broad and beautiful valley of the Shenango that we shall more particularly speak.

The Beaver river, which enters the Ohio at Rochester, some twenty-five miles below this city, drains nearly all of this section of country, embraced in the counties of Beaver, Lawrence, Mercer, Butler and the southwest portion of Crawford. Its principal confluents are the Connequenessing, which flows mainly southward past the town of Butler, the Neshannock, which drains the central portion of Mercer county, and unites with the Shenango at New Castle; the Shenango, which drains the western parts of Crawford, Mercer and Lawrence counties; and the Mahoning, which comes in from Ohio and unites with the Shenango a short distance below New Castle. The country drained by all these streams is gently undulating, fertile in soil, and exceedingly rich in coal, iron and limestone.

COAL FIELDS.

From near the southern borders of Crawford and Venango counties to the Ohio and Allegheny rivers coal is found in greater or less abundance in almost every township; yet there are two, or perhaps three, distinct coal fields. The first of these is the great semi-bituminous deposit, which extends from the valley of the Shenango south and east of Newcastle, up that valley for more than twenty miles, and up the valley of the Mahoning for an equal or greater distance, embracing the celebrated Briar-Hill mines of Ohio, Newcastle, in Lawrence county, Sharon, in Mercer county, and Youngstown, in Mahoning county, Ohio, are all in this field. In each of these places there are extensive iron works, including smelting furnaces, besides numerous smelting furnaces in other localities. In addition to the coal used by these works, hundreds of thousands of tons are shipped annually by rail and canal to Cleveland, Erie and other lake ports.

This coal is for the most part between four and five feet thick in the vein, and is somewhat harder and less *cubical* in its fracture than the Pittsburgh coal. It contains more carbon and less bitumen than the latter, and burns with less flame and less smoke, leaving whiter and finer ashes. It is not used for the manufacture of gas; but its adaptation to the smelting of iron ores in a raw state, and its freedom from sulphur, render it peculiarly valuable.

Every part of Butler county is well supplied with coal; but it is across the northern end of that county, together with the eastern and central parts of Mercer county, that perhaps the heaviest coal formation in Western Pennsylvania is found. It appears to extend from about the middle of Mercer county entirely through Butler county, to the Allegheny river, at, above and below Brady's Bend. Of its width in a north and south direction we are unable to speak but it is very considerable. This vast and inexhaustible deposit has as yet been hardly developed at all, simply because there was no way by which it could be carried to market. This, want, however, will shortly be supplied by the Bear-creek railroad, which is made for the sole purpose of opening it up. On the line of that road, in Butler county, there are several veins of coal of excellent quality, not unlike the Pittsburgh coal, one above another, of four, six and nine-feet in thickness, and above the level of the road, making together nineteen feet of coal. Inexhaustible mines of hematite ore are found in the same section.

RAILROADS.

No part of our State is better supplied with these great agents of prosperity than the section of which we are speaking. The Pittsburgh and Erie road, which is a good one and well, managed, runs through the entire length of the valley of the Shenango, and near to that river for a greater part of the way, affording a direct access both to this city and to Erie. In addition to this the Pittsburgh and Erie Canal, which still does a large business in heavy freights, principally coal and Lake Superior ore, follows the Shenango throughout its entire length. The Cleveland and Mahoning road will soon be extended to the Pittsburgh and Erie, at, we believe, two points, Newcastle and Sharon. Indeed it is already practically united with it at the latter place. The part lying in Pennsylvania was constructed as a coal road, by the Westerman Iron Company; but for want of the proper legislation, no freight for other parties can yet be carried over it on our side of the State line. This, however, will be remedied as soon as Senator BIGHAM's general railroad bill becomes a law.

The Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, (six feet gauge,) which, in connection with the New York & Erie road, and other roads west of Dayton, Ohio, forms an unbroken line of that gauge, from New York to St. Louis, runs diagonally through the section of country of which we are speaking. The A. & G. W. road proper, leaves the New York & Erie road at a place called Salamanca, on the Allegheny river, a few miles from Olean, whence it runs in a south-west direction through Erie, Crawford and Mercer counties, passing through Meadville, (which is at present the headquarters of the company) and reaches the Shenango at the town of Greenville, in Mercer county. Just below Greenville it reaches the Pittsburgh & Erie Railroad, and thence runs side by side with it, and also with the canal and river, for several miles, when it turns west into the State of Ohio, past the old thriving town of Warren, from which place there is a branch to Cleveland. The main road goes on to Dayton, where it unites with another road of the same gauge, and so it goes on, through Cincinnati to St. Louis.

Less than a mile north of Greenville, the Jamestown and Franklin Railroad crosses the Atlantic and Great Western road. Jamestown is a village directly on the northern line of Mercer county, near its northwestern corner, and on the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad. This road, after running nearly across the northern part of Mercer county, through an extensive coal field, and by way of a very pretty and romantic body of water, some two miles long, three-quarters of a mile wide and seventy feet deep, called Sandy Lake, enters Venango county, and unites with the French Creek branch of the Atlantic and Great Western road about five miles above Franklin.

About two miles below Greenville, where the Atlantic and Great Western and the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroads are running side by side with the river and canal, in the midst of a broad and beautiful valley, the Bear Creek Railroad has its terminus. Here the machine shops and offices of that important coal road will be located, and the enterprising men who are building it, and who have secured by purchase and lease some forty-six thousand acres of coal lands which have been rendered valuable by their enterprise—have laid out a city on a bold and liberal scale. They have named it Atlantic City. The name is objectionable, as there is already an "Atlantic City" on the coast of New Jersey; but the object is to identify it by name with the "Atlantic" coast, on which it is likely to be ere long one of the most important points for when that great road shall be released from its dependence on the New York and Erie road by the construction of a main line eastward through Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Atlantic City will probably be the place where that new line will strike the present line, which comes down through Meadville, leaving the latter only an important branch to Western New York and Buffalo.

Atlantic City, even now, is a locality possessing singularly favorable commercial advantages. It has direct railroad communication with Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati, and Cleveland, and Erie, and Meadville, and through that with the New York and Erie road, and with Franklin, and in August next the Bear Creek road will be completed to a part of the great coal field before spoken of. In addition to these it has canal navigation both to Pittsburgh and Erie, and to the rich coal mines down the Shenango. There is not another such unoccupied locality in the State; and nothing can prevent it from being a great manufacturing and ultimately a commercial centre. No place we have seen appears to be more admirably adapted to the manufacture of iron. Cars from the Bearcreek road will carry coal to Erie and Cleveland and bring back Lake Superior ore, which, combined with the rich ores of the adjacent region, makes the best of iron. Coal in exhaustless abundance lies on every side. In short there is nothing at all needed but capital and labor to turn these marvellous natural resources and commercial facilities to the most profitable account.

By the way, we may as well state that the people of the pretty and thriving town of Greenville are making a vigorous effort to have the county seat of Mercer county removed to their borough. As this is a local question it is not for us to express any opinion upon the subject.

GENERAL NEWS.

The correspondent of the London *Times* thus testifies concerning the reconstructed loyalty of our amiable wayward sister, South Carolina:

"As to the hatred of the North, beyond doubt it is intense. In not a single town that I have visited are Federal officers admitted to private society. 'Not a Yankee has ever crossed this threshold,' boasted one lady proudly, 'and none ever shall.' The men might possibly be less hostile to them, but the women are implacable. They lower their veils when they meet them in the street, leave shops when the hated Yankee enters, and talk bitter things when they are traveling in cars and see Yankees near them. An American might travel all through the South without hearing a word of this nerd repugnance to the North, or suspecting its existence, unless when he found himself in railway cars or stages with southern women, on which occasions hits are made to tingle. But any one who has opportunities of probing the true feeling of the people will not doubt that the chasm between the North and South is wider than ever it was before the war, and that the South nurses the recollection of the injuries with all the greater tenacity, because it dares not speak of them outside of its own houses."

THE Richmond *Examiner*, of Monday morning has this paragraph, which contains news that has reached us from no other source: "We learn that Col. John S. Mosby was arrested at his home in Fauquier, a few days since, by military authority, and taken to Washington and imprisoned. He is charged, we understand, with having hanged two Federal soldiers in the Valley during the war, in retaliation for the murder of some of his men. For some months (Col. Mosby has been quietly practicing law in Warrenton, demeaning himself as a good and loyal citizen of his section."

A REBEL Bishop SECESSED—On Sunday week the continuation Bishop Wilmer, of Alabama, was expected to preach and confirm in Trinity Church, New Orleans, in the morning, and officiate also in Christ Church in that city in the evening. The first part of the programme was gone through with. In the evening, however, he was absent, the reason being that the military authorities objected to his officiating on the ground that as he was under military suspension in Alabama, the like prohibition extended to his labors in Louisiana.

THE Railroad Bill, which passed the House early in the session, and which was recalled last week, or rather the duplicate of which was introduced into the senate by Mr. sumner, has been reported from the Senate Committee on Commerce with an amendment, which excepts any road, now prohibited by law, from the benefits of this bill. This will cut off the Illinois Central from its claim for compensation for carrying government mails, troops and freight.

On Thursday last Gen. Stone, of Iowa, was inaugurated. He applauds President Johnson's course, although he could wish that he had gone further. He desires for universal amnesty, and opposes the readmission yet of the lately insurgent States into the Union. He also proposes to submit the question of colored suffrage in the State to the people.

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THREE STORY BRICK HOUSES,

Nos. 30 and 32, on the east side of WEST COMMONS near the corner of Robinson street, built and finished throughout in a superior manner, with every modern convenience and improvement, and at present in perfect order—one of the cleanest and most desirable situations in Allegheny. Possession on the 1st of April, 1866. Enquire of

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A WELL FINISHED TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING,

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