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Revival of the Iron Industry.

A New York business man, who has just returned from a tour through the Pennsylvania iron districts, said to a Tribune reporter:

"I found great activity in all branches of iron manufacture. The furnaces are all flaming, the forges and rolling mills are working night and day, and the nail mills make such a racket as they have not made before since 1873. The high prices of iron has stimulated the iron masters to extraordinary exertions. Many of them have orders which it will take them six months to fill, and are obliged to refuse new contracts. The present price is largely speculative, I think, and cannot long be maintained, for it is unreasonable to suppose that an article which now costs only eleven dollars a ton to produce, can long be sold for forty dollars; but the price will be high enough for some time to come to enable the iron men to make a great deal of money. I think they will more than make good the losses they suffered during the depression of the trade."

In answer to a question as to the effect of the rise in iron on wages, he said: "Most of the iron masters have voluntarily advanced the wages of their workmen as prices have gone up. There appears to be a good understanding between employers and workmen throughout the iron districts. The coal miners, however, are dissatisfied, and in some localities have struck for an advance."

The same gentleman remarked that he made a point during his journey of sounding the iron manufacturers as to their views on the Presidential question. Nearly all of them are Republicans, he said, and fully three-fourths expressed themselves as decidedly opposed to the third term project. They were divided in their preferences between Blaine and Sherman.

The following is an extract of a letter received from a gentleman at Gardiner, Me., which indicates the feeling among the mass of the people in that State during the present addition: "You speak of the outrages committed by the Fusionists in Maine. I do not wonder you characterize those doings as outrages. They are greater outrages than have ever been perpetrated officially by any party or set of men since the beginning of our Government. But those conspirators are sure to come to grief for their treasonable doings. Our people have been in the highest state of excitement from the beginning of this nefarious work. Some 200 special policemen were on duty at the State House last night. The force was increased owing to threats made by the Fusionists that they should drive Gen. Chamberlin out of the State House, but this they will find a bigger job than they anticipated. It is one of the most fortunate things that could have happened that Gen. Chamberlin is commander of the military arm of the State. He is the right man in the right place. He is Acting Governor and will carry us through. This secures Republican safety."

Some criticism having been lately passed on the severity of convict punishment in Georgia, the Governor (Brown), of that state, takes the matter indignantly up, and says the Dade coal mines in which the prisoners work, are no gloomier than other coal mines; the chains worn by the prisoners while at work are put on them to prevent attempts at escape, which would involve the necessity of shooting or perhaps killing them; they greatly prefer working in the mines, even in

chains, to close confinement within the walls of a prison; and their lodgings are no worse than those of coal miners usually are.

An English Judge has just decided that a set of artificial teeth is not one of the "necessaries" of a farmer's wife, which the husband is bound to provide or to pay for when furnished without his consent by a dentist. This is illogical as it is inhuman. The law recognizes food as one of the necessities of a married woman for which her husband is liable. Is food any more essential than the indispensable means of masticating it? The Supreme Court of Errors in Connecticut, with more humanity and consistency, has held that filling the teeth of a minor is a necessary for which the dentist is entitled to recover.

On the bottom of the obelisk to be brought from Egypt to New York have been discovered what are supposed to be Masonic inscriptions, and these are expected to prove beyond doubt the antiquity of the Masonic order. How great that antiquity is cannot be told until some one tells the age of the obelisk.

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