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RICHARD M. WILDERMAN.
May 22

THE proposed arrangement to unify the soft coal interests of the Atlantic seaboard appears to be held at bay by some force difficult to overcome.

And the trade paper outcrop of intelligence goes to show that the Pocahontas region is at the bottom of the trouble. Having enjoyed a good taste of active trade, our latest competitor wants for this year more than its proper share of tidal business.

This is very unfortunate, for in the arrangement to protect and maintain coal values at seashore, as devised and set on foot by the operators of this, the oldest soft coal field in this country, rests the only solid basis for fair and durable prices.

We say unfortunate, provided, of course, the greediness of our newest rival results in failure to agree. With growing productive and transportation facilities; with aggressive, if not unscrupulous methods to win patronage, and a coal which in excellence comes nearer than any to ours, Pocahontas threatens to become our most formidable antagonist in market. The operators and people of this field might well regret, therefore, a barren outcome of the costly and laborious effort to divide the nucleus of business at an equitable *pro rata*.

To take no account of the damage at once inflicted upon current work, there is the greater harm to follow from the growing power of our rival to defeat us next year.

People in this region, however, who depreciate or discredit the significance of the crisis at hand know not what they do.

In 1871 they laughed at the idea of Clearfield as a prospective competitor of this region, but a strike or two here made Clearfield, with an inferior coal, more than a match for us.

The strike of 1882 gave Pocahontas its first impetus, and those of last year, here and in Clearfield, deriving their inspiration, encouragement and support from the same shrewd Pocahontas, added largely to the momentum of its popularity in market.

To-day that region is strong enough and apparently willing enough to dictate terms to the entire soft coal resources of the Atlantic seaboard.

It is able to determine for all fields of this coal in the Appalachian parallel whether there shall or shall not exist a compact to mine, ship and sell coal at prices affording legitimate profits and living wages.

The infant of yesterday is to-day a soldier in arms, and, standing upon territory already wrested from our grasp, insists upon a broader and deeper occupation, fairly if he may, forcibly if he must.

In the face of a menace like this, with the repetitions and lessons of history also in full view, how the sensible, solid men of Georges Creek can range themselves in line with the common enemy against our own household passes comprehension.

In justice to such men, however, few, if any, have indulged in the colossal folly of claiming spoils that could not and cannot be captured from an enemy that has beaten our field in every battle, and worst when we imagined we had won.

OUR neighbor, the Frostburg JOURNAL, was filled last week with nettles, which it placed under the court because of the result in the Williams trial. Brother Oder's nettles were stinging, but not nice.—Cumberland *Independent*.

It is to be supposed, then that it was real "nice" to turn William Williams loose.

And presumed, also, that—but we refrain because we do not know the standard of nicety by which the *Independent* measures.

In our own simple, inartificial way we have reckoned this a case of eye for eye and tooth for tooth. If the *Independent* will believe it, we tried our best to keep from saying that the acquittal of William Williams was not only the worst but the most vulgar of judicial miscarriages occurring within our memory.

And we succeeded.

"A MINER" re-opens his proposal to discontinue the practice of stopping work in the mines when fatal accidents occur.

His calculation of losses in the latest instance, however, is rather under the actual figures.

The total wages paid now to men engaged only in mining and getting out coal from New Hope average at least $200 daily. The loss, therefore, to those men resulting from last week's stoppage of 2¾ days was $550.

This is certainly a matter worth serious study. In effect the practice is for the time being only one degree below a strike.

CHESTERFIELDIAN phrase has a poor show when the burning of one's house is endorsed by a verdict acquitting the man who said he did the deed. Our friend of the Cumberland *Independent*, quoted elsewhere, thinks, doubtless, and very fairly, that the people are guilty, inasmuch as William Williams was declared not guilty. It would have us, therefore, approach the bench and jury on all fours and whisper disagreement "with regrets" and ask pardon for differing with them.

But we do not believe there is an ounce of such manhood in Frostburg.

IN the entire list of the fortunes of labor, and these have not been a few, we have never known an instance before the one furnished by the papers and correspondents of this region where the men gossiped about an unsolicited advance in wages in a tone of unwelcome. It would seem that some folks would rather fight and get nothing than make a good living by keeping the peace.

WHILE we think of it—will the *Independent* describe a nettle that on occasion will not sting?

Or a stinging nettle that *is* nice.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMENTS.

BARTON, MD., Feb. 9, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

A peculiarity of the *Review* and *Workman*, the two organs adopted in this county by organized labor to give expression to their desires, wishes and sentiments, is that in their last issues the benefits our miners would derive from the formation of the soft coal pool, by getting an advance of at least 10 cents per ton, were entirely ignored by these champions of labor and the duty left to that keen journalist, "brother Oder," who neither gets pap, credit, nor consideration commensurate with the unselfish, conservative advice that apparently passes by unappreciated. The article in last week's JOURNAL read, and I am sure it will find a responsive echo in every man's breast that has the welfare of his fellow-man at heart.

Why is it that our citizens, who are up to the average in attendance on different organizations are fewer in proportion in the Knights of Labor than any other part of the county, Cumberland excepted? Yet certain miners will curse, growl, get maimed, killed, and do dead work without remuneration. We say most emphatically if they haven't interest enough to come into an organization to remedy some of the existing evils, then they should bear their loads uncomplainingly like other asses of burden. Don't have the audacity to say you are as good as those who are devoting their time and money for your benefit while you are giving your time and more money debasing your nature by imbibing poison in some saloon. If you have no other incentive toward doing good the bond of nature between you and your children should be of sufficient strength to restrain you from doing evil, thereby setting a bad example for them to follow.

J. A. Martin, Kinloch, Keer, and Cochrane, as a committee who signed an appeal to our county commissioners asking for an appropriation to start a night school in Lonaconing, must have thought that the success of their appeal depended entirely on how often they could call the board "Honorable," as it appears five times in twenty-eight lines. I give them credit for good intentions, but think it would be more consistent with the principles they are supposed to represent did they appeal to parents to send their children to schools that are already in existence, instead of taking them in the mines while mere children, thus acting contrary to one of the fundamental principles of the K. of L., viz: abolition of child labor. We hope to see the *Workman* come out on this question, as a year ago we were witness to a greater number of children from apparently 9 to 16 years of age working in the glass factories of Cumberland than were in all the mines in the county. Then, when the *Workman* gets through with that laudable job, let itt ackle the evils and corruption existing in Shantytown, from which our taxable citizens justly complain, as it is a notorious fact that one-fourth of the court expenses emanate from that stench hole. MULDOON.

A Questionable Display of Sympathy.

FROSTBURG, MD., Feb. 9, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

The fatal accident which occurred in New Hope slope last Thursday morning resulting in the death of our fellow craftsman, William R. Cruise, revives a question which should have the earnest attention of every miner in this region.

The above mine was thrown idle nearly three days owing to said accident, thus entailing a loss to the miners of from $4 to $5 each, and probably embarassing the companies to considerable extent.

The question being asked one of the workers—"What are you idle for?" the answer was—"To show our respect for Billy." This instance is only a repetition of our old observance which would be better honored in the breach—a practice which is of no benefit whatever to anyone.

William Cruise was a man I esteemed very much. He was well respected by all who knew him. He was a kind son to a loving mother, and all that, but the respect shown by his fellow-workers to his memory would not have been lessened the least had they returned to work the following morning after the accident and continued until the hour of burial; then turned out to a man and followed the remains to their last resting place; and then select a committee to go through the mine and collect not less than $1 from each man for the support of those who were dependent upon his labor for a livelihood. This, in my estimation, would be sympathy practically expressed and due respect bestowed at the right time and in the proper manner.

A word or two as to the losses accruing to company may not be amiss:

I am told the average daily earnings of each man at the above mine will run about 4½ tons. In other words, $1.80 per day. A suspension of three days work thus brought about would be equivlaent to a loss to each man of $5.40.

On the other hand, the companies may have pressing demands for coal, and vessels lying in port waiting. A fatal accident occurs at the mine; a suspension takes place for three days and the result is the company is compelled to pay very heavy demurrage. This, added to other losses they sustain through these unnecessary suspensions is a matter which should not be overlooked. Such are the results of an unwise system which should be abolished at once. I trust some of our conservative miners will give vent to their feelings upon this subject and let us have the benefit of their opinions. A MINER.

AN UNFAIR IMPRESSION.

FROSTBURG, MD., Feb. 10, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

AS I have been censured, rather unkindly I think, in certain quarters for not giving proper attention lately to several rooms in my school, I desire the patrons of the school to know that, as no first assistant was appointed to my school this year, I have been compelled to teach by myself a room of between 60 and 70 pupils, composed of two grades. Under such circumstances I do not think it fair to hold me as responsible as if my whole time were devoted to superintendence.
J. E. J. BUCKEY.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

New Advertisements.—See fourth page.

Appointments.—The County Commissioners have appointed George S. Dean constable in district No. 8, Westernport, and Solomon Hansel, of this place, road supervisor from Eckhart to Borden Shaft.

The New Insane Asylum Again.—The county commissioners have renewed the invitation to building contractors to bid upon the construction of the new insane asylum, the cost not to exceed $30,000, the maximum fixed by the legislature. See advertisement.

Improvement.—William Thomas has begun the work of changing the old banking hall to a store room. It will be made three feet wider, and two feet lower. George H. Hocking & Sons, boot and shoe firm, will occupy it April 1. Archie McMillan will take the room vacated by the former.

School Affairs.—The school commissioners met Friday of last week.

Adam Brown was appointed a trustee of the Vale Summit school.

Miss Bertha Jennings was appointed assistant teacher in the Westernport school to fill a vacancy.

Miss Mary Danahey was appointed assistant teacher at the Ocean school to fill a vacancy.

An Exciting Chase.—Lucius M. Wilson, a 20-year old incorrigible son of James M. Wilson, of this place, was arrested yesterday and placed in the lockup as a candidate for the House of Correction. He has been making life a burden to the family for several months, and needs a lesson. Alfred Jeffries, bailiff, went for him; Lucius took flight; bailiff fired two shots, hoping to bring him to a halt; no halt until fugitive got stuck in a swamp down in one of the Consolidation company's fields; surrender, capture, etc. Next, trial.

The Sick.—Dr. Jacobs was out Wednesday.

Miss Eliza C. and George T., daughter and son of John Davis, are better.

George J. Conner, salesman in Annan's bookstore, has been quite ill with catarrhal fever. He is improving, however, and will soon be at his post of duty. Willie Jeffries, a quondam occupant of the position, fills the vacancy.

John and Owen, sons of Edward Price have been quite sick. Also, J. P. Moody, Mrs. Thomas Barrett and Frederick Gross.

Hotels.—The Maltby House, Baltimore, always a fine hotel, is now better than ever. The landlord, Col George P. Mott, the clever clerks and efficient attendants unite to make one feel at home, and the fare is superb. These reasons incline us to recommend the Maltby to all those of our readers visiting Baltimore as one among the very best hotel resorts in the city.

The traveler who strikes Piedmont, W. Va., will find good accommodations and fare at the Sims House, Capt. J. P. A. Entler, proprietor. It is one of the best hotels in the country, and far better than many in the cities.

The Coming Grand Ball.—The young folks are again reminded of the grand full dress ball fixed for Monday evening, February 21, 1887, eve of Washington's birthday, at Ravenscraft's Opera House. It will be held under the auspices of Company D, of this place, a competent committee of which has the arrangements in hand. Other military companies will be represented by large delegations, and all the provisions and accessories for an enjoyable occasion will be made in ample form. There will be a parade on the streets about 7½ o'clock, p. m., after which Col. P. W. Avirett, of Cumberland, will present the company with a flag.

A Grand Serenade.—A correspondent communicates the following account of a pleasant affair:

The many friends of Lewis McKenzie, who was married in this place Tuesday last, gathered at his father's residence, located near the Bark Extract factory, and gave him a grand serenade. About thirty persons were present and paid their respects to the groom and his charming bride. Mr. McKenzie invited the party to partake of refreshments which were sumptuous and handsomely served. Good vocal and instrumental music made the occasion very enjoyable. A number of the gentlemen remained at the house to have a chat with the happy pair. The floral decorations, while not profuse, were plentiful and exquisite. The parlor mantels were entirely concealed by rare plants and flowers and formed a pleasing contrast to the bricabrac surroundings, which betrayed the skill of the employees of the Extract factory.

Personal.—John D. Cruise, of Erie, Pa., and Joseph A. Cruise and family, of Pittsburg, Pa., reached here in time to attend the funeral of their brother, William R. Cruise, killed in New Hope mine last week. The former is connected with the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania railroad system, the latter is a locomotive engineer on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Each is a trusted employee and responded Thursday to delicately expressed wishes of their employers to return soon as practicable.

Miss Ada Hocking is visiting relatives in Meyersdale, Pa.

Harry McAllister went to Washington, D. C., last week to spend a few days.

Miss Sallie Robinson returned home last Saturday from a visit to Lonaconing friends. She was accompanied by Miss Emma Bradley, of that place.

George W. Hocking, son of the late Simon Hocking, has gone to Altoona, Pa., with a view of locating there.

The Pool.—The Cumberland *Times* and other papers having published a dispatch announcing the formation of the proposed "pool" of soft coal shippers to the seaboard, is in receipt of the following letter from the president of the Georges Creek coal and iron company:

Dear Sir—Being surprised at the enclosed telegram taken from your issue of the 29th inst., touching the proposed "soft coal pool," I communicated with Mr. Mayer, who authorizes and requests me to say that the statements contained in the dispatch in question are incorrect—as incorrect as have been all the statements heretofore published about the "pool." I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant, J. J. ALEXANDER.

We do not construe Mr. Alexander's letter as meaning the "pool" is not formed. A great many foolish statements have gone out concerning the matter, and these are "incorrect," of course. That is about all there is in that.

But the indications at this, our latest writing, are that the compact is practically complete. In which case it only remains for all parties concerned to keep it so.

Religious.—A correspondent of the Cumberland *Times* wrote Tuesday from this place:

Old Dame Gossip has been busy this week over the many rumors afloat concerning a sermon delivered by Rev. W. A. Shipman in the English Lutheran church last Sunday morning. In the year 1884 Mr. Shipman delivered a sermon from the 8th chapter of Matthew:

What have we to do with thee? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

He delivered a sermon from this same text last Sunday, which aroused the indignation of one of the prominent members of the church, who was present, and who attempted to bring Mr. Shipman to account for making such personal remarks. But that worthy divine stuck to his text and said all persons the shoe fit could wear it, etc.

Mr. Shipman thinks strange of the objection to his sermon now from the fact that he was complimented for making the same sermon in 1884 and by the same person that objected to it last Sunday. Mr. Shipman thinks the change of opinions now and then, is on account of whose ox was gored on both occasions.

Rev. V. F. Schmitt, now pastor of St. Joseph's church, Washington, D. C., found his duties there too numerous and onerous to discharge unaided. He has now an assistant, Rev. Father Donahue, a young man of force, energy and eloquence. Preparations for a fair, to begin Easter Monday night and continue nine days for the benefit of the church, are going on under the supervision of these gentlemen, and it may well be supposed they have their hands full in addition to their regular duties.

Rev. C. D. Hoover, of Smithsburg, Md., has lately preached in the English Lutheran church; Rev. Duncan Kemmerer, of Saltsbuag, Pa., will preach to-morrow and perhaps others will follow—all candidates for the pastorate made vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Shipman. The last named will occupy the pulpit on the 20th and 27th insts., and on the 5th of March assume the duties of his new charge at Hollidaysburg, Pa.

The congregation of the M. E. Church has lately visited deserving families in large groups, each taking a magnified pound of something good for the inner man. Real christian work, that.

Deaths.—The early issue of the JOURNAL last week prevented more than a passing notice of the deaths of the week, nearly all of which were of unusual character.

Conrad Hartman was 42 years and 10 months old, and had been for a long while prominent in our mercantile circle. On Tuesday night, 1st inst., he complained of pains in the region of his heart and in his head. Mrs. Hartman summoned medical attendance and remedies were applied. Next morning Mrs. Hartman was again alarmed by heavy, hard breathing, and she endeavored to arouse him, but in vain; practically he had already passed beyond the boundary of life. A few minutes before 8 p. m. he ceased to breathe. Paralysis of the brain had set in during the preceding night and he never regained consciousness. His mother, brothers, sisters, wife and children were present when he died. The funeral was largely attended at 2 p. m. Saturday. As a mark of respect the stores were closed, and at the house many rich floral offerings attested the esteem of friends and affection of kindred. Rev. W. A. Shipman held brief services both at the residence and grave, and Messrs. Marx Wineland, John Chambers, A. E. Hitchins, Walter Edwards and Joseph Jandorf were the pallbearers. Interment in Allegany cemetery.

The funeral of William R. Cruise, the young miner killed in New Hope, took place in St. Michael's church Sunday afternoon. Rev. D. C. DeWulf officiated, and the remains interred in the new Catholic cemetery. A long procession of his brother miners was an imposing feature of the *cortege*.

Mrs. Mary M. Harbel, of this place, fell on the ice Thursday morning of last week and died during the night of same day. She was over 70 years of age. Her head struck the ice and death ensued from concussion of the brain. The funeral took place at the Reformed church, Rev. G. A. Schwedes officiating, and the remains interred in Allegany cemetery Sunday afternoon. Deceased was the mother of Lewis Harbel, of this place.

That Advance.—Some papers having worked themselves into white heat over a reported advance of "10 *per cent.*," instead of 10 cents per ton as expected, we want to show by italics where that rumor started. A dispatch from Pittsburg, dated Feb. 3, says:

The *special* business which called the *executive board* of the Coal Miners' National Assembly, *Knights of Labor*, to this city is to *consider the advisability of asking a ten per cent. advance* in the Clearfield, Meyersdale, *Georges Creek* and Salisbury regions. Nearly 10,000 men are employed in these mines.

Notwithstanding this, however, the Lonaconing *Review* of yesterday says:

We notice that the *Baltimore* and *Cumberland papers* speak of a *probable* advance of 10 *per cent.*, or, in other words, 4 cents per ton. Such reports may have been circulated as a "feeler." If so, we can assure those interested that an advance of 4 cents per ton will not be accepted by the miners! They dismiss any reference of "4 cents" with disdain, and it needs no great amount of inquiry to learn that they positively will not accept such an advance. It is our firm belief that the operators do not intend to offer the miners an advance of less than 10 cents per ton; to offer less in our opinion would precipitate a strike. We say this plainly because we know the feelings of the miners, it is the truth and persons, papers and things who do not like it—had better not read it. It must not be understood that the miners want to strike; far from it.

To say nothing further of the origin of the bugaboo the quotation above is a sample of the very sort of talk which generally brings us just what we say we wont have.

So far as the JOURNAL is concerned it cares nothing about the category in which it is reckoned, except to know the author and proprietor of the category. By some it prefers to be ca[illegible] a person, by others a paper, by [illegible] a thing, by others nothing.

But to that large and growing [illegible] who regard its suggestions at this [illegible] ture as in the line of wisdom and [illegible] policy—public and private, we w[illegible] announce the supreme fact that the young roosters who are crowing after the fashion set in the above quotation are, in eloquent barnyard parlance, "electioneering for a lickin'."

And whether the principle which underlies the blacklist be right or wrong it is certain that it exists and will remain coeval with the perpetuity of property rights.

That list is never made up after a strike, as many suppose, but before and during the suspension. As many others imagine, also, that it is the company which makes the list it is but simply just to say that this is an error. That list is formulated by the extreme element among those whom the *Review* says "dismisses with disdain," etc., and some of them are evidently at work on their own destruction now.

But there will be no blacklist this time to cry over, for there will not be enough of one to make a strike.

If a list should be "precipitated" depend upon it, men and brethren, while it may be short one way it will be long as eternity the other.

Brevities.—Rev. P. Manning, of Lonaconing, was thrown from his buggy between Ocean and Midland Friday of last week and considerably bruised. His horse took fright and, dashing up a steep embankment, the buggy overturned.

Six copies of the JOURNAL of Jan. 29 wanted, 5 cents each c.o.d. at this office

No mistake. gentlemen, your great indignation meeting was the shot heard round the county.

A cold wave at hand.

Mr. Chambers has $125 of rubber suit fund; $55 more wanted—not from one man but some from all men.

Some call the announced advance, whatever it may be, "an offer." Not exactly; it will be an absolute addition of 12½ or 25 *per cent.* to the current pay of every miner in the region.

Thursday of last week was an unlucky day for Frostburg.

"Muldoon" writes privately that his communication was sent to a contemporary, but publication was refused. As his "comments" deal with public questions, and as the JOURNAL has grown from infancy to old age on its independence, we cannot see why our correspondent, whose Christian name is "Solid," should not be heard, albeit he argues some things many people may not relish.

Adam Boston, a well-known butcher and cattle-dealer of Lonaconing, was killed Friday night of last week on the Allegheny Valley railroad, at Pittsburg. Mr. Boston was about 35 years old and very popular in Lonaconing. He leaves six children.

The JOURNAL just now favors centiment, not the article spelled with an s.

The Charlestown (W. Va.) *Spirit of Jefferson* reports the purchase Wednesday of last week of the "Glenn farm," near that place, by Olin Beall, formerly of Frostburg. The price paid was $44 per acre.

The new engine at Hoffman was started Wednesday and worked handsomely.

A row in the Salvation Army Saturday night between an outsider and an officer resulted in holding the first best for court. Meanwhile the captain carries one of his eyes in a sling.

The "Comments" of our correspondent, whose sirname is "Muldoon," were dated originally "Jan. 17, 1887." They reached us Wednesday last and we have changed the date accordingly.

There is no mistaking the fact that considerable dissatisfaction exists, growing out of the inefficiency of our public school No. 1, and that the principal is mainly blamed. Without taking up the cudgel for him, for he is able to do that for himself, it seems that his lot is a hard one. According to his letter, elsewhere printed, he is *nominally* principal of the school, but really of but one principality. The school is not a unit as once, but a kind of little United States with no federal head. In all fairness, therefore, whoever complains should hold Mr. Buckey responsible only for the conduct of the department over which he presides.