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New Business Locals.

Excitement in Texas.—Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; every body said of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent for Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of the pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles free at G. A. Wingert's drug store. Large size $1.

What Can Be Done?—By trying again and keeping up courage many things seemingly impossible may be attained. Hundreds of hopeless cases of Kidney and Liver Complaint have been cured by Electric Bitters, after every thing else had been tried in vain. So, don't think there is no cure for you, but try Electric Bitters There is no medicine so safe, so pure, and so perfect a blood purifier. Electric Bitters will cure Dyspepsia, Diabetes and all diseases of the Kidneys. Invaluable in affections of Stomach and Liver, and overcome all Urinary Difficulties. Large bottles Price 50 cents at G. A. Wingert's.

Business Locals.

Guarantee of Purity.—"CUMBERLAND, MD., June 3, 1887.—Having been stationed at the Braddock Distillery whilst in operation as United States Storekeeper and Guager—
I hereby certify, That JAMES CLARK & Co., Distillers, in the manufacture of their Pure Malt Whiskey use only Barley Malt.
Respectfully, JNO. H. YOUNG."

Stewart's Pills cure headache.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.—The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. For sale by G. A. Wingert.

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I hereby certify, That JAMES CLARK & Co., Distillers, in the manufacture of their Braddock Pure Rye Whiskey use only Rye and Barley Malt. Respectfully, L. H. TROOK."

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I hereby certify, That JAMES CLARK & Co., Distillers, in the manufacture of their Pure Malt Whiskey use only Barley Malt.
Respectfully, J. P. WILLIARD."

New Advertisements.

Administrator's Notice.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Allegany county, Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

Peter Payne, deceased.

All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof duly authenticated, to the subscriber ON or BEFORE

Tuesday, January 10, 1888.

They may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 5th day of July, 1887. WILLIAM PAYNE,
July 9 Administrator.

Corporation Taxpayers, TAKE NOTICE.

THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CORPORATION OF FROSTBURG are hereby notified, That the Tax Bills for 1887—8 are now ready for collection.

The following discounts will be allowed on all Taxes paid—

Before August 1.....5 per cent.
" September 1.....4 " "
" October 1.....3 " "

☞ No discount allowed after date last named.

By order of the Mayor and Council.
ALFRED JEFFRIES,
July 9 Collector.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

WANTED
A Saddle and Harness-Maker.

NONE BUT A FIRST-CLASS WORKMAN need apply. Address

L. H. BELL,
The Boss Saddler,
May 28 Frostburg, Md.

What's the Difference

—BETWEEN—

A Man Going Down Walnut Street Eating Chestnuts,

—OR—

A Man Going Up Chestnut Street Eating Walnuts

Answer: OH, SHUCKS!

OR about the same difference you will find if you investigate the various statements of our competitors, each and every one of whom claim to be underselling all the others, and the combined statement of all

DON'T AMOUNT TO SHUCKS

When you come to compare them with the ACTUAL VALUES,
TRUE WORTH and REAL MERIT
—OF—

FRANK C. BEALL'S BARGAINS
—IN—
Groceries, Tobaccos and Cigars.

What we say and what they say may sound very similar, same as this does:

OTTO B. SCHOTT. OUGHT TO BE SHOT.

Yet there is a vast difference between the meaning and the sound.

REMEMBER!

Frank C. Beall's bargains are not WORD bargains, they EXIST in his goods.

Frank C. Beall's prices are not low to the EYE, but they are low to the judgment.

Frank C. Beall's customers will tell you

THIS IS SO!

Ask them or call for proofs at

FRANK C. BEALL'S
Gem Grocery Store,
June 11 FROSTBURG, MD.

ACCORDING to James Campbell, of Barton, Mrs. A. R. Maurice, who spoke to D. A. 41, recently in session at Baltimore, stated that—

She knew the man that stole the Mining Ventilation bill. Our delegates at once made arrangements for an interview with her on this subject, at which she stated that the man who stole the bill belonged to the Crescent Club, of Baltimore, and that he got $500 for taking it. She also states that Gov. H. Lloyd, Comptroller Turner and Attorney General Roberts connived at the abstraction of said bill, and, further, that one of Allegany's legislators said, in urging the passage of said bill in the Legislature on the Baltimore delegation, who were adverse to voting in its favor, that it would never become a law. The said delegate made the remark that he was obligated to see it through, and if they would help him he didn't give a d—n what became of it after it passed the House of Delegates.

If Mrs. Maurice entertains an idea of destroying gubernatorial timber, now is the time to tell all she knows.

If she is merely seeking the destruction of legislative undergrowth, she may wait a month or two.

In either case Mrs. Maurice should come out strong with her charges—and prove them.

Meanwhile, there are precious few who seriously want to find the bill, or again breathe into it the breath of life. Region and people are getting along magnificently without it.

THE JOURNAL'S recent portrayal of the good times going in this region is corroborated by "A Consolidation Miner."

The silence following our eloquent remarks was so dense that we feared that the surface view of things might deceive even the very elect among newspapers.

But at length here comes a reliable man who has seen the inside of the pantry; taken a survey of the kitchen; enjoyed a birds-eye view of the dining-table at breakfast, dinner and supper; and inspected the quantity and quality of the wardrobe—this man says the situation is one over which all should rejoice.

And now, since he has so kindly and explicitly endorsed our view of the general financial and domestic condition of the region, it is nothing more than fair that the JOURNAL should reciprocate.

It is pleasant, therefore, to assure "A Consolidation Miner" that he is endowed with rare insight into the truth, and the rarer faculty of telling it with a facility and fluency nearly equal to the JOURNAL'S most palmy rhetoric.

PRINCE FERDINAND, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was Thursday elected prince of Bulgaria by the Sobrange. To those persons who do not understand the term, "Sobrange," it should be stated that it is a peculiar representative body of the people which sometimes forgets the issue upon which it was brought into existence.

The dispatch containing the above news states also that "the announcement of the Sobrange's preference for Ferdinand was received with great enthusiasm"—a result so different from that which followed the recent official predilection of the people for Col Baughman that a comparison of European and American methods of political frenzy would likely cause remark to our detriment.

THE correspondent who suggests Davisson Armstrong as a candidate for county commissioner knows a good candidate when he sees one—Cumberland *News*.

He does for a fact.

And there are two incumbents who ought to be re-nominated and elected.

One of them lives in Barton.

THE Frederick *Union* says:

There are some men in Maryland who are candidates for Governor that they themselves may be nominated. Then there are others who are candidates to secure delegates to be used solely by the boss machine.

That is a remark delivered close home.

THE JOURNAL congratulates Col. P. W. Avirett upon the flattering vote which made him a delegate to Baltimore. Fourteen of fifteen districts was so near unanimity that the State convention will not be able to tell 'tother from which.

CORRESPONDENCE

AMUSEMENTS.

Cards, Dice, Billiards, Dancing, &c.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

The work of the christian church in the world, out of which it is called, is a definite one, namely: To bear witness to Christ "that men may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith." It is not therefore to reform men. That will only be accomplished when the Lord Jesus comes to resume the "Kingdom-of-Heaven" work, which was suspended at the time of his rejection by his *earthly* people. It is well understood, however, that in the meantime the "*Kingdom of God*," extending over all, is carrying forward all earthly affairs in the wake of the Church. With this earthly work the Church has nothing to do. Its hands and heart should be full of its legitimate and specific work of bearing testimony to Christ. God, in his kingdom over all, will take care of earthly affairs including what is properly known as the mere professing Church, as well as the religious world. The Holy Spirit though will not fail to complete the work which the Lord set in motion after his rejection by his people, of witnessing Christ, by the Church, to the Gentile world, in order to take out of it "a people to his name."—Acts xv, 14. This work, therefore, of reforming the world by the Church is not the looking of the Church to the "Bright and Morning Star."—Rev. xxii, 16. To this turning away of the Church from its specific work and duty is very much due the popular craze of modern ethical culture. And if one did not know that man is by nature a fool, and by nature the human "heart is enmity to God," and "that which is born of the flesh is flesh," and can never be made anything else, it would be astonishing that so many are being gulled by "clubs," etc., being formed in so many places to improve society, reform the young, &c., &c. The cry of the world and the professing church is—"we must have recreation after the toils of the day; we must give the people amusement." Hence the Church and the world are clasping hands in running theatres, dances, billiards, dice, cards, &c.

Is it any wonder that the craze for exhibition of "tights," the "Black Crook," gambling, recreation and amusements which mean nothing else than a want of love for home and a regard for home restraints and attractions, has never before reached the extent that it has to-day. It is one of the characteristics of the day. "For men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof."—2 Tim. iii, 5, 6.

The argument is—these are no worse than a great many others, and a great deal better than many others. They forget that two wrongs never make a right. They argue as though pursuit of pleasure were the end for which they were created, and were not required to have serious thoughts about God, eternity, and salvation.

These amusements, games, and "innocent recreations" as they are called, have all been tried by the religious world for the reformation of the world, (which is under condemnation and just waiting to be executed), but the testimony of the universal church is against them.

I confine myself in this communication to one topic—dancing.

Albert Barnes, on the Holy Spirit's injunction to "*abstain from all appearance of evil*" says: "A great variety of subjects such as those pertaining to dress, amusements, the opera, the ballroom, games of chance, come under this general class; which, though on the supposition that they cannot be proved to be in themselves positively wrong or forbidden, have much the appearance of evil, and will be so interpreted."

Mathew Henry says: "We should abstain from all appearance of evil. He who avoids not the approaches to sin will not long abstain from the commision of sin. A true child of God will keep on the safe side of every question that involves duty, and when convinced that there is the appearance of evil, he will abstain from it."

Dr. Chalmers, in commenting on this same text, says: "The enormities of the heathen world of which we read in the New Testament and profane authors, were as little scandalous then as amusements at our day from which all godliness is excluded. They are utterly antipodes with the soul and habit of one who is aspiring after immortality. And may reflect the injury back on those around him"

A distinguished Methodist minister in an "Appeal to all Christians," says: "All who desire to continue in fellowship of our churches are required to abstain from all diversions that cannot be used in the name of the Lord. And this has always been interpreted as prohibiting members from attending what are commonly called places of amusement." The Church *Union* says: "Whenever amusements become demoralized it is better to get new ones than to put old ones in hospitals." "The stage, and cards, and dice, and billiards, which were but gambling tools in their origin, as well as the dance, even under the refined dissipation of God-forsaken modern people, *are past redemption*."

The enactment of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church on the 139th question of the Larger Catechism is—"The spirit of the prohibition extends to all kindred amusements (dancing and stage plays) which are calculated to awaken thoughts and feelings inconsistent with the Commandents." There are many pleasures and practices deemed innocent and proper by those who are not professors of religion, which are nevertheless utterly inconsistent with the teachings of God's word, and inimical to the cause of Jesus Christ. And a christian professor who in anyway encourages the gay and fashionable amusements of the world, furnishes sad evidence that he has not "put off the former conversation, the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts," nor "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." He brings dishonor and reproach upon his profession, throws a stumbling block in the way of sinners, offends them that are weak, and grievously wounds the Saviour in the house of his friends."

The great and good Dr. Alexander, in speaking of these things, says: "The step is so easily taken from apparently innocent to that which is indiscreet that a tender conscience will find it safest to reject all."

The ablest and most distinguished Episcopal clergymen and bishops have spoken out in unmistakable language on the subject. Bishop Hopkins says: "Dancing is chargeable with *waste of time*, the interruption of useful study, the indulgence of personal vanity and the premature incitement of the passions."

Bishop Meade says: "On account of its evil tendencies and accompaniments we ought to inquire whether its *liability* to abuse, and its many acknowledged abuses, should not make us frown upon it in all its forms? It is in itself, wrong, improper, and of bad effect."

Bishop McIlvaine says: "In regard to the theatre and the dance the only line I would draw in regard to these is that of *entire exclusion*. The question is not what we may imagine them to be, but what they always have been and will be, and must be in such a world as this. They are renounced in "the vain pomp and glory of this world" in baptism; they are inconsistent with the christian life, and their renunciation is ratified in confirmation."

Bishop Coxe says: "They are so disgraceful to the age and so irreconcilable with the gospel of Christ, that I feel it my duty to the souls of my flock to warn them who indulge in them not to come to the holy table. Classes preparing for confirmation are informed that I will not lay hands knowingly upon anyone who is not prepared to renounce such things. It is high time that the lines should be drawn between godly and worldly living."

The archbishops and bishops of the Roman Catholic church in the United States, assembled in Plenary Council in Baltimore last year, say in their Pastoral Letter: "We consider it our duty to warn our people against those amusements *which may easily become to them an occasion of sin*." The application of all this is plain.

Who then is this modern reformer—this "*sponsor* of a club" in our poor God-forsaken Frostburg—this Goliah who single-handed defies the very host of the living God and who proposes that we should ignore the divinely-appointed work of the church, and to turn to the world in hopes of enlisting weapons against the flesh and the devil for the improvement of society?

Let christians in these clubs "about face," march out, lay down their worldly weapons, join in the spiritual work of the church of the living God, the ground and pillar of truth; bear testimony as witnesses for Jesus of the power and work of the Holy Ghost in saving souls through knowledge of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh;

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.—2 Cor. x, 3-5.

J. ADDISON WHITAKER.

AN ENCOURAGING PICTURE.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

The working people of this region, comparatively speaking, are now enjoying a period of peace, prosperity, fair wages, and, I may add, good will between companies and miners. Not a symptom of unrest is noticeable amongst our miners, while, on the other hand, turbulence and discontent are prevalent at many industrial centres throughout the country. We have before us the details of the great coke strike; the impending lockout of the iron and steel workers; the threatened enforcement of the recently adopted "two weeks pay law" in the Clearfield coal region; the restless condition of labor and agitation for higher wages in the famous "Poke-it-on-to-us" region, and a number of minor labor troubles too numerous to mention. But in this region, as I have said, the wheels of industry move smoothly along, as it were, without even a jar.

In view of such unpleasant intelligence from our neighboring coal fields and manufacturing centres, can we not congratulate ourselves upon being so favorably situated? One need but stroll the thoroughfares of this "metropolis," as you call it, upon a Saturday evening and he will readily observe the truth or the above assertion. From all directions the people can be seen flocking into town with an air of the greatest cheerfulness to make their usual Saturday evening's purchases.

Turn out, if you please, upon a Sunday morning and I think you will note an improved appearance in the general outfit of the Sunday School children. Our church contributions, we are told, are more encouraging. Our butchers report an improvement in their business, and so it goes.

I cannot refrain, therefore, from briefly referring to the source of this improved condition of our miners and business men. We have heard much and read a great deal in the editorial columns of your able paper of late about the "Atlantic Seaboard Bituminous Coal Association," and this is the organization which has brought peace and comfort to the hearts of the miners in this region. For the establishment and successful operation of this instrumentality much credit is due to C. F. Mayer, president of the Consolidation Coal Company. I make special reference to this gentleman, for we are told that he was the leading spirit in the formation of this great institution. He labored incessantly almost night and day to bring the soft coal people together, knowing, as he did, that this was the only means whereby the wages of the miner could be increased. I am glad to know today that his efforts were crowned with success. The results accruing therefrom, which are expressed in the first sentence of this letter, are cheerful and encouraging, and we trust the good work may go on.

A CONSOLIDATION MINER.

A NEW WRITER UPON AN OLD TOPIC.

FROSTBURG, MD., July 7, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

The hottest season of the year is upon us. In every city or town of any importance it has become customary for stores to close early in the evening. Unsuccessful attempts have been made here to bring united action among the merchants in the past. Arguments *pro* and *con* have been advanced, but experience teaches that the early closing movement is of benefit to employer and employee. Many business men hold that they "cannot afford to close in the evening;" others say that their "clerks are not overworked," etc. They can afford it if there is concentrated action taken. "In union there is strength." Who can feel as the clerk does, being compelled to remain in the store until nine or ten o'clock in the evening, from seven in the morning? If the merchants, one and all, should combine to put into effect this early closing movement, they will be the gainers as well as their clerks. Once the movement is permanently inaugurated you could not pay our merchants to open their stores at night. Besides business in this region is only transacted with people who know what a hard day's work is, and who can sympathize with merchant and clerk. When people begin to "love their neighbor as themselves," and to "do as they would be done by," they will refuse to buy goods in the evening. If our merchants will start the movement and should a few refuse to cooperate, I am satisfied it will not benefit them any, and will prove to be of no injury to those who observe the laws of humanity. It is hoped that business men and their employees can soon be placed on a level with other creatures of this world. Let them have a few hours in the evening for recreation, enjoyment and domestic happiness. The public will certainly endorse this movement and purchase goods during the day, avoiding the liability of buying green for blue under the gaslight, and at hours when all should be at rest. Civilization demands that health is pre-requisite to a proper performance of duty. The clerk, if recuperated by an evening's liberty, can greet his customer with life and a smile on his face which applies equally to the merchant. Now is the time for action! Let the merchants take it in their hands and push the work; then it can be done without "dictation" from their clerks. The best and only way to accomplish this philanthropic object is merchant, clerk and customer to say "united we stand, divided we fall." Very truly,

LIBERATOR.

THE FITNESS OF THINGS.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Occasionally a nomination is made by the simple fitness of things.

It was in this way that Judge Hoffman received his nomination five years ago. His name was placed on the ticket by a sort of acclamation that had far more weight than any political manipulation could have given it.

A sentiment, similar in strength and sincerity, and born of a similar public-spiritedness, seems to point its index finger toward Hon. Thomas G. McCulloh as a fit man to head the democratic ticket in the fall campaign.

When I made the statement some time since that Mr. McCulloh would be eminently satisfactory to the Cumberland leaders it was sniffed at in certain quarters. To such I would commend a recent letter in the Baltimore *American* from its well informed Cumberland correspondent. He says "the slate is now Hon. Thomas G. McCulloh," and he knows whereof he speaks.

OBSERVER.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Election.—At a regular Council fire, held by Shenandoah Tribe, No. 73, I. O. R. M., kindled in the Hunting Grounds of Eckhart on the 2d Sleep, Buck Moon, G. S. D. 396, the following Chiefs were raised by Past Sachem John W. Arnold to serve the ensuing Six Moons:

S.—William W. Myers.
S. S.—Charles S. Bennett.
J. S.—Joseph Porter.
P.—William A. Porter.
K. of W.—George M. Engle.
C. of R.—John T. Lancaster.

Died—Monday night, July 4, 1887, PLEASANT EDWARDS, daughter of Mrs. Mandana and the late Walter Edwards, aged 9 years, 10 months and 18 days. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon by Rev. H. S. France. Little Pleasant was sick but a few days of the dread disease which carried off her father, and her death was a distressing shock to the widowed mother. The latter has been called upon to pass through a season of affliction appalling to the stoutest christian fortitude, but a time will come—

When Grief shall stand with half-averted foot
Upon the threshhold of a brighter day,
And Hope shall take her sweetly by the hand
And both kneel down with Faith to meekly pray.
Lifted from earth, Peace shall immortalize
The heart that its own anguish purifies.

At Lonaconing, Thursday morning, July 7, 1887, Mrs. MARTHA SHAW, wife of Robert Shaw, and daughter of the late Thomas Phillips, of Frostburg. Her husband and a little boy of two years are bereaved by her death. The funeral took place yesterday at Lonaconing; interment in Allegany cemetery, this place.

The Fourth.—The town was quite prettily decorated.

The stores were closed save the candy, drug and beerfectionery establishments.

Sunday school and other picnics flourished at various points around town.

The success of the secular picnics was measured by the number of kegs of beer sold.

At night there were out-door dances at several points; some sky rockets, candles, etc.

Preparations for a grand display of fireworks at the residence of ex-Mayor Wittig were interrupted by a spark getting in among the combustibles. A general sizz—fizz—bang followed, and it is said the stampede of ladies and others who had gathered to see the display was one of the most stirring features of the day. Fortunately the rockets were outside the cart.

Four hundred people gathered in the lecture room of the M. E. Church and spent a most delightful evening with the ladies who projected and conducted the Sociable. Ice cream, cake, etc., were served in a most charming manner, and the financial report is in consequence spoken of "with joy and not with grief."

Personal.—J. Clark Neff and Miss Virgie Greenfield, of Pittsburg, Pa., are guests of Mrs. William Payne.

John T. Hart, of Lemont Furnace, Pa., has been at home with friends here over a week. He will return to Pennsylvania Monday.

Miss Rose Martin, of Baltimore, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Martin, of this place.

Miss May Buck, of Washington, D. C., is visiting the family of C. H. Walker.

Miss Ellen Trenberth, of Connellsville, Pa., is visiting Frostburg friends.

G. Nelson Beall, now at home with his brother, F. C. Beall, was awarded certificates of proficiency in German, algebra, arithmetic, chemistry (analytical and general,) and physics, by W. H. Kable, principal of the Staunton (Va.) Male Academy. Prof. Kable otherwise testifies to our young friend's high character as a diligent, progressive student—a fact which gratifies his very many friends.

Dr. C. C. Jacobs has gone on a brief visit to Morgantown, W. Va. The JOURNAL hopes all his old friends out there will give the spare room an extra touch and feed him on preserves. A popular physician, a clever gentleman and an outspoken friend of the JOURNAL, he merits a good time anywhere, especially among the scenes and friends of his youth.

E. A. Browning, principal of Grahamton school, left Wednesday to spend vacation at his home in Garrett county. Before leaving he informed the JOURNAL that Thomas G. Porter now owned the best nag in the county for the money.

Misses Mamie and Aggie Shannon spent several days this week with friends in Piedmont, W. Va.

Miss Kate Keller spent the Fourth among Cumberland friends.

Miss Ella V. Weis is visiting friends in Piedmont.

Miss Lucy Taafel, of Cumberland, spent this week with Miss Belle Wilderman, of this place.

Brevities.—William Biggs, of this place, an incorrigible lad, was committed Wednesday to St. Mary's Industrial School.

A cat-bird sat on a little limb
Singing so merrilee,
And plucked a cherry now and then,
Devouring it greedilee;
He plucked and ate, and ate and sang,
Not thinking that man could be
So mean as to grudge him a little fruit
For the sake of his stomachee.
But alas! and alack! his song was cut short,
As he could plainly see
Approaching a man with a big long gun,
And a frown like a storm on the sea.
There came a flash, and a loud "je-bang!"
That bird, "O, where was he?"
Just taking a cherry, the same as before,
Across on another tree.

We understand there was an enjoyable time last Thursday at the residence of Duncan Sinclair, near Midlothian, entertaining his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Gestel. Dr. A. B. Price and wife were invited to accompany Rev. Mr. Whitaker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of this place, in his visit of ministerial duty to baptize Mr. Sinclair's little baby boy. The interesting and impressive service took place in the large parlor just before dinner in the presence of the invited guests and family. Then all repaired to the dining room; a rich repast was enjoyed, and toward evening a pleasant ride home ended the day. "May that boy," invokes the pastor, "ever honor his father and mother!"

John B. Reese, painfully hurt last week on the nose by a fall of roof in Allegany mine, is getting O. K.

Joe H. Hitchins sends the JOURNAL a copy of the Kansas City *Times*, of July 1, containing detailed accounts of the city's growth since January 1, this year. Permits for the erection of 2,503 buildings have been issued in the first six months, representing a value of over five millions dollars. Taken in connection with a number in course of erection since late last year, representing over five millions more, and the practical aggregate of growth foots up over eleven millions, or eleven times the assessed valuation of Frostburg.

The JOURNAL owes the Bailiff an apology for saying last week that his discount table for the current year was elsewhere printed when it was not. But the taxpayer, up betimes where discounts are in sight, can see it this morning "by the dawn's early light."

C. Eugene Graham, one of the JOURNAL engineers, yesterday placed on the editorial table of his favorite paper, a dish of the finest raspberries that ever blessed a taste remarkable for its refined preference for the luscious products of highly cultivated soil. The berries are natives of Frostburg and, better than all, are among the first fruits of Eugene's careful labor and patient waiting.

Two bears, two men, two women and four children—all copper-color—passed through town yesterday. Much unsubstantial sympathy was expressed for the bears.

The Coal Trade.—The record of shipments from the Georges Creek coal region for the week ending Saturday, July 2, 1887, closed as follows:

Total tons for week	53,364
" " " year	1,352,154
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	633,996
Total tons to B. & O. railroad for week	36,586
" " " " " year	1,111,645
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	557,183
Total tons to Pa. railroad for week	9,785
" " " " " year	144,060
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	21,636
Total tons to C. & O. canal for week	6,989
" " " " " year	96,449
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	55,176
Total tons shipped over C. & P. railroad for week	40,109
Over same for year	1,082,284
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	534,011
Total tons shipped over G. C. & C. railroad for week	13,255
Over same for year	209,738
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	99,385

Shipments by Georges Creek companies in tons for.....Week and Year.

1, Consolidation	15,484	433,640
2, Georges Creek	4,677	168,295
3, Maryland	6,549	147,145
4, American	6,706	122,595
5, Potomac	4,424	105,498
6, New Central	4,175	84,119
7, Borden	4,776	82,982
8, Maryland Union	2,445	73,335
9, National	2,420	60,735
10, Davis & Elkins	627	37,504
11, Swanton	1,014	30,946
12, Blaen Avon		11,955
13, Atlantic & G. C.	26	2,319
14, G. M. Hansel's mine	41	1,049

Total tons Elk Garden coal shipped over W. Va. Central and Pittsburg railroad for week	6,626
Over same for year	200,008
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	96,334
Total tons to B. & O. railroad for week from both Georges Creek and Elk Garden regions	43,212
Total for year	1,311,653
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	653,507

Shipments by Elk Garden companies in tons for.....Week and Year.

1, W. Va. Central	3,163	105,495
2, Atlantic & G. C.	1,817	54,505
3, Big Vein	1,212	32,661
4, Davis	439	7,347

Total tons from Georges Creek and Elk Garden regions combined for week	59,990
Total tons for year	1,552,162
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	730,320

Our calculations, all given in gross tons, show for other competing regions to date above given as below:

Clearfield	1,459,402
Chesapeake & Ohio railway, W. Va.	670,707
Pocahontas, Va.	567,131
Beech Creek	548,932
Broadtop, Pa.	178,549

The Clearfield output of coal to above date is 107,248 tons more than Georges Creek; including the Beech Creek portion, 656,181 tons.