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New Business Locals.

An Old Citizen Speaks.—Mr. J. M. Norris, an old resident of Rome, Ga., says that he had been troubled with Kidney Complaint for a great many years, and with Eczema for three years; at times could scarcely walk and had tried many remedies without benefit, until he began taking Electric Bitters and anointing his hands and feet with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. This treatment afforded him great relief; and he strongly recommends Electric Bitters to all who suffer with Kidney Complaint, or need a Blood Purifier. Sold by G. A. Wingert.

Dr. H. C. Wilson, Dentist, will leave for the North on his summer vacation next Tuesday, July 19, and will be absent several weeks. His brother, **Dr. L. B. Wilson,** of Cumberland, will attend his practice while away.

Most Excellent.—J. J. Atkins, Chief of Police, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; having found it to be all that you claim for it, desire to testify to its virtues. My friends, to whom I have recommended it, praise it at every opportunity." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, and every affection of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Trial bottles free at G. A. Wingert's drug store. Large size $1.

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Respectfully, JNO. H. YOUNG."

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Respectfully, J. P. WILLIARD."

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In the store of the late Walter Edwards, Main street, Frostburg, Md.

COME EARLY AND GET BARGAINS

C. J. ORRICK, Administrator. July 16

THE right-of-way troubles of the new railroad between Piedmont and Cumberland are settled, but it does not follow that designs destructive of the canal as a waterway have been lulled to eternal sleep.

The canal as a canal was never more in danger than it is to-day.

The fight for its life as a water thoroughfare must soon come. Most probably it is now on the wing.

It must be determined whether it is to continue as a carrier competing for the trade of this region, or turned against us as the outlet of another region seeking to take our trade from us.

The county convention of the party in power in this State, lately held, declared a "preference" for governor which suggests very sympathetic relations between the president of the canal company and the Elk Garden interest.

In doing this at all the convention went beyond any authority the people had given it.

In doing it at this time it grossly misrepresented the sentiment and welfare of this county.

The vital question remaining is—how many times more this year the people will permit this double miscarriage to take place?

We say *this year*, because next year the legislature will have the destiny of the canal to dispose of.

And if Allegany county is represented in that body as it will be in the next State convention of the democratic party, Allegany county will be on the wrong side of the canal question.

AT the close of a strong article repudiating Col. Baughman as the choice of the Frederick county democracy for governor, the *Union* says:

There are very few, if any, who do not already know that he is utterly unfit by education, ability, acquirements or political association, for much less dignified positions than that of governor.

The case of Allegany county is parallel.

He was no more an issue before the primaries here than Eugene Higgins, and, as the *Union* says, the leaders would as soon think of nominating Higgins as Baughman.

But the "preference" of this congressional district, nominally for Baughman probably, will not bestow the ownership of 23 votes upon him. Not at all. The votes will belong to those who created them in the image of the popular will, and will be disposed of finally just as though Baughman had never been heard of.

How does the Allegany county delegation like the medicine?

How does Col. Philip W. Avirett, chosen delegate by fourteen-fifteenths of the county convention—how does he fancy the scheme which divorces from Frank Brown his long and open "preference" and transfers it to Col. Baughman?

THE Frostburg JOURNAL says:

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.

Are there only two of the present board who deserve to be their own successors?—Cumberland *News*.

The JOURNAL wants to discriminate little as possible between gentlemen outside of its jurisdiction.

The region, the most important section of the county, Cumberland not excepted, has but one Commissioner. In a business point of view everybody is satisfied with him.

In the same sense the mention of Mr. Armstrong's name suggested a good colleague for Mr. Creutzburg.

The office of Commissioner is one that should be divorced from politics far as practicable and re-dedicated to business.

Does the *News* "second the "motion?"

AMONG other names suggested to the Cumberland *Times* as candidates for office this fall is that of the editor of this paper.

Without depreciating the kindness of the friend who thus expressed his partiality we want to say that we are a candidate for no office, public or private, rich or poor, high or low, in or out of the gift of the people, but we expect to take a hand this fall in helping to elect our "preferences."

Notwithstanding the discount to which the *power* of the press is often subjected by political manipulators, we expect to make some people feel very uncomfortable as the campaign proceeds. This we may do by first making the *freedom* of the press equal with the power of the press.

If we succeed in this some heads of unworthy beggars for popular preferment will thereupon roll from the electoral guillotine.

If not, the JOURNAL will be no worse off than its great constituency.

A LATE dispatch from the presidential party, now rusticating in New York says:

Mrs. Cleveland's eye is much inflamed and pains her exceedingly. Dr. Berth, of Utica, was called and pronounced it either a blind boil or the sting of an insect.

We will bet a quarter that it is one of those tumors which sometimes get stuccoed on the eyelid, vulgarly called a "sty."

Or if the doctor's nether idea of an "insect sting" be accurate, then some winged animal has evinced a taste for high game. Even then a couplet from Spenser comes in beautifully:

With bolder wing shall dare aloft to "sty,"
To the last praises of this Fery Queen.

WHILE the JOURNAL would not pluck a single laurel from the brow of the late C. E. Detmold, as we have always held him in high esteem, yet the Coal Trade *Journal* is in error when it says that Mr. Detmold "erected the first blast furnace" in this valley. Was he not the lessor of the Georges Creek coal and iron company's furnace, which was erected before Mr. Detmold came here? Moreover, were not the Mount Savage iron works erected before he came to the county? And was not our coal field in active operation some fifteen years prior to the opening of Detmold mine?

THE Frostburg JOURNAL, in its usual make-the best-of-it humor, says of the recent baseball match:

As expected, Cumberland defeated the Bowery street team, of this place, at the game in Cumberland last Saturday. Score—Cumberland 4 errors, Frostburg 5.

It forgets that when referring to Cumberland's claim to being the best club in the county, it said:

But that doesn't include Frostburg.

Yea, verily, JOURNAL, with all thy wisdom it doth include Frostburg, and includeth it body and branch. Selah.—Cumberland *Times*.

"Death loves a shining mark," and he hit a dandy when he floored our Association. It was death, *Times*, not Cumberland. Inshallah!

"STARLIGHT" is informed that the JOURNAL was very careful to say that "in a literary sense we are holding fast to nothing that is behind."

In the baseball sense we glory in the past, because in those days Cumberland humped herself to walk over the earth.

By the way, "in a literary sense" "Starlight" should cut loose from Latin. "*Cacoet his scribendi*," for instance, is, in the baseball sense, a foul tip.

WEDNESDAY afternoon at Lexington, Miss., "R. B. Chatham, candidate for the legislature, shot and killed John S. Harkins, jr., associate editor of the *Bulletin*." In all probability that disposes completely and finally of Chatham's ambition to represent his county in the legislature. The sad story and its likely ending is a thunder-toned warning to candidates not to fool with editors. Even to get the best of one is fatal to promotion.

"THE mills of the gods grind slowly," but the prospect is good for a big crop of middlings before the year is out. This would appear to prophesy good times for rats, but the most voracious rodents do not fancy some brands of bolted politics.

CORRESPONDENCE

A MARYLAND "BUCKEYE."

MASSILLON, O., July 7, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Thinking, perchance, an epistolary attempt on my part would not be unappreciated by your subscribers, and by my personal friends, I yielded to the importunities, internal and external in their character, and decided to submit a few items for publication in your paper.

About a year ago, after finishing my school course, I found myself in north-eastern Ohio, having migrated hither at the solicitation of friends for the purpose of launching my little skiff on the great sea of business life. My first location was Youngstown, a city old, however, in the ways of this world. It has a population of 25,000, whose chief avocation is the manufacture of iron, steel, etc., and is truly an iron city, perhaps, unfortunately so, as when the iron trade is dead, Youngstown experiences business decay most detrimental to capitalists, business men and the mass of working people. In this particular it is not unlike George's Creek.

While at Youngstown I had the pleasure of meeting some of Frostburg's old residents, Owen N. Evans and family; Daniel Smeltz, now foreman at the American tube works, the largest plant of its kind outside of Pennsylvania. It was also my happy lot to meet Will B. Jones, whose energy, application to work, duty and general business qualifications have established for him an enviable reputation. He started as a grocery clerk at a small salary. By studying at night he fitted himself to handle a set of books. The esteem in which the Youngstown Ice company held him is conclusive evidence of his great ability. He is now bookkeeper in the Bank of Wick Bros & Co., one of the largest and best banking establishments in northwestern Ohio. At the last spring election he was nominated by the republicans as township clerk and elected. It has been rumored that Mr. Jones is about to be married to Miss—— ——, of your town. If such be true Frostburg will lose an accomplished daughter—but who would object when her prospective future is so bright?

Having occasion to visit Beach City, Stark county, I unexpectedly met Matthew Hoye, brother of your esteemed citizen and my former neighbor, Patrick Hoye. By the way, Mr. Hoye has launched on the sea of politics and is now the township assessor. In the same town resides J. T. Getty, a brother of Hon. W. R. Getty, of Garrett county. Mr. Getty is postmaster under the democratic administration and has been a leading man in enterprise and business undertakings. He is and has been a director of the Wheeling and Lorain railroad, which connects the Lakes with the Ohio. Many more of the citizens of North-eastern Ohio, especially in Stark and the adjoining counties, are descendents of Maryland, who came hither when the Indians roamed over this undulating region of the Allegheny foothills. My letter is almost too long, else it would be a pleasure to describe the thrifty little city of Massilon, where the writer resides. Hoping the above will suffice and serve the intended purpose, I remain, very truly,

A FORMER RESIDENT.

Worldly Amusements Inconsistent with the Christian Profession.

FROSTBURG, MD., July 11, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Lest silence on a matter at this time engaging the attention of the readers of your excellent paper should be construed into giving consent to views held and practices indulged involving at once the *social* and *religious* interests of the community, and by those whose lives and teachings are supposed to affect extensively society for years to come, I am constrained to enter my protest against the position taken in defense of the use of cards, dice, billiards, dancing, theatre-going, wine-drinking, &c., &c., as incompatible with the christian profession—and without sanction from the Word of God.

We speak of christian consistency and intend *that* harmony, so beautiful and attractive, which ought to be maintained between a profession of religion and devotion of the entire heart and life to the christian cause. "As," says the Apostle Paul, "ye, therefore, have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."

Christian consistency requires fidelity to Bible truth. Christianity has its rise (that is, the distinct principles of christianity have their rise) and foundation in the revealed will of God. This is the standard of its value, the measure of our apprehension and experience of its gracious power. Whatever we are, for the honor of religion and the spiritual good of men, we are in virtue of the word of sacred truth dwelling in us by the Spirit of God which has been given us. The noblest type of piety, the highest form of christian consecration is that which is moulded after the instruction of heavenly truth. Whatever else we may have to commend our claims to piety, our *profession* cannot be allowed to harmonize with christianity unless we are prepared on all suitable occasions to openly avow our supreme love to Christ and the honor of his cause.

Christian consistency demands that we strive by prayer and self-denying effort to advance the kingdom of Christ among men. Our Saviour in ascending to the throne of His glory, intrusted the work commenced to His followers as the instrumentality which God will bless for the world's conversion.

He has thus provided for the enlargement of His dominion, founded in the hearts of the children of men. Most powerful were the motives operating to intimidate this heroic band, and drive them from the field of conflict. Their magnanimity and endurance, their patient toil and sacrifice have commanded the approval of God and the admiration of the noblest minds. Yet, we believe, they did nothing more than their duty, and had they proven themselves unworthy of the trust committed to them, we acknowledge they would have deserved our severest censure.

But what was there in their relation to the cause of Christ to bring upon them an obligation of self-denial, of labor, and of effort that is not equally binding on us? In some respects their work was specially limited to them and their age, and so far they received special qualifications for it. But the source of their obligation is not to be found in any difference between them and us in respect to gifts and graces, but in authority and command of Christ. Their commission is ours; we are commanded to cultivate their field—the world in all its desolation and moral ruin. It is ours to relieve similar sufferings, to administer the same consolation, to dispel the same night of sorrow and usher in the same day of joy and hope.

Christian consistency requires us to abstain not only from all sinful pleasures, but also to shun all vain and "worldly" amusements. The friendship of this world is enmity against God, and if we live in pleasure we are dead while we live. Whenever religion strikes its roots into the soil of the human heart, as leaven put into the meal, it operates with a divine power unto the sanctification of all affections and desires; it ennobles all its powers and attracts the soul toward eternal joys. 'Tis then we can say—"the law of the spirit of life in Christ made me free from the law of sin and death." Born in the flesh we live subjects of sin; we live a worldly life, slaves of vain desires and earthly pleasures. Born of God, we rise to a heavenly life; we are washed; we then renounce the hidden works of darkness and seek to be clothed in the garments of purity and light. The circus and the theatre, the dance room and the opera, the card and billiard table—in a word, all scenes and places where the entertainments promised are nothing more than pleasure, pastime and merriment, cannot be innocently visited by those claiming to be the children of the Most High. A peculiar people called to show forth His praise resorting to such places of merriment and vain delight, dishonors the christian character, as it denies the sufficiency of heavenly grace to replenish, continually the fountain of the joy of the soul, and avows that earthly pleasures are necessary to complete the measure of man's supreme good.

The example of such is not only bad, but militates against all subsequent efforts to do good, for who expects the prayers, exhortations, or sermons of such to edify others? Visiting such places involves the loss of much precious time; a wicked expenditure of money which should be used to relieve suffering humanity; the formation of vicious habits; the acquisition of acquaintances whose influence is pernicious, and ends finally in the loss of christian character and spiritual joy, and incurs the displeasure of God, who cannot look upon sin with allowance.

Finally, christian consistency requires a course of conduct worthy of our profession, honorable to the gospel, and in unison with the purpose of Christ in our calling. God by His grace hath called us to bear His image, to be partakers of His divine nature, and to be priests unto Him. Jesus Christ labors to conform us to Himself, to purify our hearts by divine love, to make us vessels unto glory. We have been chosen in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. The Holy Spirit seeks to expel sin from the world, from our hearts, and to adorn with purity and grace our inner man.

"So let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess."

JAMES MILLER.

Several Secular Interpretations of Scripture.

FROSTBURG, MD., July 11, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

In the last issue of your paper I find a letter on "Amusements," etc., the apparent purport of which is to show the antagonism of church dogmas to amusements outside the church on the part of christians.

As "One of the Club" I trust you will grant space for some words on the subject.

In quoting from authorities I begin with Rev. J. A. Whitaker, who says at the outset:

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.

We understand that the christian church is called "out of the world;" then why cannot they *stay "out"* and let clubs, amusements, etc., alone, for Mr. W. says also that "the church is not, therefore, to reform men." It would appear that the church is in a bad strait as to the proper course to pursue. It is not here to "reform men," yet it insists upon what should or should not be done by them to "bear witness to Christ."

If you look at the world to-day—in and out of the church—you will readily perceive, as Mr. W. says, that "man by nature is a fool," and that is what a great many people think when they gaze upon the multitudes of different denominations and their forms of worship *in* the church and their conduct *out* of it.

I am led to believe that it is "ethical culture" that improves the church and world. Look at the church, for instance. There was a time when worship "under your own fig tree" was thought to be the acme of liberty. Now there are are so many fig trees that one is afraid he might worship under the one of forbidden fruit; so, to be safe, he comes "out from among the ungodly" and joins a club, in which literature, games and recreation are the forms of worship on week days. On the Sabbath (the only day particularly set aside to be kept holy) you can worship according to conscience. Therefore, would it not be proper to do as Christ said on the Mount:

And when thou prayest thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corner of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you they have their reward; but when thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward you openly."—Acts vi, 5-6.

One worshipping, as instructed, these days is not characterized as "a christian." You must belong to some denomination, and be a regular contributor to the box, thereby to the happiness of the minister. I do not wish to be understood as an enemy of the church, but as a friend of amusements and recreation.

I now take up the different amusements mentioned as going on in this "God-forsaken Frostburg" of fourteen or more churches, etc.

When one is united with a "loved another" in the holy bonds of matrimony, if it were obligatory for statistical information to ask—"how this good state of affairs came to pass?"—how many could say "we first met in church?" I believe you will find the most will say—"we caught on at the picnic, ball, or fair." Thus, you will see, the moral and social benefit is greater than to be found in the churches *alone*. These amusements are the fountain head of life, liberty and even religion.

"On with the dance! let joy be unconfined."
—*Byron.*

Who can better entertain his or her company in the parlor than with games? Does any one enjoy themselves merely in reading the Scriptures? "He's armed without that's innocent within."—*Pope.* Indulgence in games does not necessarily imply gambling. A church has a picnic or fair, with all sorts of games, that's "for the glory of God." But because a club desires to amuse its members in that way it is unchristain. That is as much as to say—you can sanction anything that is done in and for the church. "*Ne fronti crede.*"

Drinking is not a matter in which the club is interested. Yet it is supposed, from articles written, that it will lead to that evil. If one feels like drinking, that is his own affair, as "the church is not here to reform men." Why do we find the church so deeply engaged in the destruction of this evil when we are assured that "it is not what enters the mouth that defileth man, but what cometh out?" The club, while placing no restrictions upon the natural liberty of its members, cannot justly be styled the patron of intoxication. "Temperance in all things"—dancing, drinking, religion, or anything else, should be the polestar of mankind. I am not posing as a temperance lecturer, but we have laws to prevent wife beating, profane language, or any misdemeanor resulting from intoxication. We allow the church the right to advocate sobriety, christianity, fanaticism—whatever it pleases, but it should also be "temperate in all things."

"The course of nature is the art of God."
—*Young.*

But the "tidal wave of recreation and amusement is spreading among the intelligent classes until we find the Young Men's Christian Association advocating them. The most eminent men in the world are promoters of social organizations for recreative purposes.

How well it would be if the church "first cast the mote out of its own eye before that of its brother." I do not held the work of the Creator up to ridicule because of the acts of a few ministers. Everything should be in its place. The influence of the pulpit should be sufficient to draw "crowded houses," although there should be a few other places of amusement in our town.

The club will ignore the liquor question, but does not its exercises tend to keep its members and patrons out of saloons and similar places? At least it does while they are in the club room.

If you do not wish to see the "Black Crook," it is announced where it is to be seen, so you can stay away. But it is the demand for such performances that keeps them in existence, just as it is the same "public craze" for hearing slow sermons. Yet, does Mr. Whitaker ever reflect what love, morality, religion, truth, temperance, humanity, is taught in the theatre, while the authors have not neglected to "show up" all forms of depravity, misery, wretchedness, wickedness, murder, etc. How many practical sermons have been preached from the stage!

The recent articles appear to have assumed a personal nature, as per the remark in Mr. Whitaker's article--who then is this "sponsor" of a club? I will answer—he is a very able minister of the gospel, one perhaps just as much interested in the salvation of souls as Rev. Mr. Whitaker. The work of ministers in saving souls could be extended to the highways and hedges Let them come to the club occasionally and see if "vice will tempt virtue." I believe that a good swinging of Indian clubs, or the handling of dumb-bells would contribute greatly to the effect on the system and cultivate sermonic power. "For though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh," but rather prefer to strengthen and purify it.

Finally, it has not become an issue on sectarian ground. So, fearless of the charge of heresy, I commend the work of the "sponsor" and the other members of the club, when organized, to the christian world and hope that it will be the means of saving more souls than some of your able (?) ministers have done.

The Presbytery holds that "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 commandments." I cannot see where or how *a christian* could possibly entertain "such thoughts or feelings" after a dance with a young lady, or witnessing a fine theatrical performance. And, as "the church is not to reform men," I do not see why the commaudments should have effect. These injunctions must be directed, therefore, solely to the brute kingdom.

In conclusion, if a member of the church finds anything in violation of the commandments in recreation or exercise of the human body, man being made in the image of God, and through such exercise perfect his physical structure, which was the leading factor in preserving the health of the stalwart Greeks—by doing ourselves a physical benefit necessarily we develop our spiritual powers. "Man is weak and flesh is frail." If he can perceive the "wrath of God" in a game of checkers, pool, or anything else, his christianity certainly exceeds that of the clubs, or those who claim to be holy as he who abstains. But it is not he who says "Lord! Lord! shall enter the kingdom of heaven," while whosoever shall say "thou fool, shall be in danger of hellfire."

The club, if conducted as intended, will be healthful, moral, spiritual, because there is—

"No hinge nor loop
To hang a doubt on."

ONE OF THE CLUB.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Religious.—It will be interesting to many to learn that Rev. J. R. Andrew, formerly of this place, is about completing in Martinsburg, W. Va., a church of the latest design and equipment and uniquely handsome. Outside of the windows—all expensive memorials—the edifice has cost over $12,000, and is nearly paid for.

Rev. G. A. Schwedes will fill the pulpit of the M. E. Church, South, tomorrow (Sunday) at 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. M. Rollins being absent. Sunday school at the usual hour and prayer meeting at 10:30 a. m.

The Town's Business.—The council met Monday evening in regular monthly session.

Proposals to furnish 200 perches broken limestone within the limits of the corporation were opened as follows:

John Myers.....$2.25 per perch.
W. H. Evans..... 2.00 " "

Mr. Evans was awarded the contract.

Bailiff reported $600.26 taxes collected this month, $150 of which was last year's taxes.

The following petition, signed by James M. Rollins, G. A. Schwedes, T. M. Evans, O. C. Deffenbaugh, Amos Willison, Joseph Knode, Frank Schaub, Patoe Hanson, Jacob Conrad, Simeon Rizer, George Raley, John H. Donahue, William Donahue, Joe Timmens, Jabez Jeffries, John A. Thomas, A. R. Blasse, Wilham Payne, William R. Percy, Philip Hartig, Margaret Steyer, Henry Smeltz, Andrew Hartig, Theo. Miller, Mrs. L. R. Thrasher, William T. Oats, Eli Williams, Alfred Jeffries, R. M. Wilderman, sr., R. M. Wilderman, jr., James Hanson, was offered, read, and action thereon postponed until next meeting. Meanwhile the Council as a Committee of the whole will investigate the matter:

To the Honorable Mayor and Councilmen of the Town of Frostburg, Md.,

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned property owners and residents on Steyer, Beall and Maple streets and others using Steyer street as the most direct thoroughfare to the business portion of the town, as also to those who use said street to and from the different churches in the town, beg leave to state that Steyer street, so called, between Broadway and Taylor streets, for a great part of the year is in a *bad condition* for foot travel, *and should be widened according to law in such cases provided.*

We, therefore, request that you take such action in the premises as will accomplish the end above stated.

Personal.—Miss Sue Kalbaugh and Messrs. Wood M. Odwalt and Will Fredlock, of Piedmont, W. Va., spent Sunday with C. H. Walker's family.

Messrs. George E. Pearce, of Piedmont, W. Va., and Joe Pearce, of Bellaire, Ohio, were in town Saturday.

George DeWitt, of Westernport, spent Sunday and Monday with Frostburg friends.

Rev. A. Homrighaus and family, of of Washington, D. C., are guests of Mrs. Holle.

Rev. J. F. Ockerman and wife, of Baltimore, are spending the summer with Judge J. D. Armstrong, of this place.

Postmaster Walker is away on a short trip of recreation. Few public officials stick closer and longer to duty than our postmaster, and when he takes a rest it is quite certain that tired human nature has suggested it.

Misses Minnie Staples and Sallie Robinson returned this week from a pleasant sojourn among friends in Roanoke, Va.

Lewis Brown, of Annapolis, will open a private school here early in September. He comes, we are informed, with the highest recommendations and qualifications as a teacher from persons capable of judging. Until he arrives, sometime in August, Rev. A. C. Haverstick will answer all questions of those looking for private tutorship for their children.

Misses Minnie and Belle Weiskittle, of Cumberland, spent Thursday with Mrs. Coyner.

The wife of Rev. J. R. Andrew, formerly of this place, now of Martinsburg, W. Va., is in very poor health.

Titus A. Brick attended the show Thursday.

John D. Koontz, of Los Angeles county, Cal., is here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Walter Edwards.

Dr. H. C. Wilson will be absent for a few weeks, and his many patrons are fortunate in having his brother, Dr. L. B. Wilson, an accomplished dentist, to wait on them.

Mrs. C. F. Hartzell and daughter, of Hyndman, Pa., are guests of George B. Parker, Mrs. H.'s father.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hamburger and Miss Jennie Hamburger, of Baltimore, are guests of Joseph Bear.

Brevities.—The Literary, Social and Moral Society held a reception at the residence of H. B. Shaffer Tuesday evening.

Look at the bold-face statement of a terrible accident in F. C. Beall's advertisement on fourth page.

The Borden Shaft Boys will hold a grand picnic to-day at Wright's Crossing, one-half mile south of town. A good time is expected.

Two good girls, cook and nurse, can learn of employment by application at once at this office.

The JOURNAL recently stopped at the St. Clair hotel, Martinsburg, W. Va., Brown & Cooper, proprietors. The house is one of the most commodious, best appointed and best kept establishments one will find outside the large cities, and travelers that way could not do better than stop. The elder proprietor, James H. Brown, in boyhood a contemporary of the JOURNAL as an indivinual, showed us such marked attention that we are here incited to acknowledge his kindness by suggesting to others stopping in Martinsburg to drop in on him.

Messrs. C. J. Orrick, administrator, James Kane and Mrs. W. J. Gooding have advertisements on this page.

The JOURNAL recently accompanied Joseph Bear through his new dwelling on the avenue, and, briefly stated, it is probable no other house in the county is so prettily and uniquely furnished. From parlor to kitchen the furniture is of the newest patterns, and the equipment of the best qualities. It would be too tedious to "inventory" the outfit, but everything useful and ornamental, is pretty, novel and *recherche*. But few couples start housekeeping so completely and handsomely equipped. Joe's energy and tact have made him meritorious of all his fortune, which includes that pinnacle of earthly joys—a good wife.

A nice little paragraph about Gus. Wm. Zeller will appear next week.

Mrs. Dr. Fitch came near stepping on a rattlesnake at St. John's rock last Sunday. The JOURNAL held a *post mortem* examination over the remains of the reptile and found eight rattles and a button.

The Carrie Stanley Dramatic Company will be here next Friday and Saturday evenings.