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July 24

OUR genial friend of the Frostburg JOURNAL remarks as follows:

Our weekly coal trade statement shows that to date the Cumberland coal region is near 700,000 tons ahead of last season's output. The year's total will reach considerably over three million tons.—Cumberland *News.*

Not a bit of it.

In the first place there is no "Cumberland region," and in the second, if such a region existed it would not include the Elk Garden region.

We will not consume space by endeavoring to convince our mountain friend that there is a Cumberland coal region any more than we would strive to show him there was a Potomac river, if he chose to call it the Rubicon. His skepticism on this point is deep-rooted and beyond argument. But we beg leave to say that, despite geographical barriers, the Elk Garden region is included in the Cumberland so far as the official reports are concerned, and is so classified by the Maryland papers generally, and by the mining press. This, of course, relates only to totals, because in the same report the Elk Garden shipments are clearly set aside by themselves and hence nobody need be deceived as to the exact state of affairs. There exists no good reason why the Elk Garden belt of coal should not be grouped, generally speaking, with that of the Maryland region, as it is geographically near and in other ways allied with the original Cumberland section. It is convenient to group it so, and as long as nobody objects but the JOURNAL, it will likely remain so.—Cumberland *News.*

A shrewd statement, perhaps the cleverest piece of sophistry ever contrived by or for the *News.* It furnishes the first confession of a faith that we have long believed laid dormant in the Cumberland mind—that the accidents of geographical artifice should take precedence of the fixities of nature—that is, when the accidents suit Cumberland. It assumes that the JOURNAL might discover fitness in calling the Potomac river after an Italo-Cisalpine stream, and by implication argues hence that the continental importation of British nomenclature, in one instance at least, furnished sufficient excuse for a misnomer which might obliterate all native distinctions. The wonder is that the Potomac river is not called the "Frith of Solway," and Wills Creek the "Derwent river;" that Will's mountain is not "Saddleback," Dan's mountain "Skiddaw," and Knobly "Hellvellyn." In these cases there would have been to-day no Allegany range of mountains, just as there appears from the *News'* standpoint to be no Georges Creek.

But, seriously, do the official reports, made up and first printed in Cumberland, and from which the mining press gets its cue—does even a custom of thus misnaming the region make truth out of falsehood? Does it destroy the fact that the region's name *is* Georges Creek? If so, then the great man who said that no amount of lying can destroy the truth was himself a favorite son of the father of liars.

But the worst part of the whole business is the degradation to which the region has been subjected by the misnomer. Inferior coals of all descriptions have crowded the market under the double distilled lie of "Cumberland coal." There is hardly a soft coal field in Appalachian territory that has not some kind of a "Cumberland coal" to palm off on the gudgeons of the trade—a variegated fraud that could never have been worked had "Georges Creek" been sent out into the world as the one and only genuine name of the best steam-raising fuel in the universe.

It should be a matter for great sorrow, therefore, that the official reports include the Elk Garden region. They afford what is otherwise officially regarded a *competing* region all the prestige that the quality of our coal has through decades of struggle won for us, and we get nothing in return.

And this sense of sorrow is heightened immeasurably by the *News'* assurance that "as long as nobody objects" to this fraud "but the JOURNAL, it will likely remain so."

But since the region has emerged from the dominion of the Knights of Labor it has suffered from nothing so despotic or hurtful as its name. Its emancipation should be complete.

One of the worst sovereigns among the immoralities is a lie.

One of the worst lies is the overworked lie.

And one of the worst overworked lies is "the Cumberland coal region."

AN enthusiastic admirer of the Lonaconing *Star* believes that it "was born a poet." Most likely; but for want of space it writes its imaginary locals in prose. For instance:

J. B. Oder, of the Frostburg JOURNAL, was in our town this week. He has probably made all necessary arrangements for the appointment of a school commissioner.

THIRTY couples have been mentioned who intend to embark on the sea of matrimony before the Christmas time.—Lonaconing *Star.*

Just so many two-fold endorsements of 50 cents a ton.

AT the annual meeting of the Association of Public School Commissioners, recently held in Baltimore, H. G. Weimer, secretary, treasurer and examiner of our County School Board, presided, and it is related of him that "he confessed that he would not like, as a teacher, to be graded by a person who had never taught even a primary school. He proposed to give every teacher a new certificate every year." He said further:

I only renew certificates for one year. I examine all teachers every three years; if all is right, I renew the other two years. I give no new certificates unless they pass in the theory and practice of teaching. Am I not right, Professor Newell?

Professor Newell replied:

Yes; you always are.

Now, who will certify to Newell's infallibility?

A WORD of friendly advice to the new county commissioners.

Give no man an office who says he "*needs* it."

Remember, that it is the office that is in needy circumstances. That is, the office needs *a man* to fill it, not a pensioner upon its revenue.

Give no man an office who says he "is *entitled* to it."

In a government of equal political rights there cannot possibly exist any prescriptive titles.

Were this not so the JOURNAL would have told you. Besides, were it not the truth there would be either offices for all or offices for none.

Personal integrity, official capacity and industrious habits are claims worthy of consideration, but each of these, like charity, "vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." The man, therefore, for whom the office is looking is generally one who has not sounding brass enough in both cheeks to electrotype a pool check.

BASIL GORDON, of Virginia, has recently purchased 20,000 acres of land situated on Clear Fork of Big Coal river and the headquarters of Paint creek and Cabin creek, in Kanawha, Raleigh and Fayette counties. Price given, five dollars per acre. This land is part of Henry Banks' 40,000 acre patent, owned by the heirs of A. D. Williams, of Richmond, Va., from whom Mr. Gordon made his purchase. It is well timbered and contains superior coal.—Cumberland *Times.*

This 40,000 acre tract lies beyond the Elk Garden region—some distance, it is true—but as "geographical barriers" are of slight consequence, "generally speaking," in "grouping coal regions," the Banks patent is, therefore, a part of the Elk Garden field. It follows, also, that, the Elk Garden region lying "geographically near and in other ways allied with the *original* Cumberland section," whatever that is—that Mr. Gordon is, after all, buying some choice West Virginia coal land in the Cumberland coal region. The JOURNAL is not at all surprised, therefore, to find the item above quoted in the *local* columns of a Cumberland paper, but how far real estate values in Cumberland are to enjoy a boom on the basis of $5 an acre for Cumberland coal land is to be yet developed.

LAST week the JOURNAL suggested Mr. Mayer's accession to the directory of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company as a prognostic of advantage to this region.

If the people now clamoring for Federal aid for the canal with no earnest of success would expend their influence and labor upon the new Board of Public Works to the end that the great work be lifted from the debasement of politics and placed in *business* hands, there would exist some promise of its usefulness and profit to the State.

If the Board could be further induced to place the canal under the presidency of some one of our leading coal operators to be run for the common interest, another great step forward would be gained.

We know three or four men who would fill the position admirably—who would conduct the business without defaults, and who would never be found on the hustings bragging about what they didn't do.

Put the canal in the hands of the George's Creek coal region!

Save it in the the house of its patrons!

SOME "gentleman who," it is related, "has traveled considerably in the mining region of Western Maryland," says:

The mining law was framed by a lawyer employed by the miners and passed by the Legislature without amendment or erasure. There has never since the law went into effect been an inspector who was not a practical miner, and who was appointed to the position from his place in the mine where previously he had been employed in digging coal.

The law may have been framed by a lawyer, but by none "employed by the miners." It did not become a law "without amendment or erasure."

The incumbent inspector is the second who "was not a practical miner," and Edward Mulvany, of Cumberland, said to "have the call" on the place at the next turn of the wheel, will be the third who has risen superior to practical knowledge of the art and labor of underground work.

Agitation is doing wonders for the noble order of North America.

THE Knights of Labor, it is said, want five bills passed by the ensuing Legislature.

Among these, it is suspected, are the "stolen ventilation" and semi monthly pay" bills.

The baseball people should move toward having the national game charter amended so as to prohibit "fouls."

Meanwhile, the JOURNAL, with its accustomed grace and fluency, is constructing a bill legalizing footraces which, when a law, will make the heart of every sport glow with semi monthly joy and spread its raptures all abroad.

DERIDE the old doctrine of "States' Rights" as many people do, whenever it comes in as a prime issue it wins. So far as it is established as a fundamental doctrine of republican government that the Supreme Court of the United States has lately decided that a State cannot be coerced into paying its debts. This is a right higher than that held by the individual, from whose inborn freedom all other species of liberty arise. On the battle-field, however, it was determined that no State can leave the Union, and right there the individual has the bulge on the State.

HAVING destroyed the canal by voting against the constitutional convention and John K. Cowen, the waterway savers are playing the mendicant at the seat of the treasury surplus. But all the money they will get there will not lessen the necessity for reducing the revenue. For through the fog gathering darkly over the doomed ditch we seem to hear from the bursting vaults the chilly whisper: Not a cent for the canal, but millions for a rest! This apparently rude remark is supposed to refer to the agitation kept up by the Cumberland *Times.*

THE Cumberland *Times* has on divers occasions and under sundry circumstances decreed the emancipation from public service of the deputy constables. Better abolish the fee system of rewards for the discovery of people who do not know their rights under the law. After that a deputy constable, as such, will not live a minute.

THE Cumberland *Times* of recent date contained an article entitled "The Maryland Gold Fields." The riddle about this statement is—how a Cumberland authority could utilize the word, "Maryland," in phrasing a mining region.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Woman Useful as Well as Ornamental.

FROSTBURG, MD., Dec. 7, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

It is creditable to as well as wise in many of the successful and far-seeing business men of Frostburg that they number among their employees *one lady at least*, in some instances more.

It is creditable to them because it is a recognition of woman's practical qualities and adaptability to useful employment outside of the domestic circle, and shows a commendable disposition on the part of the employer to recognize feminine merit in the substantial way of offering a field for its employment in occupations and opportunities suitable thereto.

It is *wise* in them because they recognize the fact that an intelligent, refined and respectable lady is a much more inviting figure as well as useful agent behind the counter, or in the cashier department than a tobacco-chewing, or hair-parted-in-the-middle young man, whose nights, often spent in the billiard, pool, club or card rooms of the town, render him illy fit for the proper performance and discharge of his duties in the daytime. Besides, there is a chastity, modesty, retirement, good judgment and sincerity, love of truth and frankness in woman that are especially desirable to the purchaser and customer who wish to exchange his or her money for merchandise. As a rule, the name "woman," is synonymous with truth and honesty, and she is the living impersonation thereof.

It may be taken for granted, therefore, that he who places a lady behind his drygoods counter, or in other positions of trust as his representative, intends that his business shall be conducted on principles and methods consistent with fair dealing, a sensitive and christian conscience, and in the genteelest ways and manner possible. Such, too, is the establishment that men and women of means and respectability, *who go to buy*, are likely to seek and patronize, and whose example the masses follow. Hence, the invariable success and high standing of such establishments, and the heads thereof are usually found to be men of religious *practice* as well as faith.

This example of Frostburg's most deserving business men is worthy of emulation throughout our region and everywhere. The sphere of woman's usefulness should be widened; she is deserving and meritorious in every instance; can be relied on to give a *quid pro quo*; is an ornament in the business mart as well as in the boudoir, parlor or church, and if man would consult his own best interests, whilst at the same time exercising the noblest attributes and impulses of a lofty nature and generous heart, he would select her every time out of a dozen, the other eleven being males.

The stores of large towns, and even small ones, can be made as attractive as the emporiums of cities, but the *sine qua non* is—that the genius of woman shall be called to preside and her spirit and refined taste be permitted their proper sway and ameliorating influence. G.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Theatrical.—The appearance in Ravenscraft's Opera House next Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, 1887, of Miss Clara Louise Kellogg will have been a notable event in the operatic history of Frostburg. A full house appears to be assured, for the fame of the singer, world-wide, draws the masses everywhere to her concerts. In this connection it is said:

Miss Kellogg was born a child of song. No singer ever came into our prosaic world better equipped by nature for a musical mission. Within a strong vital body was enclosed the exquisite soul of a musician and poet, and the intellectual capacity to achieve. Born of New England parents while they were on a visit to the South, fate seemed to indicate that both extremes of the country should claim her, and before she had reached her "teens" she evinced the characteristic quickness of perception and the warm depth of feeling that mark the natives of both extremes.

These facts are important, now that we can in some degree measure the work that Miss Kellogg has done. They show that she was a born singer, and that she was peculiarly American.

One fact explains her genius; the other explains her career.

We have, therefore, to regard her, first as a musician who has conferred honor on her sex and her art, and as an American who has worked assiduously and successfully to improve and elevate the tone of public taste everywhere.

Miss Kellogg came to her work divinely attuned. Her natural advantages were many and large. She possessed that nature which could not only carol but could conquer. She was gifted with a musical apprehension which even in infancy was looked upon as something marvelous. Her ear was not merely superior to many others in its delicacy, it was absolutely unlike any other in its unerring fidelity to a positive standard of purity and pitch. It could designate and analyze all the subdivisions of the gamut before the child had learned the names of the notes. She seemed indeed to have been born with a positive and not a relative sense of tone, and the fortunate advantage of the purest associations and the best training during childhood developed and strengthened it.

This is well worth mentioning because it is the basis of that subsequent purity and accuracy of execution that have been the admiration of masters and composers in two hemispheres, and it explains the somewhat remarkable assertion made by one of the best musicians in America, to the effect that Miss Kellogg was the only vocalist in the country who never, under any circumstances, sang out of tune.

To this gift of an ear, so exquisitely sensitive that it could detect the faintest departure from the pitch, was added a vocal function of very remarkable quality and power.

It is said that Miss Kellogg sang before she could talk; of this we know nothing; but it is very certain that when, with the growth of intelligence, she began to see intelligibly, it was with a voice unlike any other that we have heard, in its delicious *timbre*, its remarkable compass, its even quality and its generous winning power. As was remarked by one of our poets: "There was in it the scintillant gleams of the northern borealis and the quivering warmth of southern midnight."

The programme for the evening will be besides an excellent concert programme the entire fourth act of Verdi's melodious opera, "Il Trovatore," better known in English as "The Troubadour." The performance in Frostburg will be entirely different from the one in Cumberland. We publish the programme, which is a superb one, composed of popular music, which any body having a musical ear can understand.

Miss Clara Louise Kellogg always generously responds to appeals for encores, and delights her audiences by singing some of our old-fashioned but always popular songs like "The Suwanee River," "Home, Sweet Home," or "Coming through the Rye."

Secure your seats at George J. Conner's book store at once. The boxsheet is already well filled and Miss Kellogg may be assured of a royal welcome by our best and fashionable people.

The programme for the first part comprises the following:

1.—*Duett*—"Martha"—Flotow—Messrs. Spigaroli and Lee.
2.—"*Sognai*"—Schira—Miss Carrie Morse.
3.—*Song*—"Tannhauser"—Richard Wagner—Mr. William H. Lee.
4.—*Aria*—"Ernani"—Verdi—Miss Clara Louise Kellogg.
5.—*Trio*—"Attila"—Verdi—Miss Carrie Morse and Messrs. Spigaroli and Lee.
6.—*Song*—"I Love Thee"—Foster—Miss Clara Louise Kellogg.
7.—*Spanish Bolero*—"Maraquita"—Marzo—Mr. Carlo Spigaroli.
8.—*Duett*—"A Night in Venice"—Arditi—Miss Carrie Morse and Mr. Carlo Spigaroli.

The second part includes the entire fourth act of Verdi's grand opera, "Il Trovatore," in full costumes and stage settings, with the cast below:

Azucena.....Miss Carrie Morse
Manrico.....Mr. Carlo Spigaroli
Conte di Luna.....Mr. William H. Lee
Leonora.....Miss Clara Louise Kellogg

County News.—The motion for a new trial in the case of Henry J. Spencer, convicted of murder at the October term of the circuit court for this county, has been overruled, the judges, Hon's H. W. Hoffman and A. K. Seyester, who sat in the case, being divided. An appeal to the Court of Appeals will be taken.

A mass meeting will be held in Cumberland on the 22d inst. to memorialize Congress to aid the Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

With to-day shipments by canal cease until March.

The county commissioners-elect will meet Monday in Cumberland and organize. A president, clerk and attorney will be elected.

The JOURNAL has enjoyed recent occasion to test the quality of Hon. B. L. Turner's canned goods, and it is undeniably true that none in the market compare with them. His fruit and vegetables retain their fresh, natural flavor almost perfectly—for this reason: there is no filagree work about his goods, no adulteration, no shenanigan of any sort. Originally everything is sound and pure, and put up to remain so. His goods have obtained wide celebrity, a proof of which was seen this year in the fact that nearly his entire output was covered by unsolicited orders from far and near before he had put up a single can. His establishment is one that makes our county favorably known far beyond its borders.

Religious.—The principal and accrued interest of a mortgage upon the property of the M. E. Church, this place, amounting to $6,842, was last Sunday raised by the voluntary contributions of the members and friends of the church. An indebtedness of $800 still rests upon the church which the pastor and membership expect to pay off this month, and which will free the church entirely of encumbrance. When this has been accomplished a great jubilee will be held. To the indefatigable labors of the eloquent and popular pastor, Rev. H. S. France, this happy result will be largely due.

Rev. W. B. Dorsey, of Piedmont, W. Va., was in town this week.

Rev. J. G. Butler, one of our most regular summer sojourners, was reelected chaplain of the United States Senate at the organization last Monday.

A Sunday school institute meeting will be held at Dickerson Chapel, A. M. E. Church, Dec. 17 and 18, closing Monday evening, 19th, with a lecture from the district superintendent. Subject—"The Rejected Stone." The pastor, Rev. J. H. T. Gray, will preach Sunday, 18th, at 10:30 a. m. Subject—"The Noblest Aim in Life." Children's exercise at 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

A splendid new pipe organ was placed in the Reformed church this week. Descriptive account in next issue.

No Time to Get Married.—George J. Conner introduced to the JOURNAL this week "Mr. Strakosch, representing the Clara Louise Kellogg Concert and Opera company." After business was concluded the following interview ensued:

JOURNAL—By the way, are you the gentleman who——

Mr. Strakosch—No—no; I did not marry Miss Kellogg. I have no time to get married I am very busy every day. But my cousin—he has plenty time, and he married Miss Kellogg. [Laughter and applause.]

Schools.—The public schools of Allegany county will close for the holidays December 20. On the 21st a teachers' institute will begin in Cumberland to close on the 23d.

Significant News.—Forty vessels arrived at the port of Baltimore the first week of December, thirty-six of which came after coal, leaving but four vessels interested in all other branches of commerce. This shows the importance of our coal industries to the city of Baltimore and the State.

Several of the leading companies of the region are seriously considering a proposal to introduce in their mines the cable system of underground haulage. This consists of an endless rope and grip, by which cars may be moved up or down grade, or in and out of the mine at a uniform speed. This action, it is said, is forced upon the companies by the fact that the existing system is oppressively expensive.

A Fine Building.—Among structures built in this county for popular use and accommodation there is none surpasses in convenience and elegance the new station house of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroad at Lonaconing. It is a 1½-story, 65 by 24 feet in size, built of brick on a stone foundation and covered with slate. The architectural presentation is very handsome, the front showing a pretty gable and other modern designs of minor importance. The brickwork is painted in imitation of pressed brick and penciled in black. Inside, the office, waiting and warerooms are spacious and admirably adapted to their several uses. The finish of the two former apartments is especially fine. The ceilings and wainscoting are in bright, solid cherry, relieved by trimmings of varnished pine. The effect is very pleasing to the eye. The JOURNAL learned in connection with the erection of the structure that much credit is due to the agent, Robert Matheny, who induced the company to favor Lonaconing with an ornament of which all concerned may be justly proud. It is safe to say that no town on the road is better equipped in the way of railroad service.

The Coal Trade.—The record of shipments from the Georges Creek coal region for the week ending Saturday, December 3, 1887, closed as follows:

Total tons for week	68,086
" " " year	2,659,789
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	621,486
Total tons to B. & O. railroad for week	54,788
" " " " " " year	2,095,203
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	570,805
Total tons to Pa. railroad for week	7,672
" " " " " " year	301,196
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	71,255
Total tons to C. & O. canal for week	5,625
" " " " " " year	263,390
Compared with corresponding period last year, a decrease of	11,356
Total tons shipped over C. & P. railroad for week	55,045
Over same for year	2,124,144
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	548,017
Total tons shipped over G. C. & C. railroad for week	13,060
Over same for year	535,875
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of	71,280

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

1, Consolidation	22,211	843,517
2, Georges Creek	9,589	363,108
3, Maryland	7,177	293,446
4, American	6,883	242,458
5, Potomac	4,102	192,306
6, Borden	5,405	175,449
7, New Central	5,420	166,009
8, Maryland Union	2,963	133,440
9, National	2,131	109,255
10, Davis & Elkins	1,857	73,618
11, Swanton	1,318	50,332
12, Blaen Avon		11,955
13, Atlantic & G. C.	75	3,118
14, G. M. Hansel's mine	12	1,809
Total tons Elk Garden coal shipped over W. Va. Central and Pittsburg railroad for week		10,829
Over same for year		400,231
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of		91,930
To B. & O. railroad for week		8,267
" " " " year		334,574
" Pennsylvania railroad for week		1,978
" " " " year		49,701
" C. & O. canal for week		584
" " " " year		15,960
Total tons to B. & O. railroad for week from both Georges Creek and Elk Garden regions		63,055
Total for year		2,429,777
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of		597,074

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

1, W. Va. Central	6,934	231,899
2, Atlantic & G. C.	2,212	99,670
3, Big Vein	1,279	55,768
4, Davis	404	12,897
Total tons from Georges Creek and Elk Garden regions combined for week		78,915
Total tons for year		3,060,024
Compared with corresponding period last year, an increase of		713,415

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

Clearfield	2,619,868
Chesapeake & Ohio railway, W. Va.	1,400,567
Beech Creek	1,056,726
Pocahontas, Va.	1,033,230
Broadtop, Pa.	321,910

The Clearfield output of coal to above date is 39,521 tons less than Georges Creek; including the Beech Creek portion, 1,017,205 tons more.