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EIGHTEENTH YEAR.—NO. 2. FROSTBURG, MD., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1888. WHOLE NUMBER, 887.

New Business Locals.

Religious.—The congregation of the Presbyterian Church are requested to meet at the Church next Sunday afternoon, at 3½ o'clock, for the purpose of taking action with the view of calling a pastor. A full attendance is desired.

JOHN M. SMITH,
REUBEN ANTHONY,
Elders.

THE undersigned having closed out business in Frostburg, desires parties indebted to him to call and settle their accounts on or before Nov. 1st, as after that day all accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

J. C. WILSON.

A Woman's Discovery.—Another wonderful discovery has been made and that, too, by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly. She bought a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Get a free trial bottle at I. C. Lambert's drug store.

Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint.—Is it not worth the small price of 75 cents to free yourself of every symptom of these distressing complaints. If you think so call at our store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. Every bottle has a printed guarantee on it, use accordingly, and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing. Sold by I. C. Lambert.

Electric Bitters.—This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and others affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial fevers. For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price 50c. and $1 per bottle at I. C. Lambert's Drug Store.

Business Locals.

IN order to reduce our stock of **finished Monuments** and **Headstones** before winter, *we have made a* **sweeping reduction** *in prices.* Persons needing anything in above lines *should purchase this fall*, and they will **certainly save money.** Those *at a distance* should get our prices, as we set work wherever desired.

WILLIAMS MARBLE WORKS,
Frostburg, Md.

Two good Heating Stoves for sale. Apply to J. S. METZGER.

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. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by I. C. Lambert.

May Brothers, Nurserymen, Rochester, N. Y., are in want of good Salesmen to sell their Choice Varieties of Nursery Stock either on salary or commission. To the right men steady employment the year round. Write them for terms. [May 26—8t

WHEN you visit Baltimore **stop at the Maltby House,** where will be found first-class accommodations and very low rates.

New Advertisements.

RAVENSCRAFT'S OPERA HOUSE.

Special Engagement

—For Two Nights Only,—

MONDAY and TUESDAY,
October 15th and 16th,

—OF—

CHARLES B. PALMER'S

Comedy Company.

Supporting the charming and versatile young American actress, **Miss Agnes Cody.** MONDAY EVENING the sensational Border Drama entitled

"'49"

Followed by the roaring Irish Farce-Comedy, in one act

"PADDY MILES' BOY."

TUESDAY EVENING the highly sensational Society Drama entitled

"Under the Gaslight."

People's Popular Prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents. Reserved seats on sale at George Conner's book store without extra charge.

"'49"

The play to be produced at the Opera House by the Agnes Cody Company Monday evening is a story of the days of the gold excitement in California in the days of '49, and is replete with thrilling situations, stirring scenes, &c., interspersed with a fine vein of comedy. All should see it. [Oct 13

ALLEGANY COUNTY Treasurer's Report

FOR THE QUARTER ENDING
October 6, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance		$ 5,181 80
Taxes collected:		
Collector 1st district—		
J B Stottlemyer, 1887	$ 754 07	
Jesse Robinette, 1888	4,181 12	
		4,575 13
Collector 2d district—		
Frederick Kolb, 1884	55 91	
" " 1885	736 19	
C L Holzhu, 1886	316 50	
" " 1887	1,645 18	
T S Kean, 1888	41,226 65	
		43,980 52
Collector 3d district—		
J L Porter, 1888		33,184 86
Collector 4th district—		
Herman Schaidt, 1884	41 52	
" " 1885	84 74	
John Coles, 1886	177 76	
" " 1887	559 56	
Daniel O'Hanley, 1888	20,931 94	
		21,786 52
Collector 5th district—		
Stephen Fuller, 1888		15,471 62
Interest received		205 .6
For account of Contingent Fund:		
Transferring, etc.		88 08
Almshouse		109 75
For account of Dog Tax:		
Hawks, owls and weasels		150 00
Total		$124,751 20

Treasurer's Report—continued.

PAYMENTS.

Roads:		
Road levy	$1,943 75	
" appropriations	1,686 00	
" balances	506 92	
" expenses	628 35	
		$ 4,765 02
Circuit Court:		
Clerk's fees	1,221 00	
Attorneys' fees	2,149 97	
Sheriff's fees	6,442 20	
Magistrates' fees	1,360 78	
Constables' fees	2,205 99	
Jury and witness fund	242 75	
Court expenses	671 31	
Jail expenses	616 35	
		14,989 33
Orphans' court		583 99
Inquests		502 42
Public Charities:		
Almshouse	2,016 24	
Outside pensioners	70 73	
Sundry charities	289 75	
		2,385 72
Public schools		9,750 00
Elections:		
Registration officers	730 00	
Election expenses	420 25	
		1,151 15
Scalps		236 45
Courthouse and jail fund		30 00
County commissioners		1,646 00
Taxes paid in error		72 61
Special appropriations		2,150 00
Miscellaneous		3,588 97
Collectors' commissions		2,025 20
Contingent fund		1,106 03
Discounts allowed		5,668 93
New assessments		147 00
Hawks, owls, weasels		45 35
Insane asylum construction fund		1,205 38
Expense account		153 11
Bills payable		20,000 00
Cash		52,488 45
Total		$124,751 20

D. ANNAN,
Treasurer Allegany county, Md.

Financial Condition —OF— Allegany County,

OCTOBER 6, 1887.

RESOURCES.

Taxes not collected:		
Collector 1st district—		
J B Stottlemyer, 1887	$ 931 61	
Jesse Robinette	2,764 20	
		$ 99,43 65
Collector 2d district—		
Frederick Kolb, 1884	16 30	
" " 1885	1,139 02	
C L Holzhu, 1886	1,671 30	
" " 1887	5,925 16	
T S Kean, 1888	14,960 63	
		23,712 41
Collector 3d district—		
Abraham Casey, 1884	48 03	
" " 1885	247 15	
" " 1886	198 16	
" " 1887	895 89	
J L Porter, 1888	4,360 33	
		5,679 56
Collector 4th district—		
Adam Thompson, 1883	200 19	
Herman Schaidt, 1884	11 14	
" " 1885	29 06	
John Coles, 1886	472 22	
" " 1887	1,678 42	
Daniel O'Hanley, 1888	3,671 49	
		5,983 62
Discounts allowed		168 93
Stephen Fuller, 1888		7,863 36
Insane asylum expense account		153 11
Cash		52,488 45
Total		$90,743 65

LIABILITIES.

Roads:		
Road levy	$8,578 00	
" appropriations	1,523 82	
" balances	406 38	
" expenses	506 87	
		$11,015 07
Circuit Court:		
Clerk's fees	1,453 17	
Attorneys' fees	184 96	
Sheriff's fees	1,783 75	
Magistrates' fees	1,428 37	
Constables' fees	848 01	
Jury and witness fund	8,883 00	
Court expenses	373 79	
Jail expenses	706 99	
Removed cases	891 10	
		16,553 95
Orphans' court		1,312 63
Inquests		999 33
Public Charities:		
Almshouse	4,004 15	
Outside pensioners	3,671 57	
Sundry charities	5,645 20	
		13,320 92
Public schools		29,250 00
Elections:		
Registration officers	695 88	
Election expenses	394 89	
		1,090 77
Scalps		200 00
Courthouse and jail fund		5,300 00
County commissioners		944 00
Taxes paid in error		53 09
Special appropriations		3,150 00
Miscellaneous		1,289 84
Collectors' commissions		6,471 00
Contingent fund		2,812 52
Interest received		304 14
Insane asylum construction fund		4,341 17
" " fund		1,200 00
Hawks, owls and weasels		116 15
Total		$90,733 65

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND.

Balance last report	$ 30 00	
Levy, June, 1888	5,300 00	
		$5,330 00
Payments		30 00
Balance		$5 300 00

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Court House and Jail Bonds:	
Amount authorized	$85,000 00
" paid and canceled	80,000 00
" outstanding	$ 5,000 00
Insane Asylum Bonds:	
Outstanding	30,000 00
Total	$35,000 00

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

		Paid.	Bal. due.
J B Stottlemyer, 1887	$	754 07	$ 931 61
Jesse Robinette, 1888		4,181 12	2,764 20
Frederick Kolb, 1884		55 91	16 30
" " 1885		736 19	1,139 02
Chas L Holzhu, 1886		316 50	1,671 30
" " 1887		1,645 18	8,925 16
T S Kean, 1888		41,226 65	14,960 63
Abrah'm Casey, 1884		——	48 03
" " 1885		——	247 15
" " 1886		——	198 16
" " 1887		——	895 89
John L Porter, 1888		33,184 86	4,360 33
A Thompson, 1883		——	200 19
H Schaidt, 1884		41 52	11 14
" " 1885		84 74	29 06
John Coles, 1886		177 76	472 22
" " 1887		559 56	1,678 92
Dan'l O'Hanley, 1888		20,211 94	3,571 19
Stephen Fuller, 1888		15,471 62	7,393 36
Totals		$118,658 71	$46,933 16

D. ANNAN,
Oct 13 Treasurer Allegany County.

FROSTBURG has spoken.

It has spoken before—so often that it has secured some reputation as a town susceptible to eruption when any great moral question is involved.

Not many years ago at a public meeting at this place the governor of the State was impeached for complicity in a crime whose perpetration is to this day environed in darkness.

Later the popular voice was heard from a citizens' meeting condemning one of the most flagrant miscarriages of justice that ever disgraced county annals. For prominent participation in this meeting, and for talk outside, the machinery of law was invoked in the case of four citizens, whose mouths were thenceforward stopped by libel suits. Notice was thus served upon this community that it should utter no public word in its own defence.

All remember the occasion of this high-handed business—how a man was acquitted in spite of his confession of guilt; how, later on, he was tried upon another charge, the jury disagreeing, and how, by some means unknown to the lay mind, he was released from jail, and is to day an exile—an outcast who, if innocent, enjoys a perfect right to be at home.

It was all this that aroused the righteous indignation of the people. More—the popular expression of that day laid for all time a precedent which should have never been forgotten—that *the people of Frostburg are unalterably and perpetually opposed to any compromise with crime!* So pronounced was this utterance that several prominent gentlemen were named only to be denounced.

But a great change has come over us. Time builds tombs for sentiments as well as mortals. At best our virtue is spasmodic. Yesterday we scolded because a man *was not* convicted; to day we seek the exemption from death of one who *was* convicted. Yesterday we condemned the instrumentalities by and through which a confessed culprit escaped the vengeance of the law; to day we ask those in charge of its enginery to reverse motion this side of the death penalty and land another confessed criminal at a station on the road which leads to the eventual liberation of a confessedly dangerous man.

We have not been consistent. Our public expressions avowing devotion to law and order are not in unity with themselves. Henceforth, it may be, that whether we overflow with resentment at wrong to society or exuberate with apologies for its retributions, the cold finger of unforgetting consistency will point us to the speechless dust as at once the symbol and the end of our unavailing reproof or plea. Even in our own behalf, no matter how or by whom threatened, our own words will rise in judgment against us and the hand of silence smite us into mute submission.

ALL the registration officers of the county met in Cumberland Thursday except those of districts 11, 12 and 13. It was ascertained, no doubt, that the "trust," previously organized to have all the printing done in two offices in Cumberland, had panned out amazingly well—to the two offices. At any rate, a veracious chronicler reports that—

Business matters were discussed at length, and all the gentlemen present concurred that an organization could conduce only to the good of all.

Which, interpreted, means that a monopoly of registration printing by two establishments is all the excuse the public can see for such a love-feast. A banquet followed, and then, O then, these democrats, officially "distinct as the billows, but" otherwise "one as the sea," separated:

Wi' mony a vow an' lock'd embrace,
Our parting was full tender;
An' pledging aft to meet again,
We tore oursels asunder.

A CORRESPONDENT at Eckhart wants to know "why the JOURNAL does not report the speeches of the nominees and other speakers?"

Because the JOURNAL does not want to. Every report it has yet seen is either an exaggeration or a misrepresentation. Hence, under current policy this paper is guilty of neither.

REPORT comes to the JOURNAL that some politically intolerant fol s manifested their indignation at the presence of the Cumberland Junior democratic marching club here last Saturday evening. In some instances they were hooted; in others pushed off the pavements, etc.

If this be all or partially true, it was wrong, very wrong. When strangers under any auspices come among us and behave themselves, they should be decorously received and treated. The day has long gone by when citizens of this country, present or prospective, should be wantonly crowded off the pavement into the mud for political reasons.

We should be especially circumspect and consistent just now, engaged, as we are, in saving a criminal from the gallows who grew so intolerant of another man's existence that he edged him out of life into eternity.

THE Engineering and Mining *Journal* reads a lesson to the owners and operators of anthracite property upon the wasteful manner of mining their coal. It predicts that unless current processes of getting out that product are early and radically reformed the maximum output will have been attained certainly within twenty years. At the end of five years more it prophesies that "the practical economic limit of the use of anthracite in manufacturing industries will have been reached."

A similar state of affairs existed many years ago in the development of the Big Vein of this region. When it became fully known, however, to those in interest that much of their valuable property was needlessly lost, they at once set about looking for and adopting new and better methods of mining. For a long time pillars were not taken out, and still later a thick layer of either top or bottom coal was left. Now the pillars contribute probably more to the output than heading and room work; the bottom almost everywhere taken up, and the roof left only where it contributes to safety.

This reference is valuable to us because it affords a collateral but very effective instance of the superiority of this region as a working Paradise for the miner. It emphasizes the view also which we have entertained and promulgated for a long time—that we need no laws to complete a happiness already full, certainly none that should be copied from any State where methods and conditions are confessedly worse than ours.

WE understand with great regret that George M. Rawlings, of this county, stated in a protest to governor Jackson against commutation of Henry J. Spencer's death sentence to imprisonment for life that—

Those who sign this petition, we think, come from the mining region, and the worst element in our country.

Mr. Rawlings and his co-workers do not know what they are talking about when they thus malign our miners, or the people who live in this region. There is not anywhere on the globe a people less chargeable with crime than reside between Frostburg and Westernport, and the county records will show it. Whatever else their faults, failings or weaknesses may be, disrespect for the laws which protect life and property is not one of them. And of the cases sent to court from here the least percentage is from the mining element. This comparison will hold good in all other moral respects.

The JOURNAL doubts very seriously the propriety of the movement in Spencer's behalf. It fears that our people are erring on the side of mercy to the wrong party—to Spencer instead of law-abiding society. But even this is a sentiment never indulged by a vicious element.

So far as Mr. Rawlings' impeachment of the good name of our people is used with the governor, therefore, the JOURNAL begs His Excellency not to let it weigh a particle in this case. It would be better that Spencer, unrepentant, should be pardoned and crowned with the laurel which grateful communities bestow upon their heroes, than that such a reproach should be endorsed by carrying out the law.

CONSIDERABLE dispute is going on over the definitions of "coal slack or culm," placed on the free list of the Senate tariff bill.

The discussion includes, of course, the question of how far the four words cover bituminous coal.

It is conceded that either "slack" or "culm" is a miserable term if applied to describe the product of this region.

But there is a pitiable genius writing for one of the Cumberland dailies who, disdaining the use of the wretched terms, goes to the very land's end of technical beggary and calls it "Cumberland."

THE Lonaconing *Review* remarks ancent current mining affairs in this region:

Reports received at this office show all the mines working fairly well. No disturbances are reported, but we notice an evident restlessness on the part of the drivers and day laborers who claim, and rightfully, too—that they should be paid the same wages prevailing in the Clearfield region.

Before we raise any disturbance, gentlemen drivers and day-laborers, let us be sure of our ground. The Clearfield region is not a fortunate model of either economics or extravagancies for Georges Creek to measure by. There are more tears than smiles to be gathered in that field.

THE fact that so many of the prominent democrats of the town were omitted from the list of officers at the democratic meeting Saturday night has caused considerable comment, and has seemed to indicate a woful lack of harmony even in the small corporal's guard of the "unterrified" here.—Frostburg correspondent of the Cumberland *News.*

An error, a palpable error. There is not a democrat in and around Frostburg who was forgotten Saturday evening that is not glad that memory, the lowest order of intellect, kindly let him freeze outside of the cheapest sort of a cheap distinction.

"MY dear judge Hoffman," appeals Hon. E. C. Gaskill, "don't burthen yourself with the extinction of a human soul?"

It is evident, therefore, that *one* at least of our late legislators does not believe that man is an indestructible duplicate of Deity.

Now, let us hear from the rest of our politically extinct legislative sages.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Brevities.—The Frostburg correspondent of the Cumberland *Courier* absented himself from business long enough last week to write a characteristic letter to that paper. He is the same gentleman who delivered a speech on mining nomenclature to the plain, simple, susceptible assemblymen at Williams station, Pa., several months ago, and he has never quite forgiven the JOURNAL for distinguishing that great scientific and elaborate effort with a report which brought him much *eclat.* Accordingly, he indulged in irony last week when, after looking at the JOURNAL'S gas engine, he fancied he could "still hear the scientific lecture on engines delivered to us on that occasion." The JOURNAL deplores sarcasm. Had it not shown the engine to the "least of these" it would have injured him, and thus "the concern of all" would have been bruised.

Look at "New Business Locals." Both business and religious this week. J. C. Wilson, a capital business man and citizen, makes an important announcement, and the Presbyterian church people are wanted to assemble.

Our community was the other day startled with the official statement, posted on our bulletin boards and telegraph poles—"Died—Moses Jandorf." The deceased was here about two weeks ago alive, well and kicking. But since then, rain briny tears, ye copious skies! since then a Cumberland printer, by some unaccountable means, got the printing of our registration work for October, and Moses, the genial, gentle, generous Moses is no more! People desiring to communicate with him, however, need not hold or attend a seance, but a letter, carefully addressed to 28 Canal street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will reach him in the very heyday of life, health and happiness.

The JOURNAL learns that relic-hunters are chipping fragments from "Braddock's rock" near town. Really something ought to be done to preserve that memorial of an important historical event from further destruction. County and town authorities should unite on some plan to save it from the hands of the spoilers. It has been too long neglected already.

And now is a good time to subscribe.

Public Meeting.—In pursuance of a call by Mayor Jandorf, issued Monday, a goodly number of citizens met in the Council Chamber Tuesday evening to take action in behalf of Henry J. Spencer, now in the county jail under sentence of death.

Mayor Jandorf was elected chairman, and William Hart secretary.

Addresses were made by the chairman, Messrs. Reuben Anthony, Henry B. Shaffer, Joseph Bear, George H. Wittig, John Gerlach, and Rev. James Miller.

The following paper was submitted and adopted:

FROSTBURG, MD., OCTOBER 9, 1888.

To his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Maryland—

DEAR SIR:

We, the citizens of Frostburg, Allegany Co., assembled in public meeting in accordance with a call by the mayor of this town, in a spirit of justice and humanity have, after due consideration of the case of the commonwealth against Henry J. Spencer, now under sentence of death for the killing of Scott Dawson, passed unanimously the following resolutions:

1. That we heartily approve the respite granted to Spencer by your honor.

2. That we gladly join in the efforts made by our fellow citizens in other towns and cities of the State of Maryland, for the purpose of granting a commutation of the death sentence to imprisonment for life, by the hands of your Excellency, in whose hands lays the fate of a poor, friendless, wretched man, a citizen of our county.

3. That we confidently expect from the highest pardoning power in the State an unprejudiced judgment for a human being who, to our sorrow, has never been in any standing in the community, whose life from childhood without a recognizing father, without a supporting mother, without a guiding friend, was that of an outcast and a burden to himself. Ignorant and probably not aware of the consequences of an act like that for which he is to suffer the penalty of his life; not strong enough to withstand the pressure brought upon him by the circumstances in his case; deprived of a moral education, lays he in a cell of this county awaiting the dark hour for his execution, looking at his death-watch. We do not know whether he has or not hopes for a shining light, but "we" do, and we pray your Excellency to step between the law and the dictates of a sympathizing, well considered, fair minded tribunal. By order of the meeting.

J. JANDORF,
Chairman.
WILLIAM HART,
Secretary.

Personal.—The JOURNAL omitted to mention last week that Conrad Semler had gone to Toledo, Ohio, with a view of ultimately making his residence there if he can suit himself. His friends wish him well.

C. W. Humrichouse and wife, of Hagerstown, Md., were guests of Wm. R. Percy over Sunday. Mr. H. is the father-in-law of Hon. L. E. McComas.

The Oakland *Democrat* says "Misses Susie and Gertie Miller left for an extended visit to friends in Frostburg Thursday evening. They expect to remain until after the holidays.

Miss Annie Raley has returned from Pittsburg.

The Barton correspondent of the Lonaconing *Star* says "James Steel, of Frostburg, was visiting his brother, George, at this place."

Rev. W. B. Dorsey was in town Wednesday.

Abraham Jandorf and bride left last Saturday for Pittsburg, Pa.

Rev. F. T. Hennicke, of Chambersburg, Pa., formerly pastor of the German Lutheran church here, is on a visit to Frostburg friends.

Mrs. Scott, of Lonaconing, is in town to day.

Rev. W. A. Shipman and wife have returned to their home in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Miss Lizzie Howe, of Johnstown, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. Michael Doolan.

James Barrett and family, of Mt. Savage, have removed to this place and occupy Mrs. Joseph Keller's house, Mrs. K. having gone to Hagerstown to live.

Miss Ida Jackson, of Grafton, spent this week with Frostburg friends.

William Staples and daughter, Miss Minnie, have gone to visit friends in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Maine.

Leander Lovell, of the old and popular firm of Borden & Lovell, New York, spent a few days at Borden mines last week. He was accompanied by his son and both were guests of Superintendent Davisson Armstrong.

Institution of a New Lodge.—Mountain City Council, No. 11, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, was instituted Monday evening, October 1st, 1888, in Moat's hall, with thirty charter members, by the State officers—S. C. George D. Magruder, assisted by P. S. C. Wm. H. McCawley; P. S. C. George C. Pressman, jr., and P. S. C. F. A. Buschman, all of Baltimore. The following officers were then elected and installed:

C.—George Armstrong.
V. C.—Hampton P. Griffith.
R. S.—William R. Gunter.
A. R.—Sylvester Crow.
F. S.—Christopher Johns.
Treasurer—George Eisel.
Conductor—Frank Crow.
Warden—George W. Stevens.
I. S.—William Eisel.
O. S.—Edward Downton, jr.
P. S.—John Stoddart.

Died.—Sunday evening, Oct. 7, 1888, Mrs. ANN DAILEY, aged 73 years.

The Sick.—David Griffiths, boss miner at the "Old Consolidation," has been quite ill during the week.

J. J. Keller has considerably improved, though he is not yet able to leave the house.

Hymenial.—Cards are out for the wedding of Miss May McClung, of Sandyhook, Md., to W. H. Geisy, of Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 22, 1888. Miss McC., who visited Miss Julia R. Walker this summer, has many friends here who wish her much happiness.

Religious.—Rev's D. C. DeWulf and Fenne conducted a mission from Sunday to Wednesday at St. Ann's Church, Garrett county.

Rev. L. W. Haslup, of Listonburg, Pa., preached in the M. E. Church, South, this place, last Sunday.

Rev. A. G. Gekeler, of Poland, Ind., has accepted a call to the Reformed church, this place. He arrived with his family about two weeks ago, and has entered on his work.

Elections.—The election for directors of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroad company was held Monday in Cumberland. P. L. Burwell, as attorney, cast the vote of the Consolidation coal company for Messrs. C. F. Mayer, W. F. Burns, Robert Garrett, W. F. Frick and Decatur H. Miller, thus electing these gentlemen. The board will serve for one year.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Barton and Georges Creek Valley coal company was held in Cumberland Wednesday, and Messrs. H. Crawford Black, Owen Hitchins, John Sheridan, Adam E. Hitchins, Lloyd Lowndes and Howard Hitchins were elected directors. The board subsequently organized and re-elected the following officers:

President—H. Crawford Black.
Secretary—John Wilson.
Superintendent—Owen Hitchins.

The Question Settled.—The fierce debate over the applicability of "coal slack or culm" to describe our bituminous product is settled by the following colloquy, which took place in the Senate yesterday, in favor of those who held that the term endangered our product. Mr. Allison, who has charge of the Senate bill, states the difficulty in the sentences we have italicised;

Mr. Dolph said that there was anxiety felt on the Pacific coast in regard to the provisions of the Senate bill as to the tariff on coal, and he asked Mr. Allison if the Senate bill put coal on the free list in any form.

Mr. Allison said, in reply, that he had had several inquiries in the same direction. Coal slack, or culm of coal, was put on the free list; *that was one of the mistakes in the bill* and should have been corrected before the bill was reported. It was the intention of the finance committee (at least of the majority) that coal slack, or culm, should pay a duty, as now, or perhaps an increased duty.

Mr. Dolph—Will the Senator state what that article is?

Mr. Allison—It is refuse coal, which passed through a half-inch screen, according to the Treasury regulations. *But it is difficult to distinguish between coal and coal slack,* so that the committee proposes to put all coal on the dutiable list at the rate now provided by law—seventy-five cents per ton. That is one of the amendments which the committee will propose at the proper time.

Journalistic.—Our friend, H. W. Schaidt, of the Lonaconing *Review*, pays the JOURNAL a handsome compliment in the following paragraph:

With its issue of Saturday, September 29, the Frostburg JOURNAL began its eighteenth year and possesses life and energy enough to continue in harness for twice eighteen more. New presses, gas engine, type, etc., have been added to the JOURNAL'S mechanical department during its seventeenth year. In the matter of editorial management the JOURNAL continues to occupy a position on the top rail of the journalistic fence. While we cannot agree with many opinions expressed by our neighbor, yet we admire his pluck and wish him success.

Well said, and in the course of time the JOURNAL expects to enjoy opportunity to reciprocate.

Meanwhile, the JOURNAL disagrees with the *Review* in the implication that possibly things go awry because we are at variance on some questions of economy, for it is a notable fact that ever since we have disagreed with the *Review* prosperity has blessed the people and interests of this region, including all its newspapers. Hence, anyone can easily imagine the sad result should the JOURNAL now abandon its labor policy and adopt the *Review's.* It makes the JOURNAL shudder to contemplate even the possibility of both papers going wrong again.

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