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Business Locals.

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New Advertisements.

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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will hold an

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each evening of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,

Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1,

in the lower hall of Nickel's building, Main street, Frostburg. Nov 24

Drug Store FOR SALE.

THE Drug Store lately belonging to Dr. A. J. Mason will be sold at private sale on reasonable terms and at a fair price. This is a good opportunity to secure a well established and paying business in one of the thriftiest and most desirable towns in the State. Apply to or address

JOHN S. GROVE,
Nov 24—ts Frostburg, Md.

STATEMENT

—OF—

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

—FOR—

Public School Purposes

—OF—

ALLEGANA COUNTY, MD.,

For the Year ending September 30, 1888.

OFFICE OF
BOARD OF COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS,
CUMBERLAND, MD., Nov. 17, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1887	$ 33 85
State school tax	17,920 22
State free school fund	1,762 20
State donation academic fund	400 00
Amount of county levy	39,000 00
Sale of books	3,825 11
State appropriation to col'd schools	671 88
Sale Lena Furnace schoolhouse	600 00
A. R. Lewis, insurance	20 40
Sale Parkersburg schoolhouse	90 00
Total	$64,323 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries	$44,685 71
Fuel	1,206 00
Incidental expenses of schools	966 36
Rent	112 25
Books and stationery	4,003 25
Building schoolhouses	3,353 45
Repairing schoolhouses	2,518 00
Furniture, blackboards and stoves	1,716 81
Interest	144 33
Salary of sec'y, treas. and examiner	1,500 00
Per diem of school commissioners	300 00
Office expenses and account books	368 17
Printing and advertising	312 85
Paid col'd schools, including above, $1,684 03.	
Legal expenses	100 00
Insurance	476 05
Janitors	303 75
Furniture on hand	386 74
Blackboards on hand	15 00
W. H. Close, work on Ellerslie schoolhouse	75 00
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1888	1,780 94
Total	$64,323 06

H. G. WEIMER, Secretary.

The above account examined and approved October 22, 1888.

THOS. G. McCULLOH,
ROBERT SHRIVER,
W. H. SHEPHERD,
Nov 24—2t School Commissioners.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

M. E. Church Sunday School

FESTIVAL

—IN THE—

LECTURE ROOM OF THE CHURCH,

THANKSGIVING DAY.

PROGRAMME of Singing, Reading, etc. Ice Cream, Cake, Fruits, &c. Proceeds for the benefit of the School.

Admission.....5 Cents.

Nov 17—td

Hitchins Bros

ARE SELLING A LINE OF

Dress Goods

—AT—

25 to 40 PER CENT.

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Regular Prices

SPECIAL SALE

Call, See and Compare

Prices and Qualities,

Hitchins Bros.

Nov 17

SOMEBODY has lately admonished boys and girls at school as follows:

Do not fail to make good use of your school days. In a few years, perhaps less—the kind parents who now take such pride in you, and make such efforts and even sacrifices to educate you, may be taken from you, or compelled by necessity to remove you from school, place you at work. You will then find that the choice positions, the advantages of every kind in business or social life, are reserved for those possessed of superior knowledge and culture, while you are compelled to remain "hewers of wood and drawers of water." Then you will bitterly regret the time that you may have spent when at school in inattention and idle conversation and which should have been employed in studying your lessons.

That is the gravity of the situation from the standpoint of pupilage interest. Humanity has but one golden period of instruction—boyhood and girlhood. A year thrown away during adolescence is one of incalculable and irredeemable loss, and there is no telling the possibilities it carries with it.

It was not an exaggerated measurement of this multiform fatality that induced the JOURNAL lately to awaken popular solicitude for the advancement of scholarship in the schools.

It was, on the other hand, a conscientious, but still inadequate estimate of the value of *time during youth* that induced it to arrest popular attention and turn its burning eye from other matters, public and private, to one of pre-eminent import to every parent, especially every child.

The fault found was not with the unconscious school-goers; it was not that they were suicidally throwing away their own opportunities. Their condition of pupilage pre-supposes innocence of wrong, active, passive, subjective.

But it was an apparent want, in a higher circle, of capacity or disposition to measure the value of *time in youth*—a circle charged expressly with the solemn duty and responsibility of making that time as effective as possible while it lasts—that time of which the great poet, Young, spoke of as demanding numeration "by hours as well as days."

In some degree the JOURNAL succeeded. But the reform is a sickly one, and more tonic treatment will be needed to keep it alive. In this direction the JOURNAL will continue to do its part.

Meanwhile, no tangible improvement will follow until the *taxpayers* take the run of the schools out of the reach of *time-killers* and *tax-eaters*.

THE republican parade which occurred in this place Tuesday evening in celebration of the election of Harrison, Morton and McComas, was probably the most imposing demonstration of the kind ever witnessed in Frostburg. It was a thoroughly creditable affair in nearly all its features, and while there was no lack of enthusiasm the proprieties were respected in a manner which is noteworthy considering the widely divergent prejudices which obtain in this community. Outside of one or two coarse allusions to the president, an especially gratifying feature was shown in the general respect which was exhibited toward the office.

This will probably be the last ebullition of political feeling in Frostburg in connection with the presidential contest, and a return to business and the prosecution of the common, every-day duties of life will be gladly hailed by this great community.

THE general treasurer of the Knights of Labor reports to the General Assmbly, in session at Indianapolis:

According to the receipts from tax, the membership has decreased about 300,000 during the past fisoal year, and at the present time the receipts are not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses.

A serious admission.

In any legitimate business an authoritative statement of similar import would terminate in the appointment of a receiver.

ONE Mr. Barry is making it unpleasant for Mr. Powderly.

But whenever the Noble Order retires Mr. Powderly to private life, adieu, Noble Order!

He is the residuum of all the saving grace there is in the Noble Order.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HOGS vs. HEALTH.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Now, after the election is over, the people can give attention to their special home affairs, which they should do, one of the first items should be finding out the condition of the town, our home—its health, public improvements and moral conduct of its citizens—comparing the same with other towns of its size and mixed population, I think the result would be very favorable. The republican demonstration of last Tuesday bears evidence enough that we live among civilized people. There was not a word uttered to insult anybody; not a drunken or staggering individual could be seen in the large crowd. Consider the enormous amount of money sent away from home to the treasuries of life insurance companies, of lodges—which are very numerous here, for the entertainments at our churches, public halls, public streets and schools, police and fire department waterworks and gaslighting—still people are located comfortably, clothed well and fashionably, and old and young live harmonious and agreeable. We have the credit for all that outside of our corporation limits.

But we should not stop at that. We should improve still more. What is contemplated, viz: a bank or banks, electric lights, a railroad depot or depots, &c., should be made established facts. The cowbell question should have due consideration, and hog raising and fattening should be one of the most important questions to deal with, because the sanitary condition of our town is interested in it. No matter how straight and wide your streets and pavements are; no matter how nicely dressed you are when going to your churches and theatres; no matter how you can boast of having the prettiest girls of any town of its size in the State and probably in the States—if you have your parlor windows hoisted in warm weather and your smelling apparatus gets a dose of your neighbor's or your own hogpen, you forget all your comfort and pride in your town. Your city fathers may do as they please, and engage the skill of your Board of Health, under the present ordinances they cannot suppress the nuisance sufficiently. The air is impregnated with deadly odors, and it is a sin to defy God's good will in giving us such pure air, such a healthy climate and such brilliant surroundings. Can you, with good conscience, advise anybody to walk through any of our alleys, and even through some of our streets in midsummer? While our citizens are proud of raising and fattening heavy hogs, they don't know that they are working against their own interests. While they have from their kitchen offal (waste) hardly enough to keep one of those fragrant animals they add one or more in order to stimulate its appetite. "They eat better," they say, not knowing, perhaps, that every pound of meat they may get adds to their pecuniary loss. While pork can be bought at 6 or 7 cents per pound, that appetite-making process costs the stockraiser double the money. Some economist answers—"I know that, but I can get my pork that way without laying out so much money at once." Well, if that holds good, certainly we need not apply for a bank in Frostburg, and it would not be out of the way to employ brass bands or add Claret wine to stimulate the appetite of Mr. Porker. The more appetite you give your Berkshire and Chester the more you are out of pocket, out of health and pleasant surroundings; your good-looking daughter invites a friend to look at your comfortable home, but after making a few steps she has to command a halt and has to get first a bouquet of "Old Man and Peppermint."

Concluding: let our city council pass an ordinance prohibiting householders keeping more than *one* hog on a premise within the corporate limits. Action ought to be taken now, as our citizens expect already to substitute new slop-eaters for those to be butchered within a couple of weeks.

CITIZEN.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

The Republican Jollification.—The republican demonstration in this place Tuesday evening in honor of the election of Harrison, Morton and McComas was a great success. The metropolis surprised itself. The weather was all that could be desired. Early in the afternoon the town began putting on its holiday attire of bunting, flags, banners, etc. When nightfall came hundreds of Chinese lanterns were lighted, and houses were illuminated in every possible style until the whole place was one blaze of light. Not only stores, but a great number of private residences were thus adorned.

Before 7 o'clock p. m. the marchers began to assemble in front of Ravenscraft's Opera House and there awaited the coming of visitors by rail. An extra train from Cumberland brought three clubs and a drum corps, besides a number of people who did not parade. An extra from Piedmont brought the Elkins club and several carloads of visitors. The Arion band met the visiting clubs at the depot and escorted them to Main street.

Capt. Alfred Spitznos was chief marshal, assisted by Thomas Hill, Robert Tennant, Charles Holtzman, George Ort, George W. Tennant, John T. Hart, Thomas Price and William Lewis, all mounted.

At 8 o'clock the command to march was given, and the procession moved up Main street a short distance, the men raising their hats as they passed under a large American flag swung over the street between Marx Wineland's and C. F. Nickel's places of business. The column then countermarched down Main street and passed over the route as given in the JOURNAL of last week in the following order:

1. Chief marshal Alfred Spitznos and aids.
2. Open barouche contatning Messrs. G. L. Wellington, Walter Beall, R. W. McMichael and Mayor J. W. Shuck, of Cumberland.
3. Arion band.
4. Model of the capitol, by S. V. Flury, of Cumberland.
5. Elkins club, of Piedmont, W. Va., Capt. J. F. Harrison, 35 men.
6. Second Battalion, M. N. G., drum corps, of Cumberland.
7. Cumberland republican club.
8. Cumberland plug hat republican club, 35 men.
9. Colored plug hat club, of Cumberland, 15 men.
10. Frostburg drum corps.
11. Wagon of little girls in uniform.
12. Frostburg junior republican club, Capt. James Smith, 27 boys.
13. Wagon containing a goat—bearing the inscription—"Butt against free trade."
14. Frostburg republican club, Lieutenants John Bath and William Bennett, 35 men.
15. Frostburg colored republican club, Capt. Benjamin Jackson, 17 men.
16. Sixty-eight horsemen in uniform, Capt. C. Spitznos; 1st lieutenant Henry Spitznos; 2d lieutenant Jack Crawford.
17. Six-horse wagon load of little girls carrying a banner inscribed "We can't vote, but our papas can."

As the line moved off rockets and Roman candles were fired by many of the paraders and from a number of private houses. The line of march was one continuous shout and hurrah. The spectator who stood on one of the high points in town and looked down upon the procession while it was passing below him saw a sight that cannot be described or forgotten.

When the line turned into the west end of Main street and passed by the tall flag pole on the top of the hill the Arion band struck up "John Brown's Body," while shouts went up from the throng that filled the sidewalks and some joined in singing that well known song. A few rods behind came the Elkins club followed by the clubs from Cumberland, and as they came they lit the heavens with rockets. From this point to Broadway the pyrotechnic display was at its best. A large banner was swung across the street at the corner of Main and Broadway, and as the line passed under with uncovered heads a flag on one side of the banner took fire and burned, without, however, doing any other damage.

Ravenscraft's Opera House was reached at 10:30 o'clock and in a few minutes all had dispersed, the torch and uniform being laid to rest until called forth to do service in the next campaign.

On east Main street the tasteful decorations of the residence of C. H. Walker elicited great admiration. On Bowery Arthur Baker's house was conspicuous. Portraits of Harrison and Morton were among the decorations in many places. At Robinson's meat store on Broadway 20 coon skins were hung on the front of the house—the most novel decoration on the whole line. On the same street the residence of George Wehner attracted great attention by its beautiful adornment, and Conrad's photographic gallery was a flood of light, the large windows giving opportunity for a fine display. At B. T. Schofield's residence on Mechanic street an arch of gas jets spanned the street, and was greatly admired. During the passage of the procession at the corner of Water and Mechanic streets Philip Michael kept up a display of fireworks that was very pretty. On west Main street the residence of Owen Hitchins was particularly noticeable. To give descriptions of the many tasteful decorations and illuminations would be next to impossible. Suffice it to say, that it was evident that all had done their best.

The Elkins club carried a transparency bearing a portrait of Gen. Goff. The Frostburg club had a banner inscribed,

Grover's gone fishing up Salt river. No Kyds for congress.

This club also carried a stuffed coon on a pole labeled "The same old coon."

The Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroad company sold 600 tickets to visitors to this place.

The whole affair passed off without an unpleasant incident of any kind and reflected great credit upon all concerned.

Market Carnival.—The ladies of the Home Society in Cumberland will hold a "market carnival" beginning Monday or Tuesday evening of next week and closing Friday evening. "The people of Frostburg," we understand, "are interested in the Home," and on that account they are invited to send at once any contribution they can spare to Mrs. J. C. Orrick, or to the Home. Moreover, the ladies in charge will be pleased to see visitors from this place during the festivities. The Cumberland *Times* of Monday gave the following prospectus of the affair:

The armory hall and the rooms of the battalion on the first floor have been secured for the occasion. The workmen commenced today to put it into shape for the week's pleasure and enjoyment. The main feature will be a market, where gallant young men can, with perfect propriety, accompany fair maidens on shopping or marketing tours and load them down with everything in which their hearts delight. There will be a doll bazaar where industrious young ladies will use their nimble fingers to decorate and embellish handsome dolls to make the little ones happy. It is ventured that many of the older folks will gladly stop here and feast their eyes on the harmony and blend of color and beauty.

For those who are tired of walking there will be seats, comfortable and secure from prying eyes, where they can exercise their brains to entertain assemblies of choice spirits. If there be any theatrically inclined they'll be treated to tableaux on such subjects as "Joan of Arc," Shaksperian subjects as "Romeo and Juliet," "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and others. Their eyes will be fasted on the handsome dresses in the tableaux of the "Gypsy Countess," "A French Wedding," "The Artist's Dream," "Charlotte Corday" and many others.

By the kind aid of Capt. Neill Woodrow the management will offer a military drill by 16 boys and 16 girls, costumed. These soldiers will be armed with wooden guns which will be loaded with darts and shafts from the eyes of the ladies only. Other features such as musicales, etc., will be announced later.

The management have determined that this time there shall be no soliciting from one place to another for articles to display and sell at the market, but that everyone, in Cumberland and out of it, who feels interested in this public institution should aid it by voluntary contributions that shall help this work, in which everybody is concerned.

The object to be subserved is most meritorious of patronage, and the JOURNAL would be pleased to record the fact that our community had invested enough in it to warrant a claim upon its benefits should occasion arise.

Some idea of the character and object of the Home may be gathered from the following paragraph, taken from another issue of the same paper:

The question—"What is the 'Home' doing?"

The *Times* answers—"visit the 'Home' and see for yourself."

Since the "Home" was opened, April 1st, 1888, it has nursed two infirmary patients, employing a trained nurse in one case, fed, clothed and cared for one orphan girl, made six homeless women comfortable—all of them had small means of their own except one. There is now a family of seven, five women and two children.

County News.—Joseph G. Kight, of Westernport, and Miss Mary Gorman, of Cumberland, were married in the latter city Monday evening.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Jean Spier, of Cumberland, and John J. Bell, of Lonaconing. The ceremony will take place Wednesday evening of next week at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Andrew Spier, in the former city.

Miss Nannie Pearce, daughter of Mr. Joseph Pearce, of Barton, died at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, and was buried at Frostburg on the 22d. Deceased was about 20 years of age.

Jacob Eisel, of Allegany mine, and Miss Rebecca Close, of Eckhart, were married at the latter place Thursday evening, Nov. 22, 1888, by Rev. James Miller.

Edward Beard and George Teeters, of Barton, have removed with their families to the Barton and Georges Creek Valley mine.

Judge John Douglas, superintendent of the Georges Creek coal and iron company, Lonaconing, reported ill, is getting well.

Mrs. James Mattingly died Monday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. August Burkey, on the Legislative road, three miles from Cumberland, at the age of 82 years. Her husband was a prominent and popular farmer of this county, and was at one time a judge of the Orphan's Court.

W. Allen Darrow and Miss Lilly Bell Dilley were married Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's father, Barney Dilley, on the National pike, near Cumberland.

Mrs. John Click, of Lonaconing, died Monday. Her husband and nine children survive.

Leander Dayton, of Westernport, was severely squeezed while coupling cars at the W. Va. junction last Friday.

County Commissioner James Willison fell from a fence Tuesday and broke one of his arms.

Miss Alice Mary Rooney, daughter of Thomas Rooney, of Vale Summit, whom His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, confirmed at her home last month, died yesterday morning, aged 14 years. The funeral will take place this (Saturday) morning at 9 o'clock at St. Michael's church.

Next Tuesday Peter Francis McDonald and Sarah Ann McGready, of Borden Shaft, will be married in St. Michael's church, Frostburg, with a nuptial Mass at 7:30 a. m., by Rev. D. C. DeWulf.

Personal.—"Misses Ida and Ella Milier, of Frostburg, are visiting friends in this city," says the Cumberland *News*.

Dr. H. C. Wilson left Monday to spend a few weeks in Cumberland professionally. He and his brother, Dr. L. B. Wilson, have opened a branch office in McKeesport, Pa., the establishment of which occasioned the absence of the latter from his home office. The collateral enterprise implies no abandonment whatever of the Cumberland and Frostburg business.

Messrs. Eugene Williamson and D. A. Smith, of Cumberland, were in town last Sunday.

A. H. Beyers and wife, of Reading, Pa., are visiting the family of C. B. Wack, resident agent of the C. & P. R. Mr. Beyers is a leading hat manufacturer of Reading and a firstclass gentleman.

Dr. C. E. S. McKee, of Hagerstown, grand regent of the Royal Arcanum, and George West, of Baltimore, called on the JOURNAL Thursday. The doctor is a neighbor of Col H. Kyd Douglas and brought a discouraging statement concerning the character of the colonel's illness. In Mr. West the JOURNAL discovered a regimental comrade of wartimes and at the next meeting the JOURNAL as an individual expects to langh at some of his experiences as a soldier. As a paper the JOURNAL never laughs.

Misses Ida, Sue and Lou Kalbaugh and Lola Cross and Messrs. George E. Pearce, Charles Beck and Dr. T. A. Cross, of Piedmont, W. Va., and D. A. Smith, of Cumberland, spent Tuesday evening with the Misses Walker.

Rev. John J. Dillon, of Baltimore, is visiting his mother, Mrs. C. Lynch, of this place. He looks well.

A Pleasant Affair.—The visit of Dr. C. E. S. McKee, of Hagerstown, grand regent of the State of Maryland, Royal Arcanum, accompanied by Rev. B. F. Clarkson, grand orator, and George West and Mr. Baden, of subordinate councils in Baltimore, to Frostburg Council, No. 1012, was made the occasion of a most pleasant social affair at the St. Cloud hotel Wednesday evening.

The Council met in Masonic Temple, and after routine business the body adjourned to the parlors of the St. Cloud, where each member became the escort of his wife, daughter, sister or sweetheart to the dining room. Here ninety-three guests sat down and partook of a fine repast, prepared in the St. Cloud's best style.

After supper H. B. Colborn, regent of the Council, introduced the orator, F. C. Beall. The latter delivered an address of welcome, to which Dr. McKee responded briefly.

Mr. West followed with a humorous recitation—"The Wrong Man Baptized."

Rev. B. F. Clarkson, grand orator, delivered an address in which a strong tribute was paid to the value and merit of the Order as a social and co-operative insurance instrumentality. He advised all good men to join and urged the ladies to some aggressiveness in the same direction. Concluding, he said "now we will again hear from the great West. The great West is boundless and inexhaustible!"

Mr. West arose again and, referring feelingly to the late William R. Travers, recited several of the latter's best jokes. He recited also "The Busted Goat."

Both gentlemen were generously applauded. About 10½ o'clock the large party adjourned.

There were about as many ladies as gentlemen, all of whom enjoyed the occasion.

Music was furnished by two Italians with harp and violin. The Council deserves credit for the provision made for the entertainment of its guests.

An Enterprising Frostburger in Alabama.—The Birmingham (Ala.) *Age* of recent date has the following paragraph concerning an important establishment projected at that place by J. J. Hoblitzell, formerly of this place. The statement is as characteristic of as it is creditable to Mr. Hoblitzell's indomitable enterprise:

Mr. Hoblitzell's firebrick works at Bessemer will employ one hundred and fifty men, including those who work in the city mines. He states that he already has on hand enough orders to keep the works running a year to fill them. He has orders for brick for the three new DeBardleben furnaces at Bessemer, and for the four hundred new coke ovens. At the brick works, Alabama clay alone will not be worked, but Kentucky clay will be used for making brick where this kind is preferred. If the trade demands, Mr. Hoblitzell says that in the course of time he will establish extensive firebrick works in this county. The Savage firebrick company, of which J. J. Hoblitzell is president, has extensive works at Keystone Junction, Williams station, and Hyndman, Pa. The united annual output of these works is 15,000,000. Last year this company shipped 3,500,000 firebrick to the South and mostly to Alabama. As has already been shown, the establishment of firebrick works here will save at least $500,000 a year to the South.

Church News.—This (Saturday) evening, November 24, at Shaffer's Hall, the Welsh Baptist church will hold a tea party and an oyster supper for the benefit of the church.

Rev. L. B. Browne, who taught a private school here last year, preached in the Episcopal church last Sunday morning and evening. He will at once become rector of the Episcopal church in Westernport.

The managers of St. Michael's Fair returned their sincere thanks for donations received from Messrs. Hitchins Bros., the Misses Hitchins, Marx Wineland, Wolfe Bros., C. F. Nickel' Gehauf & Mayer, and Johnson Bros., of Cumberland.

The good "pounding" given the pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and his family, by their parishioners last Saturday evening, with boxes, barrels, bags, bundles and baskets, "herein gratefully recognized," states the pastor, who furnishes this paragraph, "proves to be not to their hurt, notwithstanding it left its mark, and will ever remain with them as a very pleasant reminiscence of their pastorate in Frostburg."

The contest for the lady's watch will close Thursday evening at the Fair held for the benefit of the Catholic parochial school and convent. An extra train will be engaged for that evening. The drawings for the general raffle will take place on the 18th of next month.

Teachers' Institute.—The following is the official report of the last meeting:

The Frostburg Teachers' Institute held its regular meeting Nov. 7, and disposed of the entire program.

The paper read by M. J. Thomas on "How to Teach Numbers in the 1st and 2d Grades," was elegantly gotten up, and so simplified the manner of presenting numbers in those grades as to make it comprehensible to the smallest pupil. The paper was then discussed by Messrs. Daub, Dewitt and Browning, corroborating its many meritorious points.

The selections on the musical program were perfectly and beautifully rendered.

Having disposed of some preliminary business, a motion was made and carried to adjourn to meet again Friday evening, December 7, at 7½ o'clock.

The following is the program for discussion on the above date:

1, How shall we Teach Percentage?—Mr. Daub.
2, *Select Reading*—Miss Estelle Jeffries.
3, Best Methods for Teaching Geography in 4th and 5th Grades—Browning.
4, *Essay*—Miss Belle Wilderman.

No musical program has yet been handed the secretary.

At the next meeting new officers will be elected. ED. A. BROWNING,
Secretary.

Out of the County.—Mrs. A. Lowenstein, of Oakland, received from the Knights of Honor Wednesday of last week $2,000, the amount of benefit from that organization on the death of her husband. Deceased was once a member of Frostburg Lodge, No. 590.

At a meeting of river coal operators Monday afternoon it was unanimously decided to shut down all the mines along the Monongahela river for an indefinite period. This will throw out of employment over 7,000 miners, besides all the river men engaged in taking coal down the river and the mine laborers. The operators say the shutdown will be for two months at least. They claim they cannot sell coal to an advantage now, as the market is overstocked and coal is selling for five cents per bushel, the lowest for many years.

Thanksgiving Day.—A union Thanksgiving service will be held in the English Lutheran church Thursday morning next at 10½ o'clock. Short addresses will be delivered by Rev. Messrs. Miller, Markwood, Gekeler and France. Those authorized to issue the invitation say—"*all* come, and bring Gospel Hymns." There is a growing feeling extant that Thanksgiving should be more generally and truly observed—that *all* places of business should be closed, and that the one day—*only one*—set apart by national authority for the people to make reverential and grateful acknowledgement of providential favor should be duly and truly respected.

Thanksgiving services will also be held at St. Michael's church at 9 a. m.

Journalistic.—The Cumberland *Courier* began its seventh year with the last issue. It claims with truth that it "has been very much favored," and the JOURNAL trusts the public will continue its indulgence.

J. J. Robinson, editor of the Lonaconing *Star*, and D. F. Orr, prospective editor of the Frostburg ———, assisted the JOURNAL in reviewing the great parade Tuesday evening from the windows of its own *habitat*. All agreed that the metropolis was red.