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THE Cumberland *News* is much wrought up over an allegation that Senator Getty, of Garrett county, proposes a bill placing the appointment of the Allegany school commissioners with the governor.

The Senator and the Cumberland *Times* thereupon got quite a drubbing, and our public school management a highly undeserved compliment.

But it is the imperiled handling of the school funds, not the threatened change of the appointing power, that seems to be the milk in the cocoanut.

But as to the extra-superlative character and efficiency of our schools just now—what is there in the work or in the results that make them remarkable? One would think it was Allegany talent—home industry, intellectually exerted, but it is not. The revenue, the real bone of contention, goes not to our own academicians, but to foreigners, and all our educational advancement, whatever it amounts to, is claimed by the armies of the aliens. Said the Meyersdale *Commercial* awhile ago:

The best school Frostburg ever had was when Prof. R. R. Sanner and a full corps of Somerset county teachers led Frostburg dullness to intellectual brightness. The laurel of Greenville, the groves of Turkeyfoot and the pineries of Chewink are full of teachers that honor their profession, because they fit themselves for it. That is why Allegany county, Maryland, draws her supplies from Somerset county.

Under the circumstances, therefore, it would appear that the governor should have the appointment of commissioners who will not have to levy conscription upon the Somerset county reserves, or draft into our service teachers who can't get employment at home to save their lives—commissioners who will give live Marylanders the preference over half-dead scholastics from the gobbling seminaries of Turkeyfoot, or the tame and timid graduates of the chipmunk academies of Chewink.

Go ahead, Senator Getty; any change is better than the current condition of nil. The First National Bank has had its innings.

Give the children a chance!

And, Senator, remember that when Allegany, with nine-tenths of interest in the matter, lost to your county the mine inpectorship—the only State office we ever had—the Cumberland *News* upbraided nobody then for interference in our affairs. The loss of $1,500 *per annum* that belonged to this county was of no consequence compared with the prestige af handling the $50,000 or $60,000 of school money.

Give us the commissioners through the governor, Senator; the current plan of appointment is by general acknowledgment unconstitutional anyhow.

And we, who have children to send to the public schools, because unable to send them elsewhere, will assume all the risks of educational "debauchery" under any method of appointment that *is* constitutional.

There is a contingency pending, too, which may terminate in the early accession of another republican to the bench. In that event it will be unfortunate for the *News*, etc., should the governor be invested meanwhile with the power of appointment.

Hence, Senator Getty, now is the time to make the change—*before* Judge Syester dies.

THE mining bill is an affair too cumbersome ever to be useful.

Should it pass it must either become a nullity all round or the companies will get so tired of its enforcement that, to compensate themselves, they will be compelled to resort to retail discharges of men, or wholesale reductions of wages.

The tendency of the measure is, therefore, to obstruct the business of the operators, restrict production and react upon the miners.

That any of the latter should want such a law is very funny, not to say foolish.

In 1888 they voted for the protection of their industry.

In 1889 they voted for measures which will burden it, cripple it, perhaps destroy it.

Of these three—faith, hope and charity—the last is greatest.

But in those elder days consistency was unknown among the graces.

Now, by the force of rarity, it runs neck and neck with charity for first place.

PERHAPS it is all right for West Virginia to fool Maryland out of her guns, if she can, and then turn them against her.

But how shall we regard the strategy in our own garrison which favors the beleaguering force?

In the nomenclature of the siege there is an odious term which characterizes such conduct, but we forbear to name it.

THE Frostburg water company appears first on the list of notables sent by Cumberland to the Legislature in behalf of the West Virginia effort to secure the canal.

Hence it would appear that even the irony of a popular whim fixes upon the canal a dry fate and a dusty destiny.

It is a fearful thing for a canal to fall under the blight of waterless auspices.

A powderhorn would fare as well in the fire that is not quenched.

PERFECT coincidence is perfect fulfilment.

The JOURNAL stated last week:

But in the matter of "drinking water," show the Journal a paper that does not thoroughly understand the subject, and we will exhibit an authority on drinkables that is either too new, or too little in a glass.

On the same day, thanks to the Cumberland *Times* for reproducing it, the *Ledger*, which is not an organ, said:

Cumberland is having an epipemic of typhoid fever. It is not to be wondered at. Cumberland drinks river water after it receives the drainage of the George's Creek towns and Piedmont. The "Queen city of the Alleganies" ought to know better.

The only thing now lacking is a remedy for eliminating the "drainage," and this great paper is surprised that Cumberland has not been advised by some expert to filter its drinking water through an old split-bottom chair.

THE annual report of Mr. Meriweather, labor commissioner of Missouri, touching the income of the miners of that State, is instructive when compared with the wages of our people in the same business. Out of 1763 miners 1320 received less than $1.50 a day, and 13 *per cent.* of all coal mine employees received less than 75 cents per day.

He also says that wages are paid usually once a month, but even then are withheld from the miners from fifteen to twenty days. That is, a miner is often paid on the 20th of February for work done up to the first of January.

And "many of these men,' he says,' "have not only education, but much native force and ability."

In plain words, if they were in Maryland they would all be amply able to represent the people in the Legislature.

But the average paid miners in this region in 1888 was $1.89 per day, and other employees $1.42. In Missouri, therefore, 74 men out of 100 get less than $1.50 per day; here, none. In Missouri 13 out of 100 other employees get less than $1.

In Missouri wages are unreasonably retained; here the pay is as regular as the tides and as sure as full moons.

Yet—and yet—there are a few people who want a restrictive, obstructive law, with a grand jury for mine inspectors, to cut our wages down to the Missouri level, and our system of pay down to the Missouri plan.

MINERS, a word with you.

Do you not know that the absorption of the canal for railway purposes means more and greater competition in your markets by West Virginia coal?

Do you not know that an outlet to the east owned by that interest will favor in accommodations and rates those to whom it belongs, and discriminate in both respects against those to whom it does not belong?

Do you not know that the owners of West Virginia coal lands bought at ridiculously low prices, compared with those paid on Georges Creek, can furnish coal at the mine far below the figure that can be afforded by our operators?

Do you not know that there is no law compelling West Virginia operators to weigh the coal dug by your competing comrades? that *the very men* who are moving heaven and earth to fool our people out of the canal are getting one ton of every three *dug for nothing?*

Now, read again the preceding inquiries, study them closely to discover, if you can, in the self-attesting facts implied, a single, solitary inducement for you to favor the scheme of your nearest competitors in the coal business.

Is there not, on the other hand, every reason, argument, incentive, based upon nature's first law, for you to oppose it?

Is there not enough in it, in fact, for you, of your own motion, to send to Annapolis the strongest reasonable delegation to protest in the most nervous terms against the double sacrifice by Maryland people of Maryland interests?

In the JOURNAL'S judgment this is a crisis in the history of this region, brought on by an insidious, seductive, artful, tricky effort to acquire a great Maryland property in order to turn it against a great Maryland industry.

IT should be held in lasting remembrance by our delegation in the Legislature, and by the Legislature itself, that the men who are after the canal for railway purposes with feet hot and fleet, are the same men who have been in league for years with storm and flood to wreck it. What the malign forces of Nature have failed to accomplish has been supplied by schemers, intent, not upon the canal's good, or the public's, but upon their own political and official aggrandizement. It is not likely they ever designed to destroy the canal, but they did it all the same. They robbed the poor ditch constantly and always beyond its power of recuperation from unavoidable injuries.

Yet these men, or those representing them, get into formal conclave and complacently resolve—

First—That we are fully and firmly convinced that further effort to maintain the canal as a waterway under any management is impracticable and useless.

Really! We almost feel like adopting for these saints—these disciples of complete and unclastic faith—the following maxim from Josh Billings' philosophy:

If you want tew be good all you hav tew do is to obey God, luv man, and hate the goose that has lade your golden egs.

"AT a meeting held yesterday afternoon," says the Cumberland *News* of Wednesday, "*by those* favorable to the proposed railroad on the canal," certain resolutions strongly favoring that project was adopted. Moreover—

The following gentlemen were selected to present these resolutions to the Legislature: Wm. O. Sprigg, Albert Holle, J. N. Willison, Geo. D. Landwehr, Thomas Connell, Wm. C. Devecmon, F. X. Millman, J. W. Carder, E. H. Welsh and J. W. Thomas.

It is a fact singular as it is significant that not a man in the list ever shipped a pound of coal by canal or enjoys a reasonable expectation of ever shipping a pound by railroad, or any other means of transit.

What is it to these men whether the canal lives as a waterway or dies in a railway? What of the present or future of theirs is at stake in its fate?

We ask these questions that our delegation may consider who is moving on each side of the pending issue; that they may compare the above list with the names of the miners that have gone in memorial to the Legislature to restore and maintain the canal as a waterway—men who *are* vitally interested in competitive freight rates, and especially in saving Maryland coal interests from the dangerous rivalry of West Virginia coal in their markets.

"WHERE Progress rests" is the title of an article in the Frostburg *Ledger* of last week.

The expression is loaned to that newspaper by a correspondent who says:

Aggressive progress rests with the people of Frostburg whether they will put their shoulder to the wheel and roll on, or whether they will climb in and expect the *Ledger* to haul them to the heights of success.

Now, if there is one thing that "progress" does not do, especially "aggressive progress," it is to indulge in "rest."

"The people of Frostburg," too, have shoulders, not "shoulder," and it is "the wheel" that rolls," not "the people."

Moreover, the *Ledger* is not in the business of transportation. The depot of "success" is pretty high up—close to the top, so close that many systems of locomotion do not get there. It is a terminal point of aerial lines of navigation.

The *Ledger* is a newspaper—not a balloon.

Inshallah!

TWO strangers came to Frostburg this week and succeeded in establishing a branch of a foreign financial institution. Their own report up to Thursday was—they had secured subscriptions of stock aggregating $15,000.

The JOURNAL has no disposition whatever to object to people doing with their money whatever they please.

We have only this challenge to throw out:

That no two citizens, no matter how well known, or how reliable, or how responsible, could have done the same thing.

And had they proposed to send surplus Frostburg money to Knoxville, Tenn., for investment at or from that point, they would have been laughed out of town.

Our gullibility is equally a type of infinity and eternity—all-spacious and endless.

PEOPLE of Georges Creek, in settling the West Virginia boundary the line should be drawn this side of Cumberland.

We can give that town away and make 100 *per cent, per annum* on the donation.

Allegany will then be a Maryland county in fact as well as in name.

THE Cumberland *Times*, long on the way toward advocating abandonment of this county's supreme interest in the canal, has finally got there.

It gave way at last to one of the numerous diverse pressures which appear to make its life a harvest-time of humiliation and tears.

STAND up, Senator Pearre, and listen:

That pothouse opposition to the acceptance of this proposal as exists has been created and nursed by the Baltimore Ohio company;

This elevating thought was happily conceived.

It is West Virginia parlance for a Maryland disposition to keep Maryland property from passing into the hands of the Elk Garden coal barons.

It is the refuge of piracy, without even the honor that is said to dwell among thieves.

THERE is a movement looking to the final adjustment of the boundary line between West Virginia and Maryland. Since Cumberland has adopted the West Virginia dialect concerning the canal, and 2,200 citizens of that city and vicinity have demanded the capitulation of their State to West Virginia aggressiveness, there does not appear to be much cause for agitating a boundary line settlement.

When the people of Maryland have fallen to the lowest *stratum* of deliberate self-abasement in betrayal of their own interests the next proper step is to abandon the entire carcass to the buzzards now sitting on West Virginia limbs watching us die and waiting for the rot to set in.

ONE of the Cumberland resolutions is as below;

That in the discussion of the proper disposal of this great public work, a rival company, with hostile and adverse interests is, of right, not entitled to be heard.

This refers, of course, to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

But, wonder of wonders! What language to be put in Maryland mouths by West Virginia! A Maryland corporation that owns a majority of one very important class of the canal company's liabilities "not entitled to be heard!" And this from West Virginia, that owns little or no interest in the canal!

What are we coming to?

The despot's heel is on thy shore,
Maryland! my Maryland!

TOWN HAPPENINGS.

Personal.—Ex mine inspector C. H Hamill received Thursday an invitation to attend a double wedding at the Lutheran church, Lutherville, Md., next Wednesday evening. The contracting parties are Misses Lidie and Bettie Collings, and Messrs. A. Whitridge Amos and William Boyce, respectively. Both gentlemen are of Baltimore, the latter a son of James Boyce, president of the Maryland Union coal company. The young ladies are sisters, and nieces of Mr. Hamill.

Messrs. W. F. Johnson and A. J. Eyerly were in town this week establishing a branch of the Southern Building and Loan Association, of Knoxville, Tenn. They unfold a very plausible scheme—for the investor, who is booked to make $972 on an investment of $1,028, paid in 7 years. This is over 13 *per cent. per annum*, provided the whole sum is paid in at once. It would appear also that the borrower does not fare badly, but just how his payment of 6 *per cent.* interest is to double itself in dividends to the investors is as transparent as a grindstone.

W. G. Boughton, of Hagerstown, Md., was in town this week.

Mrs. Sarah M. Shearer and daughter, Miss Rose, have returned from a pleasant visit to Martinsburg, W. Va.

It should have been earlier stated that John N. Benson occupies the place formerly held by George P. Tennant in Beall, Baush Co's store, and the latter is now a salesman in Hitchins Bros.' store.

L. H. Bell, sadler, will open a shop in a few days in the Wagner building, corner Broadway and Mechanic.

The JOURNAL is delighted to record a visit Thursday by Dr. J. M. Porter. His solicitude for a little patient in the JOURNAL'S household prompted him to come, and we are glad to say he looks as well as aforetime. He is an American nobleman, worthy of rank among those whose untiring, unselfish devotion to the art of healing has made them a name and fame among the sons of men.

W. H. Crump is in Baltimore attending the Grend Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Louis C. Colborn, prosecuting attorney of Somerset county, Pa., was the guest this week of F. C. Beall.

Rev. D. C. DeWulf expected to join Bishop Kain's party for a tour of Europe and the Holy Land, but church exigencies unfortunately prevented. The party left last Friday.

Town Business.—The JOURNAL, pressed with job work, could not attend the regular council meeting Monday evening. Its thanks are due, therefore, to the affable clerk, Alex. Smith, for the following nuggets of information:

The bailiff reported—

Taxes collected during January	$198.24
Fines	17.00
Total receipts	$215.24

He recommended that a crossing be laid across the alley between John Pressman's property and the Gross lot.

This recommendation was subsequently adopted.

License was ordered issued to John Ravenscraft for current year for Opera House. Renewed at same figure as last year—$25.

A letter from attorney Devecmon was read relative to settlement with D. J. Williams and W. H. Evans. In the former case satisfactory progress was reported, but in the latter the attorney appeared to think the town would have to smile on Mr. Evans in the shape of a lawsuit.

The usual bills were ordered paid, and the committee appointed to have windows put in the fire hall reported progress.

During a drag in the session the Mayor received in writing the following very broad hint:

I want to eat my breakfast at 1:30 a. m. tomorrow. Hurry up!

Brevities.—Spring seems to be here. Titus A. Brick trimmed his corns Thursday while sitting on a Main street bench. Old citizens say this is a surer sign of clever weather than any groundhog prognostic.

The old and substantial Allan line of steamships is represented in Frostburg by F. S. Deekens, the clever clerk of the, Consolidation coal company. Hence, their new advertisement demands a special reading this week.

All the magistrates, registrars and notary public of Frostburg and contiguous districts have been re-appointed.

As will be seen by new advertisement F. S. Deekens, of this place, is agent for the leading Atlantic and coast lines of steamships. If the reader wants to go to Europe, or down South, he can be pleasantly and thoroughly accommodated by Mr. Deekens.

A fine amateur entertainment in Moat's Opera house last evening. Report next week.

Rolls of Honor.—The following names compose the Roll of Honor for fourth grade of Public School No. 1, Miss Estelle Jeffries, teacher, for the month ending Feb. 7:

David Griffith,	John Skidmore
Elsw'th Humberson,	George Jeffries,
Lily Rupp,	Robert Wilson,
George Lewis,	Martha Stern,
Edward Dufty,	Willie Hamilton,
George Lehr,	John Griffith.

And of the fifth grade, Miss Kate A. Porter, teacher:

Eva Nash,	Maggie Grove,
Tirzah Williams,	Allie Hartman,
Annie Krouse,	Lizzie Lewis,
Annie Dando,	Carrie Beall,
Osee Parker,	Kate Aspindll,

Annie Hartig.

The sixth grade, Miss Belle C. Wilderman, teacher:

Richard McCulloh,	Lanie Pressman,
Tenie Wink,	Stella Hosken,
Allie Grove,	Mattie Hitchins,
Mary Willison,	Walter Coyner,
Mollie Miller,	Charley Seymore,

Wilber Leech.

"The Twelve Gems."—One dozen little girls—Misses Lillie Glotfelty, Nannie Thomas, Martha Stern, Maddie Morgan, Maggie Rodda, Lizzie Hartig, Maud Glotfelty, Nellie Jeffries, Edna Thrasher, Lillie Shuckhart, Bertha Stern and Nellie Betz—have organized themselves into a society yclept "The Twelve Gems." The objects of the association are mutual improvement and the cultivation of charitable sentiments and purposes. The society meets every Saturday afternoon at the residence of some member, and work has already been done in aid of the poor. The organization, lately effected, is as follows:

President—Nannie Thomas.
Vice-President—Maud Glotfelty.
Secretary—Maggie Rodda.
Treasurer—Bertha Stern.

The encouragement given these children in their good work is worthy of copy by others.

Religious.—Both Methodist churches of this place will be filled by eminent members of the Baltimore M. E. Conference Sunday, March 9. The conference will meet in Cumberland Wednesday, March 5, Bishop Merrill, of Chicago, presiding.

The revival at the M. E. Church, South, continues. Over 30 have been converted. A number will be baptised and received into the church to-morrow morning at 10:30.

Rev. James Miller will begin a series of meetings in the Main street Baptist church Monday evening next. Rev. W. T. Jones, of Cumberland, will assist him.

The fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. Church, South, will be held Friday evening, Feb. 28. Rev. S. G. Ferguson, presiding elder, will be present.

A Good Man Gone.—George Richardson, advanced in years and an exemplary christian of long standing, died at his home, this place, Tuesday.

Ill.—Harrison, son of Mrs. Susan Gantt, and grandson of W. H. Parker, is very ill.

COUNTY NEWS.

New Engine.—An assistant of T. H. Pollock, superintendent of the Monongahela iron works, Pittsburg, Pa., has arrived for the purpose of setting the new stationary engine at the Big Vein Mine, near this place, Capt. James Little, superintendent.

County Business.—The county commissioners this week adopted a code of rules or the management of the insane asylum, the main one placing that institution under the immediate control of managers consisting of George D. Landwehr, A. B. Shaw and Emil Klinger.

Paul Burns, of Ocean, was appointed constable.

Quick Work.—The late W. A. Porter, of Eckhart, was precisely one month a member of the benevolent order known as the Shield of Honor. He died Jan. 13. This week his widow received $1,000 due her on account of such membership, the money reaching her within a month after his death. The order in general and the Eckhart lodge in particular deserve great credit for the substantial and prompt manner with which they met this obligation.

Sad Death.—The recent decease of Mrs. Cara Urilla Little, of Cumberland, touched a chord of sympathy among many friends outside of that city as well as in. She was an active christian lady, instant in and out of season in all good words and work demanding her notice. In church, Sunday school and temperance work she was an untiring laborer. Her influence and effort were felt in Frostburg and elsewhere in the county. Wherever known she had friends on account of her unselfish devotion to the good of others.

Brevities.—Progressive euchre has raged at Flintstone this winter with great intensity. That town has just about gone back to the point where it was before the last revival.

There were several arrest and convictions in the Cumberland police court last week and none in Westernport. Yet it is thought that both towns drink the same brand of water.

Hay is selling at Lonaconing as low as $12 a ton, and Henry W. Schaidt is glad now that "the people's paper" was too busy last season supporting Hon. James A. Cunningham for him to cut any grass.

The hibernal season is so mild in Lonaconing that the oxy-hydrogen editor of the *Star* has not yet retired to winter quarters.

It is awful dull in Cumberland when the courthouse stops running.

When a keg of beer is tapped in the neighborhood of Clarysville nothing is left of it in ten minutes but the bunghole.

Cumberland is talking about a paper mill and "purer drinking water" at the same time. Let the city have both, and, finding out how a paper mill smells, the next cry will be for air that does not stink.

It is said the Star of Bethlehem is heading rapidly toward the constellation Cassiopia. The *Star* of Lonaconing is already here, and what concerns the Lonaconing *Review* office is—when will it disappear? The *Review* should extend its researches into astrology and it will find that the *Star* will be twinkling for several weeks after the Frostburg *Ledger* has quit posting.

Eckhart claims to have the Russian influenza, but an impartial Frostburg physician pronounces it plain, straight Pompey Smash sniffles.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Example for Frostburg.—Waco, Tex, boasts of the finest artesian wells on earth, and proposes giving a water carnival. The enterprising Wacoites are going to demonstrate the many novel ways in which a large supply of pure water can be used. The Memphis *Appeal* is authority for the statement that "they even propose using it as a beverage—between drinks."

To Western Excursionists.—Personally conducted excursions will be run by the Baltimore and Ohio lines of vestibuled trains to all points west, northwest and southwest, leaving Cumberland Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 3:35 and 7:35 p. m. For time tables, low rates and full information apply to W. W. Picking, traveling passenger agent B. & O. R. R., Somerset, Pa.