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New Business Locals.

From Ocean to Ocean.—Over thirty two years ago, Mr. Alfred Speer, of Passaic, imported from the banks of the Doura, in Portugal, a few of the Port Grape vines, and commenced careful experiments for the purpose of producing a first-class American Port, both fermented and unfermented. He has been eminently successful, and now Speer's wine and unfermented juice is known from ocean to ocean, and endorsed by the best medical talent in the world as the best now produced for the use of invalids. For sale by druggists.

Happy Hoosiers.—Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle at R. G. Colburn's Drug Store.

A National Disease.—Americans, as a rule, suffer more than any other Nation with Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Indigestion. Our readers are assured that nothing equals Red Cloud Liver Berries for these ailments. Trial package free at Colborn's drug store.

PARTIES contemplating going West will find it to their advantage to address W. W. Picking, traveling passenger agent B. and O. R. R., Somerset, Pa., who will furnish time-tables, rates of fare and all information. Tickets sold to all points, and baggage checked to destination.

New Advertisements.

Public Local Law.

AN ACT to provide for the purchase or construction of Water Works for the Town of Frostburg, in Allegany county, and to authorize the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town to issue bonds to pay the costs thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That, for the purpose of furnishing the inhabitants of the Town of Frostburg, in Allegany county, with an adequate supply of good water the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town are hereby authorized and empowered to issue coupon bonds of said Town to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, which said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and Clerk of said Town, and attested with the corporate seal thereof, and shall be denominated "Frostburg Water Bonds," and bear interest not exceeding six *per centum* per annum, payable semi-annually, to be issued in denominations not exceeding five hundred dollars, and to be payable at a time not exceeding thirty years after their date, and redeemable at the pleasure of the Corporation at any time after five years from their date.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect a special tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on one hundred dollars on the assessable property of said Town, to meet the interest on the said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; provided, that at any time the receipts from water rents shall prove insufficient therefor.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and Councilmen are hereby authorized and empowered, after they shall have prepared and signed said bonds, to sell and dispose of the said bonds at not less than the par value thereof to raise money to carry into effect the provision of this Act and to hold the proceeds of such sale subject to the order of the Frostburg Water Board, hereinafter provided for, and all bonds remaining unsold in their hands shall be cancelled by the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said Frostburg Water Board shall consist of three members, to be annually chosen as follows: namely, one from among their own number by the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg, on the first Monday in May of each and every year; and the other two to be elected by the people at the regular election for Mayor and Councilmen on the first Monday in April next succeeding the passage of this Act, and annually thereafter; and the said Mayor and Councilmen may allow to the members of the said Water Board such compensation for their services as the said Mayor and Councilmen may deem just and reasonable, not exceeding one hundred dollars each *per annum*.

SEC. 5. *And be enacted*, That before entering upon their duties under this Act the members of the said Water Board shall make oath before the Mayor, or some Justice of the Peace that they will diligently and faithfully perform the duties of their office to the best of their judgment; they shall then, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, meet and arrange and choose from among their number a President and a Secretary, and each member of the said Water Board shall give bond to the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties as a member of the said Water Board; and it shall be the duty of the said Water Board to make a full financial report to the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg at their regular meetings on the second Monday in July, October, January and April of each year.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That no moneys shall be paid from the Town Treasury for any of the purposes of this Act, except upon the warrant of the said Water Board, duly signed by the President and Secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board are hereby authorized and empowered to build and erect Water Works for the said Town and to contract for, purchase in fee simple, or lease for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, Water Works, water and water-course, and to use and occupy forever, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, Water Works, water or water course which they may deem expedient and necessary for the purpose of furnishing the said town with water; and also the right to enter and pass through, from time to time as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said lands through which they may deem it necessary to convey said water, and they are hereby vested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into the said Town.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board are hereby authorized and empowered to agree with the owner or owners thereof, for the purchase of any land, real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, Water Works, water, or water course, earth, timber, stone or other material which they may need or require in the building, extending or improving said Water Works, and to make any such purchase for such price as may be agreed upon, and the title to any such land, real or leasehold, estate, spring, brook, Water Works, or water course, earth, timber, stone, or other material, shall vest in the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board are hereby authorized to contract with any person or persons for the furnishing of any machinery, water pipes, or other material necessary to be used in building, extending or improving the said Water Works in said Town; and they are also authorized to make all necessary and proper contracts with any person or persons for furnishing labor for said purposes and may, in their discretion, let out the whole of the said work to such contractor or contractors as they may deem best, or may hire and employ workmen, by the day and purchase material, in such greater or lesser quantities as they may deem most conducive to the interest of the Town, and they are authorized to employ one or more competent engineers, superintendents and foremen to lay out and supervise said work.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if the said Water Board cannot agree with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water, or water course, earth, timber, stone, or other material, or with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate or land through which they may find it necessary to have a right of entry or passage, for the purpose of conveying water into said Town; or if the owner of such real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water or water-course, earth, timber, stone, or other material is under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent from the county, or unknown, it shall be lawful for said Water Board to apply to any Justice of the Peace of Allegany county, who shall, thereupon, issue his summons, under his hand and seal, directed to the Sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county, not interested in the property to be valued, to meet on or near the land or other property to be valued, on the day named in said summons, not less than fifteen, nor more than thirty days after the issue of the same for the purpose of condemning such property

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That if, at the time named in said summons, any of said jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make up the full number of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his agent, or if either be not present, in person or by agent, the sheriff for him, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve jurors shall act as a jury of inquest of damages; and the sheriff shall, before the jury shall proceed to act, administer to each of them an oath that they will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner has sustained, by the use or occupation of the property required for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the jury shall have power to summon such witnesses as the party may require, and examine them on oath in relation to the value of the property to be condemned, and having viewed the said property and heard said testimony, they shall, without delay ascertain and determine the compensation which ought to be made to the party owning or being interested in said property to be condemned, and shall thereupon, reduce their inquisition to writing and sign and seal the same; and it shall then be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, shall be filed by the Clerk of said Court and shall be confirmed by the said Court at the term next succeeding the filing thereof with said Clerk, unless sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed, shall be recorded by said Clerk at the cost of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg; and if any objections be filed to such confirmation, they shall stand for hearing within the first ten days of the first term of the Court after said inquisition is returned; and if said inquisition is set aside, said Court may direct another inquisition to issue, as is practiced in other condemnation cases.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That every such inquisition shall describe the property taken, and the bounds of the lands condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest condemned, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner of said property or his attorney, shall entitle said Mayor and Councilmen to the estate and property so valued as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner thereof.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That said Water Board are hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts necessary and proper to the carrying out of the provisions of this Act, whether such powers are specially herein mentioned or not; and the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg are hereby authorized and empowered to pass all ordinances necessary and proper to enable the said Water Board to carry out the provisions hereof, and any corporation owning any rights, privileges, property or franchise necessary or proper to be purchased by said Mayor and Councilmen, in order to carry this Act into effect, is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of, grant and convey such rights, privileges, property or franchise to said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to wilfully pollute any stream, spring, brook, reservoir or water-course, or other source, or any means of water supply of said Town, through the works so built, erected or improved by the said Water Board under this Act, by throwing any dead animal or other impure substance into the same, or by swimming, bathing or washing themselves, or by washing clothes, or the skins of dead animals, or any other impure thing therein, or by committing any nuisance in or so near said water as to polute the same; and it shall also be unlawful for any person, designedly, to injure the said water works or any part there of, or to obstruct the passage of water therein; and it shall, further, be unlawful for any person not being a water renter at the time, to meddle with the water works, or with the pipes, hydrants or other parts thereof; and any person offending against any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, for each offence; to be recovered by the Mayor and Councilmen of the said Town before a Justice of the Peace, as other fines are recoverable.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the title to said Water Works and all lands, estates, water courses, water ways, conduit-pipes, machinery and all other part or parts thereof whatsoever, and all property belonging and pertaining thereto, shall, on the completion thereof, vest in the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board shall have full control over the said Water Works, with authority to employ such superintendents, workmen, servants and other employees as may be necessary or proper to carry on the same, and to purchase all supplies and materials needed in conducting the same, and with authority to provide rules and regulations for supplying the citizens of said Town with water, and to fix and establish from time to time a schedule of rates and charges to be made and collected for the use of said water, and the Bailiff shall, as in case of other taxes, collect said charges (which are hereby made a lien on the real estate upon which said water is furnished) and pay over the same to the Mayor and Councilmen, who may allow him therefor such additional compensation as they shall deem reasonable; and all moneys derived from this source shall be held by the said Mayor and Councilmen for the purposes of this Act, and used by them for no other purpose, and out of the moneys so collected the said Water Board shall provide for the payment of the expense of running said Water Works; and all suits or actions for injury or damage to said Works, or for the collection of water rents, shall be brought in the name of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg; and the said Water Board are hereby authorized to make suitable provisions for the protection of the property in said Town from fire, by providing a suitable number of fire-plugs, or public hydrants, properly adapted to the purpose and conveniently situated for use.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and Councilmen are hereby required to keep an accurate account of their receipts and disbursements in conducting said Water Works; and if, at the end of any fiscal year, there shall remain in their hands a surplus of receipts after paying all expenses, such surplus shall be paid into the Treasury of said Town for the purposes of this Act; and if there shall, in any year or years, be a deficiency, or failure of receipts to meet expenses, the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town are hereby authorized, directed and required to levy a special tax, not exceeding fifteen cents on one hundred dollars, as other taxes are now levied, upon the assessable property of said Town, and to collect the same as other taxes are now collected, for the purpose of meeting such a contingency.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg, at the next regular election for Mayor and Councilmen succeeding the passage of this Act, to submit to the qualified voters of said Town the question as to whether or not Water Works shall be purchased or constructed for said Town under this Act; and at such election, the ballots cast upon said question shall have the words, "For Water Works" or "Against Water Works," as the voters shall desire; and if a majority of the votes, cast upon said question, shall be "For Water Works," then the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town shall proceed without delay, to execute the powers, vested in them by the provisions of this Act; but if a majority of the votes cast upon this said question, shall be "Against Water Works," then the said Mayor and Councilmen shall not execute any of the powers vested in them by this Act; and it shall be the duty of the said Mayor and Councilmen to give the usual notice of the time and place of the said election; and the ballots, provided for in this Act, shall be deposited in a separate box, specially provided for the same; and at least ten days before said election is held, they shall cause this Act to be published in some newspaper printed in said Town.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That if this Act shall not become a law until it is too late to give the notice, provided for in the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg to call a special election, on or before the first Monday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety, at which the question as to whether or not Water Works shall be purchased or constructed shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said Town, as hereinbefore provided for.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 19, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON,
Governor.

JOHN HUBNER,
Speaker House of Delegates,
R. F. BRATTAN,
President of the Senate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly, passed January session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER,
Chief Clerk of House of Delegates.

March 22

Preliminary Notice in Insolvency.

To the creditors of Michael W. Rowan:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, That the said Michael Rowan did, on the 17th day of March, 1889, file his petition of Insolvency in the Circuit Court for Allegany county, Maryland, and that there will be a meeting of the creditors of said petitioner in the Clerk's Office of said Court at 10 o'clock a. m. on

Thursday, March 27, 1890,

for the purpose of selecting a permanent trustee of said petitioner for the benefit of said creditors.

JOHN S. GROVE,
March 22—1t Preliminary Trustee.

Fraternal Tribute.

AT a special meeting of Frostburg Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., held March 16, 1890, brothers John Grose, James Prout and R. P. Mason were appointed a committee on resolutions, and at the regular meeting on March 18, the committee submitted the following paper, which was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, The all-wise and merciful Father has seen fit to remove, by the hand of Death, from earth and its associations our brother Past Grand SAMUEL DUDLEY, who has been a true and faithful Odd Fellow, a kind husband and father and an earnest, sincere man in all the relations of life. Therefore be it resolved—

1, That though deprived of his bodily presence, his virtues shall dwell freshly in our memories, and—

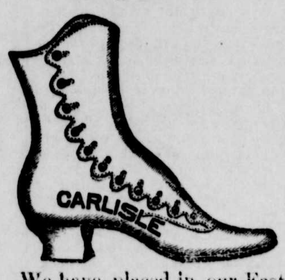
2, That while we bow in humble submission to the Divine will in the death of our brother, it is the sense of this Lodge that it has lost a good and faithful member, and that we extend to the sorely bereaved family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

3, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the proper officers, be sent to the family of our deceased brother; also, that they be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, and a copy be furnished the MINING JOURNAL for publication.

4. That as a token of our respect the charter be draped in mourning and the brothers wear the usual badge for thirty days.

WILLIAM A. BENNETT,
Noble Grand.
JAMES HANSON,
March 22 Secretary.

HITCHINS BROS.



We have placed in our East window a fine set of Nickle-Plated Fixtures to display our fast selling lines of

SHOES.

We regret that in some lines of the

Carlisle Shoe

We have run out of sizes, occasioned by the extraordinary demand, but by urgent importunity by mail and wire, we will be able to fill all orders during the coming week.

We are selling a Ladies' Shoe at $3.75 that can't be beat for $5 in any city in the land.

Hitchins Bros

March 22

TOWN HAPPENINGS.

Personal.—Miss Lily Porter, of Piedmont, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Little.

Miss Eva M. Walker is visiting friends in Piedmont, W. Va.

Miss Lloydie Dilly, of Cumberland, spent several days this week with Frostburg friends.

Samuel Feldenheimer, of Pittsburg, Pa., was in town this week in the interest of Otto Frey and to install the new manager—Frank Schaub—in Mr. Frey's store here.

Mrs. William Thomas is visiting friends in Lonaconing.

Miss Jessie Millman, of Cumberland, spent Monday evening in this city, the guest of Miss Bessie Coyner.

Miss Bertha Koontz, of Midland, visited Miss Myrtle Wilderman this week.

James Dill, of Parkersburg, W. Va., spent a portion of this week with Frostburg friends.

Miss Mary Raley has returned from a week's stay in Cumberland.

Misses Jennie Spitznas and Hannah Bear are visiting friends in Piedmont, W. Va.

Miss Ida Anthony is in Cumberland.

Mrs. Joseph Bear and little daughter, Alma, returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Baltimore Thursday. They were accompanied by H. Hamburger, Mrs B's. father.

Mrs. Lewis Jordy and daughter, Mrs. F. K. Hafer, of Abbottstown, Pa., mother and sister of Rev. W. H. Jordy, are guests of that gentleman.

Miss May Gunter has recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Rolls of Honor.—The following names comprise the Rolls of Honor for the month ending March 17 for the 5th grade of Public School No. 1, Miss Kate A Porter, teacher:

Eva Nash,	Mollie Raley,
Annie Dando,	Maggie Grove,
Osee Parker.	Allie Hartman,
Tirzah Williams,	Charles Jeffries,
Nellie Raley,	Lizzie Harvey,
Annie Robinson,	Janie Smouse,
Nellie Jeffries,	Annie Krouse.

And for the 6th grade, Miss Belle C. Wilderman, teacher.

Mattie Hartman,	Annie Carson,
Willie Scott,	Stella Hosken,
Eva Hosken,	Lanie Pressman,
Emma Ort,	Maggie Brady,
Tenie Wenk,	Roman Dalinsky,
Nettie Hunter.	Allie Grove,
Richard McCulloh,	Elsie Wade,
Wesley Schofield,	Maud Glotfelty,
Walter Coyner,	Gertie Cosgrove.

Brevities.—The Fire Company's new truck was received last Saturday. It is a fine machine. A more complete description of it will be given later.

T. P. McDermott has purchased Edward Dufty's saloon on Bowery street.

The fire department celebrated the arrival of the new truck by a banquet last night at the hose house.

Look at Hitchins new advertisement.

The Water Act appears elsewhere in this issue. Read it, study it carefully and then vote for it.

Social.—A pleasant social was given by Miss Bessie Coyner to a few friends Monday evening. Those present were Misses Jessie Millman, of Cumberland; Jessie McCardell, of Hoffman, and Annie Maurey, Tillie Williams, Lizzie Williams and Mamie Stewart, of this place, and Messrs James Doyle, A. B. Caven, Charles Bakewell, Samuel Feldenheimer, of Pittsburg; Charles McEvoy, of Cumberland, and Roy McCardell, of Bessemer, Ala. The evening was pleasantly spent in games, music, etc.

Died.—At his home in this place, Tuesday, March 18, 1890, Mr. WILLIAM NOEL, aged 50 years. Deceased was born in Wilmington, Del., but has lived in and around Frostburg for 40 years. He served in the Town Council in 1874-5 and was again elected to that body in 1889, holding the position when he died. Several grown children survive. The funeral took place Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, of which deceased was a member, Rev. A. C. Haverstick officiating.

Special.—The editor hereof reached home this morning after a week's absence. Which accounts for his inability to supply several apparent omissions and to comply with two requests for editorial articles on as many subjects.

The paper is the product of the JOURNAL'S staff of girls, and it must be admitted that they have done well.

Accident.—Andrew Jackson, of this place, a driver in Hoffman had his leg broken Wednesday evening by falling between the cars.

The Weather.—Tuesday was warm and pleasant, but during the night snow fell to a depth of several inches. As we go to press this afternoon fears of high water are entertained.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A BREEZY LETTER.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, March 13, 1890.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Within you will find postal note for seventy-five cents, for which please continue my subscription for another six months.

Your little paper has become to me a friend I would be loth to part with. Speaking as it does, it carries me back once a week to the dear old town on the mountains, and the time thus spent in sweet communion with boyhood's home and friends, through the medium of the JOURNAL, is the happiest that the week records.

Especially entertaining has it been to note the effort of the West Virginia plutocracy as it tried to swallow the canal and the interests of the Georges Creek miners, thus demoralizing the welfare of that section, while their own ill gotten gains prospered like the traditional "yew tree."

We former Frostburgers in Youngstown certainly think that the miners of Georges Creek owe to the JOURNAL their thanks for the fearless, straightforward way in which it denounced the effort of West Virginia to commit this bold robbery. Also for personal service done at the battle for their rights at Annapolis.

In conclusion, I would say that old Allegany, with her boasted keenness in politics, certainly must need for her subjects the service of a skilled oculist, so as to be sure that their eyes are right by the time that the representatives to the Legislature are to be elected—that they will be able to fix upon some good men with whom the word "treason," has some significance, and whom the jingle of silver and the color of greenbacks will lull to sleep.

In the way of improvements we would think that the old 'burg must have reached that point in crawling when she means to walk, the stimulus, I suppose, being directly that of increased light and wealth of the town, thus instilling energy and enterprise. This is more noticeable possibly for the reason that they are foreign elements to that section.

In the municipal election of the near by it is certainly the duty of all true Frostburgers to put their shoulders to the wheel by voting for water works, thus promoting enterprise which, it is hoped, will some day make those old hills ring with the busy hum of industry.

Now, submitting my letter, I leave it with the hope that it will be read with some degree of interest.

I am respectfully,
CLARENCE O. TOWLES,
122 Federal St.

A CITIZENS' TICKET.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Please allow me space to submit the following "Citizens' ticket:"

For Mayor—George H. Wittig.
For Councilmen—Zachariah Krapf, E. N. Michael, Samuel Bowen.
For Water Commissioners—Robert Scott, F. C. Beall. TAXPAYER.

COUNTY NEWS.

Bell Dedicated.—The new bell of the Cresaptown Catholic church was dedicated last Sunday by Rev. Frther Felix, of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Cumberland.

Orphans' Court.—At the session Friday—

Mrs. Mattie Payne was appointed guardian to Thomas Payne.

At Tuesday's session—

John S. Grove, executor of Margaret Steyer, deceased, filed an inventory of goods and chattels of said deceased.

Personal.—August Hohing and Miss Maggie Peebles, of Lonaconing, were married in that place last night.

Cards are out for the marriage of Lewis Rosenbaum and Miss Rose Price, both of Lonaconing, at 7:30 next Wednesday evening at the Queen City Hotel, Cumberland.

Brevities.—Comptroller Baughman has made a distribution of the public school fund for the various counties in the State. Allegany county gets for white schools $4,373.08, and for colored $167.97.

A new company to be known as the Cumberland brick company of Allegany county has been incorporated, with James H. Percy, D. W. Sloan, Daniel Houck, Otto Hohing and W. R. Percy, incorporators. The capital stock is $15,000. It is understood a brickyard will be located near Allegany Grove camp ground, and operations will be commenced at once.

Forty boys employed at the Cumberland glass works struck for an advance of from 40 to 50 cents per day Monday. The demand was refused and the boys discharged.

GENERAL NEWS.

Death.—J. Earle Glenn, son of Capt. James W. Glenn, of Shenandoah Junction, Jefferson county, W. Va., died suddenly in Tennessee last Thursday. He was a brother of Mrs. Olin Beall.

Personal.—Rev's S. G. Ferguson and Rumsey Smithson, former presiding elders of the Moorefield district, M. E. Church, South, are among the delegates, elected by the Baltimore Conference this week, to the General Conference which meets in St. Louis, Mo., next May.

Brevities.—When you wish to discontinue your subscription to a newspaper, ask the publisher to send you a statement of your account, on the receipt of which remit the amount due and say "Discontinue my paper from date." There is a right and wrong way to do everything and the right way to discontinue a newspaper subscription is as stated.

Governor Jackson has issued his proclamation designating Wednesday, April 9, as Arbor Day, in accordance with a joint resolution passed by the General Assembly of 1884. The general public, and especially the teachers and school pupils, are invited upon that day to plant trees, shrubbery and vines.

Don't refuse to give the census enumerator the information asked for. The law provides that the head of a family who refuses all proper information may be fined $30. In the absence of the head of the family or any adult member of it, any agent of the family shall supply the required information.

We would rather see some boys at school that each day loaf on the streets than to see the small pox in town—far rather. It seems that the number of loafers grows larger. We would also like to see a compulsory law exercised on those who toil not neither do they go to school. There is now no need of loafing in this town. If a boy won't go to school put him to a trade. If he is large enough to learn a good deal of street wickedness he is large enough to learn a trade.

The bill to lease the Chesapeake and Ohio canal to the Cumberland and Washington railroad company, passed the Senate Friday night of last week, by a vote of 15 to 11.

Religious.—The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in session in Baltimore, adjourned Wednesday evening. The following are the appointments for this (Moorefield) district, Rev. G. T. Tyler, presiding elder:

Moorefield—J. P. Stump.
Petersburg Mission—Thomas Cooper, S. S. Troy.
Crab Bottom and Circleville—W. P. C. Coe.
Keyser—H. P. Hamill.
North Branch Mission—F. C. Rollman.
Piedmont—C. H. Bush.
Frostburg—H. A. Brown.
Flintstone—To be supplied by S. D. Bennington.
South Branch—D. L. Reid.
Springfield—L. M. Lyle, W. F. Locke.
Hardy—T. J. Lambert.
Gainsboro' Mission—L. R. Markwood.
Morgan Mission—To be supplied by A. C. Hamill.
Wardensville Mission—Q. A. Wheat.
Capon Bridge—G. O. Homan.
Listonburg Mission—S. A. Parker.

The appointments of ministers well known in Frostburg are as follows:

Laurel—L. W. Haslup.
North Baltimore—J. R. Andrew.
West Harford Mission—C. E. Simmons.
Calvert—L. G. Martin.
Middleburg—W. G. Hammond.
Piedmont, Va.—T. G. Nevitt.
Christiansburg—W. K. Marshall.
Fincastle—W. B. Dorsey.
Lexington—A. M. Cackley.

Rev. Rumsey Smithson is presiding elder of Winchester district; Rev. S. G. Ferguson of Lewisburg district, and P. H. Whisner of Roanoke district.

The Heart of the Alleghanies.—Writing of a recent trip across the mountains of West Virginia, a gifted journalist says:

Twilight on the grade is grand. The mountain summits look like the bushy tops of trees. The sun has disappeared in a ball of fire at his "jumping-off place," but the vivid lightning of the western sky by the still upturned illumining face below the horizon is in marked contrast to the gathering shades behind the rushing train. From shelf to shelf, from crag to crag, from brink to brink, we almost fly. Like a flashing transformation, rendering almost past belief the fact that the scene is in the midst of the Alleghanies comes a bit of landscape gardening with all the beauties, walks and hedges and bright hued flowers, a mountain brooklet tumbling through the centre—Buckhorn Wall, the most noted and most admired view that can be had from any known point in the Alleghany range. To enable the road to span the tremendous gorges, a massive wall of cut stone was erected for a distance of several hundred feet and more than a hundred feet above the foundation rock. As the river makes an abrupt turn at right angles, a deep canyon is opened up for miles. Range after range of mountains disappear behind each other. The shadowy outlines of single peaks steal out through the haze.

This beautiful scene is on the Baltimore and Ohio R. R, near Grafton, W. Va. The entire line from the Potomac to the Ohio is a majestic panorama of the grandest views on the continent and all endowed with historic interest.

Ill.—Mrs. Thomas Johnson, mother of the Johnson Bro.'s, residing four miles west of Frostburg, quite sick, is reported convalescent.

A Well Planned Elopement.—Returning from a flying trip to Front Royal, Va., quite recently, the JOURNAL met a young man between that town and the S. V. R station. After passing he turned and asked—

"Is that the FROSTBURG MINING JOURNAL?"

"Yes," answered the great paper; "who are you?"

"My name is Frank Phillips."

"A son of Toll Phillips, at Linden?"

"The same," responded Frank; "and I am on my way back to Kansas from a very delightful stay of several weeks at my old home."

Further explanations developed the fact that Frank and the JOURNAL would travel together about 150 miles, when the JOURNAL said:

"By the way, Frank, there is a report circulating here that a daughter of James E. Walter, of Linden, eloped last evening with a young schoolmaster—which of the three is the truant?"

"Miss Annie Lou," said Frank, indifferently.

But little more was said, except that Frank stated that he resided 78 miles west of Atchison, Kansas, etc.

The B. & O. No. 1 express was boarded at the S. V. R. junction, and as the train neared Martinsburg Frank moved to the door. When the train stopped he smiled welcome to somebody outside. Presently the truant young lady, now a bride, entered the car attended by her lord. After the couple had become settled the JOURNAL stepped over and extended greetings. The bride recognized the great paper at once, and introduced her husband as "Mr. Conway M. Anderson." A few commonplaces followed when Mr. Anderson arose and sought Frank for a chat over his adventures. This left the bride in a position to tell the JOURNAL the history of the affair. Mr. Anderson and she had contracted a warm attachment for each other about a year ago, but parental disfavor had roughened the course of true love—so much so that she advised Mr. A. not to consult her father concerning the natural consummation of their wishes. Sunday evening last Norman Cooper, a young neighbor, visited the house, and shortly afterward Miss Annie Lou said:

"Norman, let us take a walk."

Norman assented, but suggested that it was rather cool for walking.

The lady replied by stating that they would not walk far.

She took his arm and led rather than followed. They did not go far until they found a gentleman sitting in a buggy. Annie Lou dropped the young man's arm and said "good-bye, Norman!" The latter was dazed, and recovered his breath just in time to say—"Anderson, take good care of Annie Lou!" Attended by a solitary horseman, they sped on down the Manassas Gap valley, through Dismal Hollow, *via* Happy Creek to Riverton, where they designed taking the midnight train to Hagerstown. But the train was late—late, when of all nights it should have been "on time." While sitting in the waiting-room a step is heard on the platform—a walk of ominous import to both. The door opens and Carrell Walter, brother of the bride-elect, enters. Anderson shifts uneasily and the attendant gives out a John L. Sullivan grunt. Carroll took his sister aside and appealed to her to return with him. She declined. Hark! there is the whistle! and the train comes thundering down the river. It halts. Carroll once more appeals, but the girl, having gone thus far, says "no," and taking Anderson's arm, walks into the car. At daylight they are in Hagerstown. Later a license is obtained and Rev. H. S. France sent for. The latter was not at home, and Rev. E. L. Delk's services are invoked. The two are made one, and a C. V. R. train lands the pair in Martinsburg, where the JOURNAL met them as stated.

Taking the plan all through it was well designed. Great study of railroad connections had been indulged, and the result met the happiest expectations.

The bride is a bright, lively and intelligent young lady. She spoke hopefully of the future; indeed, she was sobered by but one regret—that she could not marry the man of her choice with parental consent.

The groom is a young man of more than ordinary ability and acquirements. He read portions of his "farewell address" delivered to his school Friday of last week. These evinced a thoughtful mind, well trained in the very mathematics of rhetoric.

The parents of the bride are very estimable people. From them it has been understood (since this article was placed in type) the marriage was objectionable mainly on account of the fact that the attachment between the two had been but recently suspected, and it was deemed that in some respects the pair were unready for matrimony.

Where were they going?

Phillips had informed the JOURNAL confidentially—"Cincinnati."

But Anderson stated that "we are going where Frank Phillips lives."

"Say, Anderson," said Phillips, "do you know that you are talking to a newspaper man?"

"Great guns," said Anderson, "is this the MINING JOURNAL—the man that once lived at Linden? Well, sir, please excuse *me*—I'm saying nothing for publication—positively nothing!"

At Piedmont the JOURNAL left them after enjoining upon each the lifelong observance of the mutual obligations which obtain in such cases. Both promised to be good to each other; especially the young groom—

It's we two, it's we two, it's we two for aye—
All the world and we two, and Heaven be our stay!
Like a laverock in the lift, sing, O bonny bride—
All the world was Adam once, with Eve by his side.
What's the world, my lass, my love—what can it do?
I am thine and thou art mine, life is sweet and new.
When the darker days come, and no sun may shine,
You shalt dry my tears, lass, and I'll dry thine.
It's we two, it's we two, while the world's away,
Sitting in the flying train on our wedding day.