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MINING JOURNAL.

FROSTBURG, MD., JULY 12, 1890.

"Not Enough of Business."

The committee whose duty it was to ascertain the financial status of Cumberland came out Tuesday with a very intelligible statement.

They find that city life is expensive, the more so when politics, not business runs the machine.

If we mistake not, it was a few weeks before Cumberland set out upon her unknown sea of debt that the finances of Frostburg were found to be in "a wobbly condition of indefinite uncertainty." Our system is not so extensive or unwieldy as the city's, yet, with a running start, we have been unable to learn the *status* of our affairs. It was said at the time, though, that the riddle would be easily and quickly solved. Hence, it was expected by over-sanguine people that we would be long out of the underbrush of doubt before Cumberland would tackle the impenetrable forest of uncertainty.

But Cumberland, behind at first, is before at last. Her people know almost to a dot absolutely conservative where they stand, while ours do not even know whether the inquiry has ever been begun; or, if so, whether it proved too much for our financiering *savants*, and, in that event, did they—

—fight and run away
To live to fight another day?

To us it appears important that this matter should be no longer delayed. The Council needs a starting-point and a basis for operations. The floating debt should be paid, and this Council ought to formulate and begin a plan to gradually and systematically wipe it out of existence. This they cannot do until they are able to "take its measure," so they may "cut their cloth" accordingly.

A few considerations strictly political will afford time enough for the Council to take an inventory of the town's liabilities.

Some people, too, are in debt only in whatever they owe through the town. Most of them are republicans and their curiosity ought to be gratified for the party's sake.

Nevertheless, "give us more business and less politics."

Discourtesy Discouraged.

It is to be hoped nobody gave any serious attention to the leading editorial last week in the Frostburg *Ledger*. It was unwisely inspired and very impolitic as an expression of either private or public sentiment.

We will reproduce a few samples:

In the first place the council committee made a mistake in having a conference with the C. & P. officials. There was no necessity for it. * * * They ask nothing from the C. & P. * * * We say the committee made a mistake when they conferred with the C. & P. people. * * * As for asking the C. & P. to come into town and give us the many other accommodations we might need we may as well ask for the moon.

We might admit that all the *Ledger* alleges is true, yet what is the use of intensifying latent hostility and arousing new animosities? The C. and P. has its friends here. More than that, any road coming into town has got to come over a good deal of C. & P. land.

So that if the people of Frostburg had become too lordly to confer with the C. & P. on amicable terms at first, it is certain they would have to treat with that company on other, perhaps more unfavorable conditions, sooner or later. It was and is in the power of the C. & P. to give the people a great deal of trouble in the matter of bringing in the G. C. & C. branch, and our point is that that power need not be provoked to last resorts.

The committee did not, therefore, make a mistake in conferring with the C. & P.

They would have committed an unpardonable, perhaps fatal error, had they failed to extend equal and impartial courtesy to the competing companies.

Taking into full view, therefore, all the circumstances, conditions and considerations involved in this very important matter, strict courtesy to and impartial treatment of the companies should mark popular conduct. This for *policy's* sake, if not for the supreme satisfaction of having acted as gentlemen.

A Dusty Ablution.

The Westminster *Advocate* has become rash.

Commenting on some criticisms of the Baltimore *Sun* of Mayor Davidson's action concerning electric lighting in the city it says:

The Baltimore *Sun* is fast becoming a common scold.

Again:

The *Sun*, in fact, has become a common scold, and its dyspeptic and vain editor ought to be ducked.

Very well.

But it is the editor's turn to select the Jordan of baptism.

And all the JOURNAL wants to do in the ceremony is to intimate to him that the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, the helpless victim of ring rule and flood, is a mighty fine stream for a dry-shod plunge.

Look on this Picture—Then on That.

There are only five states in the Union in which a schoolmaster can legally flog a pupil. Indiana is one of them. Hence it is an assured fact that Hoosierdom will continue to produce great men for some years to come. Terre Haute *Mail*.

And the context is—that in those States where the rod is prohibited by law and the Keyser *Tribune*, the propagation of little men and brutes will go on with growing energy.

In such States it would be for better if "School never Kept."

Errors Worsted by Correction.

In the letter of J. W. Evans in this paper last week it was stated that the "big vein" of this region would not be exhausted for sixty-six years. It should have read twenty-six. The error was made in this office.—Lonaconing *Review*.

It is a big mistake to write such letters, a bigger one to print them, and the biggest of all is to recall attention to them.

No and Yes.

There is no telling in what religious state of mind the school-teachers of the land will return from St. Paul, where some of them went to participate in the Teachers' national association. Prof. Winchell has been there preaching to them on the question—"Is Evolution Godless?" The JOURNAL answers—No, but those newspapers who advocate anarchy in the schoolroom are.

No Sentiment in This.

Next Monday evening the Mayor and Councilmen will meet in regular monthly session.

The fact is here mentioned mainly because it is presumed the graveyard fence business will come up for final settlement.

The JOURNAL entertains no prejudice against the old graveyard, nor anybody who has friends buried there. Nor has it the slightest objection to an impregnable fence around this or any other of God's blessed acres.

But it is unalterably opposed to anybody doing this holy work who is not interested in it, and to even interested ones doing it with other people's money.

The Mayor and Council owe it to themselves and the people for whom they are doing business to think twice before they vote any of the public money to this purpose. They should permit no sentimentalism to control their action—no fancy idea that, as a precedent, may bind the town forever to take care of this property. In short, they should waste no time discussing a proposal founded upon no proof whatever that the town ever owned an inch of the ground.

For in morals, if not in law—in universal acceptance, if not in real estate records, the graveyard belongs to those whose friends are buried there. To these the town should leave the dutiful, graceful and loving work of fencing in their own property.

A Reason Wanted.

The Mayor and Council of this town will be very remiss if they do not Monday evening make searching investigation into the nullification of paragraph 2, Chapter 4, of the Code of Ordinances during the evening and night of July 4. The paragraph is as follows:

It shall be unlawful to discharge any cannon, gun, pistol or fire arm, or rockets, crackers, squibs, or fire works at any time during the night or day within the Corporate limits, except by permission of the Mayor and a majority of the Town Council, in writing, under a penalty of not less than one nor more than twenty dollars.

There is an impression out that the permission above described was not given in the instance named.

At the same time the fact is widely known that the prohibition of explosives was unlawfully relaxed by somebody, or that the police connived, if not co-operated with those who have no respect for this and perhaps for any other ordinance of the town.

In one field or the other there is a mine to be explored, and the proper authorities owe it to themselves to let the people know what an ordinance is worth that can be set aside at will, either by the Mayor or police.

Or if even the Mayor and four Councilmen "in writing" can give permission to regard the law as temporarily *nil*, what was there extraordinary about the late Fourth to warrant an almost all-night torture to old men, weak women, timid children and the seriously ill?

A Lenient Rebuke.

The JOURNAL enjoys its old luck.

It never comes out second best.

The teachers of Mineral county, resenting the grossness which classes them with brutes, announce their condemnation of those editorial articles which disfavor corporal punishment as the *ultima ratio* of discipline in public schools.

It is true the JOURNAL is not specially named in that part of the resolution commendatory of those papers which have defended the "Bible view" of dealing with "the old boy," yet the facts that we have Mr. Kreemer's letter, elsewhere published, and a private one besides, imply plainly that this paper was in full view when the action referred to was taken.

As to the resolution.

The provocation was sufficient to evoke an indignant response. It is no small insult to any legitimate profession or trade to be held up before the public as a guild of brutes and a fraternity of beasts. Much greater is it to a class of workers whose prime aim it is to be patient, long-suffering and kind.

Hence, the resolution is in keeping with the character of the mass of teachers. It has in it no resentment for the stigma of brutality placed upon them, but "disapproves" of the ill-advised articles as encouraging a fancy which, as Mr. Kreemer states, "makes our schools less efficient." In other terms, they say—"for ourselves we care nothing, but keep your hands off our work."

Later—The Keyser *Echo* of this week says:

We are informed that the name of the Frostburg JOURNAL would have been inserted with that of the *Echo* if the drawer of the resolution had been able to recall it at the time.

Probably a Vicarious Convict.

The penitentiary yawned and Archer went in.

He confessed that he embezzled the money, but invalidated his testimony by alleging that none of the boodle went for "political purposes."

Some people will believe this; many never will. Nothing he can say on that line will wash out the deep, ineradicable belief of thousands that much of the money was so used, with other knowledge than his own, and the general hope of his co-conspirators that his defalcation could be recouped from corrupt legislation.

In this trust were involved both the West Virginia steal of the canal and the Baltimore gas monopoly. Had either or both of these schemes gone through as scheduled, it is believed that Archer would still be, popularly speaking, more honorable, if possible, than ever he was in his palmiest days.

As it is, there is a tremendous body of people who believe him a sacrifice to save others equally guilty, and that his solitude, his labor and his sufferings should be shared by those whom he is dying to screen.

It is a cause for genuine and universal regret, therefore, that he did not stand trial, for it was in this field of inquiry that the friends of pure government hoped to find where the money went and who profited by its corrupt uses.

A Speck of Prophecy.

Last week the JOURNAL indulged a little prophecy. It said:

And so Archer is to be tried—next Tuesday.

Which will afford a second opportunity for the people of Maryland to become disgusted.

The first was when Judge Stewart discovered that the treasurer could not embezzle from the treasurer.

The second will be the imposition of a sentence to constructive confinement in the penitentiary at inferential hard labor.

Almost a perfect coincidence is almost perfect fulfilment.

Taking time by the forelock, and then getting in before the rush, Archer on Monday morning stole into the Baltimore city courthouse, plead guilty and received a sentence of five years in the penitentiary. Before the crowd could comprehend the proceeding he was hustled off to prison.

The JOURNAL missed it only in the day, which, like the Heathen Chinee's deal, was fixed "to deceive."

Hardly Ever.

The Keyser *Tribune* dies hard.

It says:

Corporal punishment should be tolerated in our schools, so says the JOURNAL, because "the juvenescent *Tribune* spells fanaticism *phanaticism*!"

That was one reason—only one, and it holds just as good against the *Tribune's* "compositor" as against the *Tribune* itself.

No fanatic antagonist of corporal punishment in public schools, once licked for such a digression, would ever again spell his disease "phanaticism."

Green-Eyed Newspapers.

To seek a responsible and important office is an honorable ambition, of which we are not ashamed.—Cumberland *News*.

But as newspapers multiply in Allegany county this will not be always thus.

That is, not with the editors.

Like mules, some of them, with apparently no pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity, and entertaining no visible ambitions for themselves, are, worse than the mules, envious and jealous of those whom they imagine want popular preferment.

Do They See Anything Green in Our Eye?

If the latest water works report be true, it is not likely the people will repudiate their own investment to keep up a system more alien than ever.

New York in competition with Frostburg for Frostburg's patronage of Frostburg's pocket is a scheme that wont pay a cent on the $100.

The report must be a canard.

Go ahead, Water Board; you "are the people!"

And "the people" are the "right men in the right place."

Where Charity Begins.

Several contested election cases in Congress are yet to be decided—contests in which the party majority cuts more of a swath than the law and the facts. Thaddeus Stevens, the great commoner, stated it about this way:

Of course, we must stand by our own d——d rascal. Which is he?

Some Compensation.

We are crushed.—Keyser *Tribune*.

Yea, verily—mashed flat as a pancake.

'Twas ever thus with those who endeavor to hold the right of way against a locomotive.

Hence, you are badly disfigured, but you know a good deal more.

COUNTY NEWS.

Ordinary Occurrence.

Visitor—Your contemporary is unusually interesting to-day.

Editor—Well, I never saw it when it was not un-news-ually interesting.

Married.

In Lonaconing, July 4, 1890, by Rev. J. P. Wilson, Mr. William Fairgrieve, of Barton, and Miss Annie Hitchins, daughter of James Hitchins, National mine.

Brevities.

Thoughtful Titus A. Brick says the man who sits down and waits for his ship to come in will find that it is like the MINING JOURNAL—that it will come a great deal sooner if he does not keep looking for it.

GENERAL NEWS.

Personal.

Rev. S. V. Leech, D. D., of the New York conference, has been assigned to the pastorate of the leading Methodist church in San Francisco, Cal. He is a brother of the director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and of Rev. G. V. Leech, D. D., of Frostburg.

Parkersburg Scene.

Watterson and Douglas sitting on a hotel porch. A drove of mules approaches.

"Hello, *Courier-Journal*, here comes a lot of your subscribers."

"Yes," coolly answered the great *C.-J.*; "they have come over into West Virginia to teach school."

Brevities.

The Pocahontas *Optic*, which deserved a better fate, has suspended. Whom the gods love die young, and the subscribers to the *Optic* were all gods.

Lewis Muhlenberg, of Grantsville, had a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Henderson in Cumberland Monday for selling whisky and beer without license. The testimony against him was so dead sure that the Commissioner held Lewis in the sum of $500 to appear in Baltimore when called.

A doctor of divinity of Pocahontas has left the Methodist church and gone into the Congregational. They say, however, that he is very awkward in his new relation, and we do not doubt it. It is the hardest thing in the world for a man who was born in the Methodist church, reared as a Methodist and wrought as a Methodist preacher to learn to pray standing up.

A Word About Frostburg.

Frostburg wants a railroad that will run into town and not underneath it. The little city on the hill has a great deal of push about it, and will no doubt soon have the station where it should have been long ago—on the hill.

The JOURNAL, however, is right when it takes the stand that the railroad companies, and not the town, should submit a proposition. Certainly the company which shall grant the request shall acquire the trade of the town, so that while Frostburg will be greatly benefited by the improvement, the railroad which caters to her needs and wishes is the party which will most profit. This being the case, Frostburg is in a position to ask for proposals and to ask on what condition either of the roads will run into the town. This done, she can accept the most favorable proposal. There is no proper way in which she could make the first advances.

The headline of the JOURNAL'S editorial, *Proposals Wanted—from the Companies*, would make a very good headline for a letter to be sent to each of the railroads with the request that they state their terms by a certain date.

Frostburg has a beautiful location and the views to be had from the various points within her limits are unsurpassed. This, together with the pure air and absence of factories, makes the town one of the most favorable spots in the United States for a summer resort.

The scenery that is within an hour's drive, Dan's Rock, St. John's Rock, and other peaks of the Alleghanies is far superior in its grandeur to Pen Mar or any of the popular mountain resorts between the Hudson river and the Rocky mountains.

The town is yearly growing in favor as a resort and in that line has an assured future. It behooves the people then to strike the iron while it is hot and have one or the other of the roads running into the town before another season arrives.—Cumberland *Times*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Condemned at Home.

KEYSER, W. VA., June 27, 1890.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

The resolution below was adopted last Friday by the teachers of Mineral county in institute assembled at this place:

Resolved, That we, the teachers of Mineral county, do hereby express our disapproval of the editorials printed in the *New Dominion*, the Keyser *Tribune* and other papers concerning corporal punishment in school; and, further, we do hereby commend the *Mountain Echo* and other papers for defending our views of the same.

There was not a dissenting voice when the vote was taken.

Thinking that it would interest you to know this, I send it.

I am in hearty sympathy with this resolution. I believe in corporal punishment as the last resort. It is the promulgation of such views as are set forth by the *Tribune* which makes our schools less efficient.

You may make any use of this you may see fit. S. J. KREEMER,
1st Assistant High School Department,
Keyser Graded School.

The Belt Should Come In.

FROSTBURG, MD., July 10, 1890.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

So many cities in the country are not satisfied with the result of the census taken in regard to their population, so that the question seems to be settled—the more population the more credit is due to the community. We here in Frostburg have added considerably in population and property since the corporation line was drawn. The people of the "Belt" enjoy the same benefits from the improvements made within the boundaries. Our streetlighting; our water works, soon to be extended, are within the reach of those adjoining us. Our fire protection is guaranteed to them likewise. By bringing in the "belt" taxation would not be so high as to be a burden to them considering the benefits they will thereby obtain. It has to be done sooner or later, and if done in the near future, the laying of water pipes, etc., could be arranged with more care and system. What is your opinion about it? CITIZEN.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

CONTRADICTION

THE "NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION" dated "March 14, 1890," of the firm of WOLFE BROS., dealing "in the Hardware, Tinware, Stove and Farm Implement business," WAS PREMATURE, said announced dissolution never having been consummated.

L. P. WOLFE,
July 5—3t Senior Partner.

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