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MINING JOURNAL.

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False Claims Upon the Mining Vote.

The Hagerstown *Mail*, representing that class of Washington county democrats who forced Mr. McKaig on the Allegany delegation, and through this body on the party as its nominee for Congress, speaks of the JOURNAL as "one of Mr. McComas' partisan newspapers in Allegany county." It also quotes the JOURNAL as saying of Mr. McKaig:

> In the Senate of Maryland he was a partisan of dangerous class legislation, at the behest of a spurious labor clan, and as such lost the countenance of those who owned the coal and whatever he enjoyed of the esteem of the true laboring element.

To this the *Mail* rejoins:

> The dangerous class legislation to which the JOURNAL, which we believe is the organ of the mine owners also, refers, was a bill introduced by Mr. McKaig to supply fresh, pure air to the men who work down in the coal mines. It was too expensive to furnish these men with pure air, and so Mr. McKaig "lost the countenace" of the lordly New York and New England mine owners.
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> Pure, wholesome air is too expensive a luxury for a miner. As Scrooge said, "let them die."

In permitting this defense of his legislative achievements, Mr. McKaig is unfortunate.

But we might have let the matter drop but for the following boast from the Baltimore *Critic:*

> We desire to call the attention of the miners and workmen generally in Western Maryland to Gen. McKaig's record when in the Legislature of Maryland. He introduced and worked incessantly for the mine ventilation bill, which provided for better inspection of the mines wherein they are compelled to work for a living.

And this from the Baltimore *News:*

> It has also been charged by the friends of Mr. McComas that in the Senate of Maryland Mr. McKaig was a partisan of dangerous class legislation at the behest of an unruly labor element And as such had lost the countenance of those who owned the coal mines and whatever he had enjoyed of the esteem of the true laboring element.
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> Investigation of this charge also shows that it is a miserable distortion of facts. Mr. McKaig soon after his entrance into the State Senate introduced a bill to supply fresh, pure air to the men and boys who work down in the mines. The mines of Western Maryland are owned largely by rich Northerners who care very little for the comfort of those whose circumstances compel them to work in their employ, and when forced by legislative enactments to provide better ventilation for the mines they claimed that Mr. McKaig had been the means of forcing them to an unnecessary expense. But all good men rejoiced in the success of his humane effort.

How Mr. McKaig ever permitted such stuff to get into the public prints of his party is incomprehensible.

The JOURNAL does not care at all for the gross misstatements above quoted concerning itself—that it is "a McComas paper," "organ of the mine-owners," etc., but it is concerned about the credit Mr. McKaig is claiming for his class legislative career.

Let us see about this:

All the papers quoted contend that Mr. McKaig "*introduced* a bill to supply pure, fresh air," and one of them says "all good men rejoiced in the *success* of his effort."

Mr. McKaig, we repeat, has permitted this statement to go out uncorrected when he knows and everybody else knows that his measure did not succeed, and that after it left his *aegis* in the Senate he did not care what became of it. He knows also that we have already a ventilation law on the books, the author of which does not live and never did live in Allegany county.

With great regret, therefore, we go back to the JOURNAL of March 31, 1888, in order that Mr. McKaig's Hagerstown and Baltimore admirers and the miners may again see how he figured as a legislative humanitarian.

Among others he addressed the House Committee on Inspections on Tuesday, March 27, 1888, in a manner unusually tame for a man fired with philanthropic pity for the poor miner. It must be remembered that the bill had passed the Senate and was then before the House.

We will give his leading utterances:

> If the companies had let this bill alone *it might have been vetoed.*
>
> He was not a miner; did not know whether bill was just or unjust; if the former it ought to pass; if the latter it ought not.

Replying to a question by the chairman he did not feel sure about advising committee what to do with the proposed amendment. Chairman pressed him closely until he gave the opinion that—

> If the bill goes back to the Senate *it will not become a law.*

Referring to "The Big Four" the JOURNAL adds:

> The advocates of the bill were stunned by the presence of the miners, and they fought as men whose ambush had been discovered. *Mr. McKaig made more of an apology than an argument for the bill.*

Now, then, what is the lesson to be gleaned from this recital—in print over two years and never impeached in whole or in part by Mr. McKaig or anyone else.

It is that Mr. McKaig was quite content with having passed the bill through the Senate, although as a statesman confessing he did not know whether it was just or unjust. He was afraid of the latter contingency, because he said *ex cathedra* that it would not go through the Senate again; that not even he could save it on a second round.

It was this course that induced the JOURNAL to speak of him as "a partisan of class legislation," for a statesman who will lend himself to the enactment of a measure, just or unjust, for *any* reason, is not the kind the people want.

We think we have fairly and temperately made out our case, and shown that, politically, Mr. McKaig—

> —should have died before those multitudes
> Of noisy men gathered 'round his form—men
> Who with loud acclamations hailed him chief
> And made him leader.

The JOURNAL desires to do both nominees justice, for both are in trouble. Besides having been in Congress long enough, Mr. McComas is the advocate of one of the most dangerous measures ever proposed in a free government. And whatever the miners may think they owe him for past service, it is certain that in the passage of the current tariff Act he has permitted their costs of living to rise with no effort at affording them a corresponding increase of ability to pay the higher prices. Coal was as much entitled to an increase of protection as the legion of other articles of American product that got it, yet he opened not his mouth—except to shout and vote for what coal did not get. He raised the prices of nearly all articles the miner consumes and left his purchasing power just where it was.

So that in the records and claims of each there are illustrated in heroics the usual campaign relics of a superannuated sentiment.

This is the Time to Begin.

The school commissioners should at once begin work with the county commissioners to the end that ways and means may be devised to replace our incommodious and worn out building by a spacious, comfortable and splendid edifice by the time the scholastic year of 1891-2 begins.

1, Find out the probable cost of a building capable of accommodating comfortably at least 700 pupils, exclusive of a large high school department.

2, Provide the cash accordingly, and—

3, Have all the material, ready-made as far as practicable, on the ground, so that on the very day the current year expires the dismantlement of the present building may begin, the new foundations go down and the better structure go up.

The JOURNAL does not know of a monument which our commissioner, Henry Williams, could leave of his official career that would at once signalize his day of greatest usefulness and be more acceptable to the people than an effort resulting in this needed improvement of our educational accommodations.

Miserable Vulgus.

Even a little city election for mayor, or a local vote on a loan, must be held by judges and clerks of election, appointed under the "supervision" of a democratic governor, and not by men appointed by our own city authorities, and yet the *Times* talks of "centralization."—Cumberland *News.*

Worse than even that—the people *outside the city* are made to pay over two-thirds of the expenses of municipal elections!

If ever anything died undeserving a tombstone it was the last Legislature of Maryland!

Recall, for instance, its attempt to rob the people of the canal property—an essay exceeded only in atrocity by the design of making certain West Virginians, native and foreign, receivers of the stolen goods.

It was colossal larceny bereft of the quality of opacity—gigantic treason glorying in its transparency.

Something to Avoid.

Mr. McKaig has been challenged by Mr. McComas to a joint discussion of the issues of the campaign, but besides lacking the ability to cope with a statesman the "General" lacks the sand.

The above statement appears in the Cumberland *News.*

The JOURNAL cannot impeach the general's "sand," because he would "walk untrodden heights and soar where angels bashful look."

But if his friends have one special admonition to place on the general's flamboyancy, let it be—"steer clear of joint discussions with McComas."

For McKaig would lose far more in a collision like this than a wizard oil outfit would make in perdition.

Precocious Mirth.

The anti-organ down street chuckled a few weeks ago over a supposed disappointment of the JOURNAL in its presumed outcome of the canal case.

Now that Judge Alvey has decided that the rightful opportunity for canal restoration must be allowed, it will be seen that whether in equity or prophecy the JOURNAL argued or predicted, all the fulfillment needful is here in force.

Hence, whoever would laugh advisedly should not grin prematurely.

Curious Law.

If it is unlawful for the United States to carry lottery matter through the mails, it would seem that it should be equally unlawful for an individual to print, or have printed, matter that is thus proscribed.

That is to say, it appears funny that the agent of the people should be forbidden to serve its masters in a matter that will not be criminal in the masters themselves, or culpable in any other agency of the people—an express company for instance.

Exception.

The Lone Star (not the Lonaconing *Star*) gets a swipe from) not the Frostburg *Ledger*, but) the Oakland *Republican:*

> Kicking open a door has given Congressman Kilgore a greater reputation in Texas than the display of the most comprehensive and partriotic statesmanship would have ever earned for him.

There is then one "kicker" (modern term for Old Testament prophet) who is "not without honor in his own country."

Occasionally in Dead Earnest.

Gen. McKaig declines to discuss the pending issues with Mr. McComas.

This is positive prudence, comparative caution and superlative sagacity.

Moreover, it probably shows that when the general declines he sometimes means it.

Early Bird Culture.

When the training in the home has been such that the result of it is that boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 16 run away from home to get married, it is a question whether the parents do not need the birch more than the children.—Baltimore *American.*

Both parties missed enough spanking in the moral suasion schools built after the Keyser (W. Va.) *Tribune* plan.

Oil and Water Nomenclature.

While a "high protection democrat" Senator Gorman was a political anomaly.

Which reminds us that Henry Clay Dean once said he "had heard of holy devils, but he didn't believe there was such a thing in Nature as a Grant democrat."

If Mr. Dean were now alive we would call his attention to that monstrosity at Lonaconing known to the Cumberland *Times* as a "McKaig republican."

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Spirited Letter.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

I notice in the last issue of the *Ledger* that the editor has turned his attention to Midlothian, where, he says, "there is trouble in the school over there."

With a burning desire to correct this trouble he proceeds to air himself rather more freely than the facts in the case justify.

The majority of the people there may, in the first place, have preferred a male principal, and had there been a male applicant who, in the judgment of the trustees, would have been acceptable to them, I have no doubt their wishes would have been respected.

The people, however, have shown their approval of the selection by promptly sending their children to the school, and the children have shown their approval by their good behavior and close attention to their studies. The school, as to numbers and good order, certainly compares favorably with any of its predecessors, and I very much mistake the temper and good sense of the people of Midlothian if they allow the *Ledger* and a few soreheads to cause them to withdraw their sympathy and support from one who has unusual ability as a teacher and manager of children.

The *Ledger* has a good deal to say about what many people said and did in this matter, not one of whom it took the trouble to see and verify its statements. Did it ask Mr. Sinclair if it was a fact that he had served as a school trustee for several years and thought he was signing the appointment of an assistant, when, in reality, he was helping to elect a principal, and then, to show his disapproval of his own act, he would not patronize the school? Well, hardly. Did he ask Commissioner Shriver if he promised to "give the people out there what they wanted in spite of the fact that the law gives the trustees the right to select from among those holding certificates whom they please without regard to sex? Too shrewd a man man for that. Did he interview Mr. Hill? He is not deaf and dumb. Did he visit the school to find a forlorn teacher brooding over empty seats? She does not bar the door to keep away the angry people and unsophisticated editors. Did the 44 signers to the petition asking for a male principal represent 44 families? It is said that in one family at least where there was but one pupil, the father, the mother, the grandfather and grandmother all signed it. "Why did they not appoint her assistant?" For the very good reason that she was not an applicant at the time the appointment was made. It is more than likely the trustees were opposed to a lady principal. While the present principal was in attendance at the teachers' institute, where every teacher interested in the coming year's work was expected to be, her assistant was at Midlothian and made known to the trustees her willingness to serve as principal, although it was known to her that a principal had already been appointed.

In the imagination of the *Ledger* a sort of phantom furnace has been storted at Midlothian, and it, of course, is to be the little tuyere through which the hot blast is to be blown.

FAIR PLAY.

COUNTY NEWS.

Has the "Rambler" Been Heard From?

It is said that a brilliant Allegany newspaper man is the author of the following stanza although it appeared for the first time in an out-of-county paper:

> When I was younger than I am to-night,
> In days gone by, that memories endow
> With golden glamour, shining pure and bright,
> I was not quite as old as I am now.

GENERAL NEWS.

Excursions to Historic Battlefields.

The last of the series of special excursions to the battlefields of Cedar Creek, (Middletown,) Winchester and Harper's Ferry, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic are announced for October 16, 1890, affording a rare opportunity to visit the historic ground where the contending hosts struggled for victory. Tickets for these excursions will be sold to Middletown, Va., from all ticket stations on the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. east of the Ohio river at one fare for the round trip on Oct. 15 and 16, valid for return journey ten days, including day of sale. Good to stop off at Winchester or Harper's Ferry.

For the accommodation of those desiring to visit the battlefields of Antietam and Gettysburg, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company will place on sale excursion tickets at one fare for round trip to those points at Harper's Ferry and Weverton, to be sold Oct. 16 to 24 inclusive good to return until Oct. 25th inclusive. For rates and time of trains call on or address Agents B. & O. R. R.

Sometimes.

"Fadder, vat vas all dis in de papers about marriage vas a failure?"

"Go vay, Isaac! You vas too young ontirely to know somedings about marriage, mein son."

"But, fadder, I vas a peeg poy now, und I vant to keep bosted."

"Vell, und vat vas it I must dell you?"

"Vas marriage trooly a failure, fadder?

"Vell, I dell you," said the father, impressively. "Uff you marry a real, rich vomans, marriage vas somedimes as goot as a failure."—Boston *Beacon.*

Political.

Friday of last week Kennedy Price, of Meyersdale, Pa., was nominated by the democrats for State Senator. He is a son-in-law of J. J. Hoblitzell, and, like J. J., is a rustler.

Personal.

Mr. M. H. Sloan, formerly of Lonaconing, and now Secretary of the Zihlman glass company of North Baltimore, Ohio, will be married on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 15, at Trinity Church, Long Green, Baltimore county, to Miss Mary Virginia Connolly, of that place.

A Distinction Without a Difference.

The American bride who was shocked because her titled husband and his family are connected with a brewery ought to have known that a foreign nobleman connects himself with a brewery at every opportunity. Sometimes it is a distillery, but the principle is the same.

Excursion to Pittsburg.

The last excursion to the Pittsburg Exposition *via* the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will be run on Thursday, Oct. 16. The rate from Mt. Savage Junction for the round trip including admission to the Exposition will be $3.20. The tickets will be good for return passage up to and including Monday, October 20.

Alliterative Politics.

Paddock, Plumb and Pettigrew though painfully perceiving the peculiar prominence of their position, persisted in opposing the plan of prodigious protection as pernicious public policy, profitless, pestiferous, preposterous, paralyzing purchasing power of the populace, placing in peril the pursuit of popular professions and palpably productive of plutocratic pretexts for putting the people in a pickle. Possibly they preferred parading as pessimists.—Chicago *Tribune.*

The Last Home-Seekers' Excursion at Half Rates, via the Wabash R. R. from Pittsburg,

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The Great Hagerstown and Frederick Fairs.

The Fairs at Hagerstown and Frederick will open their gates to the public October 14th, and close October 17th. Elaborate preparations are being made for the success of each. Special features are announced daily during the fair and the large premiums offered will bring out the best stock in this section as well as from more distant points. The Races will be exceptionally fine a number of noted stables have entered for the various events, and a good time may be looked for.

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For time of special trains and rates, see hand bills or write B. & O. Agents.

Canine Caninecabalism.

> Av'nue corner,
> Foggy night,
> Passing crowds,
> 'Lectric light.
>
> Little boy,
> Can of tin,
> Weinerwurst
> Boils within.
>
> Yaller dorg
> Near by howls,
> Sniffs the sausage,
> Softly growls.
>
> Stumbling man,
> Wooden leg,
> Upsets boiler
> With the peg.
>
> Spills the water,
> Scatters wurst,
> Yaller dorg
> Gets there first.
>
> Grabs the sausage,
> Splints the fog,
> 'Nother case
> Of dog eat dog.

—Roy L. McCardell in Birmingham (Ala.) *Age-Herald.*

Brevities.

Who are these min—Barnum and Bailey, who perfess to have the greatest show on earth? Phwat's the matter wid the two Mickeys—McComas and McKaig?

For the information of all who are interested in the Meyersdale *Commercial's* Pocahontas trunk line we will say the route lies along Cowskin creek, over Buckram hill, by Wildcat spring and through Skunk hollow.

The snake correspondent is omnipresent this week. He writes political letters to the *Ledger* from all round the 'burg.

An old man and his wife drove from Scrouge Neck, *via* Dunksburg, to Appling Dumpling Mounting, 34 miles, to a footwash service. People down here who cared that much for religion would be tagged as curiosities at Lonaconing.

A teacher the other day walked home from school, a distance of 2½ miles, in 22 minutes and 19 seconds. His wife had told him she would have spring chicken and rice waffles for supper. The secret got out through an explanation to one of about twenty parents who wanted to know why school was dismissed a half hour earlier than usual.

W. H. Campbell, the big stock grower of Kansas, says the hog is the best friend the farmer can have. Some newspapers look on the hog as an enemy. But to make the hog real friendly he must be loved.

There is a peculiar couple in Piedmont. She carries the pocket-book and he chews the gum.

PUBLICATIONS.

The October number of the *Old Homestead* a monthly magazine published by Davis Bros. at Savanrah, Ga., appears for the first time on our table. It is a publication of forty pages, 11x15, filled with original stories, poems, and essays. Its musical features, handsomely illustrated fashion matter, children's page, and household and farm notes make it a welcome visitor in thouands of homes. It is the only publication of its kind in the south and its tone is pure and elevating. The *Old Homestead's* premium list and cash commission to agents are among the best in the country. Notwithstanding the size and general excellence of the magazine the subscription price is placed at only $1 a year. Sample copy free on application. Address Davis Bros., publishers and proprietors, Savannah, Ga.

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