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Skillfully performed. GOLD WORK and
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A CHANGE.

HAVING bought the STOCK and FIXTURES of Mr. Thomas McNeill, I am prepared to furnish everything in the

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I have also a good supply of OILS, PAINTS, GLASS, WALL PAPER, PERFUMES, FANCY ARTICLES, &c., &c., for which a share of patronage is respectfully solicited.
A. J. MASON, M. D.,
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I have fitted up an office in the rear end of the store, to which I have removed, and where I can be found for consultation or any professional services.
A. J. MASON, M. D.
June 6—y

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THE OLD AND POPULAR STAND, corner of Broadway and Mechanic street.

All Invited to Come and Examine my

STOCK OF MEATS.

FOR SALE AT REDUCED PRICES.

In the future as in the past it shall be my constant aim to please all who patronize me.
RICHARD M. WILDERMAN.
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New Business Locals.

Notice to All.—The Grand Piano and Estey Organ store of Morrell & Shafenberg will be removed to Cumberland, Md., Baltimore street, above post office, and will also continue to have an office at G. H. Hocking & Sons' boot and shoe store on Main street, in Frostburg, where parties can see the celebrated Estey Organ. Terms easy and catalogues free. Also Decker Bros' Matchless Piano; the fine-toned Weber Piano, and the Old Reliable Fischer Piano—all sold on easy payments. For sale by MORRELL & SHAFENBERG, Main office, Meyersdale, Pa.; branch offices, Cumberland and Frostburg, Md.

Notice.—Dr. A. W. Shaw, Dentist, Piedmont, W. Va., makes a figtsclass Set of Teeth for $10. Gold fills $1 each; amalgam 50 cents; plat and gold mixed 75 cents; cleaning the natural teeth 75 cents. Shaw is the Best and Cheapest Dentist in the State.

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April 2

Commissioners' Notice.

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
CUMBERLAND, March 31, 1887.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the County Commissioners for Allegany county will meet at their office in the Court House, Cumberland, on

Monday, April 11, 1887,

to continue in session during the week, and longer, should the business require, for the purpose of hearing appeals, making transfers upon the county assessment books, and transacting such other business as may properly come before them.

All persons desiring their assessments corrected are hereby notified to appeal at this session, as no alteration in assessments will be made on said books after the adjournment of the ensuing regular appeal term.
T. A. LEONARD,
April 2 Clerk to Commissioners.

ORDER NISI.

In the matter of the sale of the Real Estate of Nelson Beall, deceased.	In the Orphans' Court, of Allegany county. February Term, 1887.

ORDERED, By the Orphans' Court of Allegany county this 29th day of March, 1887, that the sale of real estate made and reported by Frank C. Beall, executor, and Annie Beall, executrix of the last will and testament of Nelson Beall, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown ON or BEFORE the

21st day of April, 1887,

provided that a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Allegany county once in each of three successive weeks before the 21st day of April next.

The report states the amount of sales to be four thousand and three hundred dollars ($4,300.00.)

JOHN COULEHAN, C. J. O. C.
ROBERT BRUCE, J. O. C.
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True copy—Test: JNO. RHIND,
April 2—3t Register.

RAVENSCRAFT'S OPERA HOUSE.

ONE NIGHT

Monday, April 4.

ENGAGEMENT EXTRAORDINARY OF THE CHARMING SOUBRETTE,

MATTIE VICKERS

In her Great Success by Charles Gaylor, entitled

JACQUINE,
—OR—
PASTE AND DIAMONDS,

Assisted by the Popular Comedian,

CHAS. S. ROGERS

And a Company of

12 METROPOLITAN ARTISTS. 12

Prices, - 35 and 50 cents.

☞ No extra charge for reserved seats.

Tickets for Sale at Annan's Bookstore.
April 2—1t

THE drivers are getting some bad advice, but they are pursuing the proper course by not heeding it. There are bigger things on the tapis now than the drivers' wages, demanding immediate, concentrated attention, too. In the course, of a little time, however, the passing clouds will roll by, and their cry may be heard. Meanwhile, let them be patient and industrious enough to hold their places, and cultivate manners sweet as our merchants have, and nothing will be lost, if nothing gained. Let them be especially careful to remain unaffected by the suggestions of such papers as the Cumberland *Workman*—that have and can have no *real* concern for their interest. In fact, it would be better to shut them up than have them vitiate and perhaps destroy all claims to the advance by advocating it. Or, if they cannot be silenced, have them oppose the measure even to persecution, and thus "get there" backwards, Eli.

TO-MORROW, will be "All Fool's Day." Brother Oder, look out.—Cumberland *Workman.*

All right. Steady. Nose to the left. Eyes right. Straighten your chin. Stead—y—y! Now we see you, and you seem be *all* there. Relax. Look *in*. Part of you absent, eh? O, well they are always invisible anyhow. Bye-bye. Better luck next year, may be. Say, "A. F.," you aren't any kin to the JOURNAL—are you? "No—o!" Of course you aren't—say, be a little careful hereafter about how you apply that word, "brother." We can stand charges of corruption every day in the week. We may be catalogued with Higgins, Thomas and Mahon, and even William Williams, but mind you, the cup of iniquity overflows when you insinuate that we are a fool, and in the next breath address us as "brother." Now go—but say, better caution the brains, too—by next mail.

Says a dispatch reporting Monday's election in Hagerstown:

The action of the Knights of Labor in this election completely ignores party lines and introduces an unknown quantity in future contests, and hereafter politicians will brush their algebras and spend a large part of their consultations in trying to find the value of the political *x*.

When one comes to ponder over the constitution of the Noble Order—its anti-political morals and numberless other good points, news like the above fills the average heart with grief.

It is as though the Samson of labor had fallen into the hands of the Phillistines.

When one goes farther and, peering down the serried array, contemplates with admiring gaze the equal step and rhythmic sway of the moving column of labor, how sad to reflect that many, very many are in the ranks for office only.

MAYOR HARRISON, of Chicago, declined a re-nomination because the national administration had interfered with his political affairs. This is emphatically denied by those nearest the President, and the opinion is expressed pretty generally that Mayor Harrison exaggerated his own importance. There can be no doubt that Mr. Cleveland has been very circumspect in his conduct toward hickory thought in powerful municipalities, especially since his administration was very nearly upset by the rebuke given by the storm-tossed Jacksonians of Cumberland, when J. W. Shuck was elected mayor because Asa Willison had been appointed postmaster.

IT is to be feared some of our friends in Cumberland have mistaken the "personal" allusions of "Mapul Sugar" in several instances and exaggerated them in others. It is quite certain, for instance, that the Cumberland *Times'* guesses and interpretations are almost entirely erroneous, and the article retailing them is conspicuously sensational.

The author of "Mapul Sugar" has conceived a fondness for unorthodox orthography, and having a live topic at hand, indulges it.

That is about all there is in it.

PEOPLE, remember that the next Council, a majority of whom you are about to elect, incur the largest debt the town has ever carried. It is not so large as to be a matter of the least alarm, but one of sufficient magnitude to demand real, actual business administration, to the end that it may be paid soon as practicable without detracting from the efficiency of corporatee government. To do this—*put business men in the Council.*

If the *Workman* can't stand that chestnut about "patent intestines" it might do well to take a glance at the fourth page of the Lonaconing *Review* and note how such things look hanging on the weatherboarding of a brother?

And if it likes only those "nostrums" not "patented," and has nothing else to live on, we advise that an undertaker be consulted at once. Warm weather comes on sometimes very soon after All Fool's Day.

"VAIN, delusive world!"—the *Workman* imagines that the JOURNAL envies it! Why, cuss its "pore" stinking skull, envy is not the word; it is—is—is—something like a yearn to get out of the sight and smell of—

Eyes of lead, like lue and gummy,
Carcass picked out from some mummy.
Bowels, but they are forgotten,
Save the liver, and that's rotten—
Vampire, ghost or ghoul—what is it?
We would walk ten miles to miss it!

A CHANGE has taken place—two changes. The absent portion of the *Workman* appears to have rotted as an editor and now furnishes brain sap as a correspondent on the rough-cast side, each presumably a mere shift to find the shallows of the "mudhole."

A PAPER which speaks of the JOURNAL as "imputent," and uses "pour" for pore, strange to say, disapproves of "hogwash."

CORRESPONDENCE

The Prospect More Peaceful.

PINEY GROVE, March 29, 1887.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Sarned of i aint a livin yit! That thar deeskripchun uv how I likt them redublikins an dimmekratts, and finisht up on the kenell mewls must uv skeered that ar lawyur feller and his ossifer wot cent that ar challenge, as they haint put in appearinces yit in this here part of the kentry, altho them kine uv phellers are mity brave at the west end uv a telefone, or in cort before a jedge with the sherif at thar bak, so a pore feller who has no sho kant sass bak. But wen it kums too faceu a pheller at 60 pheet wot's got his granpap's riphle in his hans, then tha aint thar too enny grate extent.

But ef the lawyur lettur riled me the dook's soothd me down. I amediatly lade doun mi shooten instroomentality washt off mi savidge war pante and assoomed mi ackustumd attitood an grace, fur even ef i kood not spel the naim, or enny one else in our nabor-hood, ceptin uv corse the principul uv our publik skoolmastur, yit i knu the writin seemed to wisper in mi year—"yore deer dook." Here is the contents wich this epistell kontanes:

CUMBERLAND, MD., March 17, 1886.

My dear Maple Sugar—I am surprised, not to say pained at the vortex of passion you have drawn yourself into by noticing a plain trick of the enemy to elicit just such unguarded and injudicious expressions as you have been guilty of. I would have thought that the tuition, training and experience you have had in politics—the victories we have won in the glorious past, the bright future opening before us, and our plans already laid for the fall campaign—would have been sufficient to guard you against the palpable error you are committing. But what if "Progress" Bier, "No. 11," Turner and Brace want one delegate to each fifty voters, don't you know that it is not right? Don't you see that many districts, your own included, will be virtually wiped out? Let our enemies vent their frothy pretentions of disinterestedness for the welfare of the party, don't you permit your district to be disfranchised! With your octopus arms reaching out into every nook and cranny, better hug the district to death in friendly embrace than surrender it to our destroyers.

So, keep cool—above all, keep still—and all will be well. Best wishes to Miranda Jane and Mrs. S., I remain your friend, ——.

Thar—that's a good lettur and imemity prowd too bee thee reeseever uv it, fur it makes me think the recever's good as the riter, an so is Milanda an the famly in genrul. An he—the dook i meen—ar rite; "better injoy the ils we hav than ili too the blessins wich we kno nuthin about." That octopus idee is good, an i think, too, that the willumbrace plan wood be much more fataler than the embrace. Thar ar sum people in whose hans i wood not like too bee in the holler uv, fur wot wood becum uv us? Our destinys wil sta whar tha ar, wich meens 5 delegits, a Commishunur an one Tax kollecter in this here deestrickt.

MAPUL SUGAR.

p. S.—i receeved one lettur wich addrest mee as "Mapul Shoog.," wich uv coarse was kontemptable an ontimely, an I hav refurd too it rite here only to sho that I treet sich peartness with perfeck cilense. M. S.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Railway Track Torn Up.—About 7 o'clock Monday morning over 100 men went to the Cookerly farm, near Rawlings, this county, and tore up the track through the farm, laid about two months ago by the Piedmont and Cumberland railroad. The party came from some point east of Cumberland.

False Alarm.—About 7 o'clock Wednesday evening an alarm of fire, started in the vicinity of the "burned district," brought out a host of people in a very few minutes. The fire department got out on Main street with their usual promptitude; the new bell rang and bedlam was abroad. It was ascertained, however, that there was no occasion for the scare.

"Jacquine."—An announcement, elsewhere printed, tells a portion of what is coming to Frostburg next Monday. Go and see the play for yourself, for the St. Louis *Republican* talks about the star as follows:

Miss Vickers has an attractive stage presence and shines all over with good humor and unaffected gayety; she is graceful in movement, refined in manner, effective in all her work, and has a bright future before her.

The Ticket.—The republican primary convention last Monday evening was not largely attended. The contestants for the Mayoralty nomination were Messrs. A. T. Recknor and William Thomas, the former winning. The ticket chosen is as follows:

Mayor—Alexander T. Recknor.
Councilmen—David Morgan, Thomas Hill, John Cook.

Mr. Morgan is a member of the present Council.

The following is a copy of a paper handed the JOURNAL "as a "Citizens' Ticket" worthy of support by taxpayers of both parties:"

For Mayor—Dr. A. B. Price.
For Councilmen—Frederick Johnson, Christian Lear, Charles Wade.

Mattie Vickers.—This charming actress will appear in "Jacquine," at Ravenscraft's Opera House Monday evening next, April 4. It is seldom Frostburg is visited by a company of national reputation, hence our people should make a point of encouraging such to come, and thereby make some fame for ourselves as patrons of high art. The Buffalo *Courier* says:

Miss Vickers is possessed of a handsome, expressive face, and attractive figure, and a pleasant, cultivated voice; she combines with these advantages an ability in the line of legitimate acting which renders her performance extremely enjoyable.

Concerning Definitions.—A "Friend of the Crab" asks the JOURNAL to insert the following, taken from the Popular Science *Monthly*, April, 1887, page 727:

And very often it happens, from the inability of the compilers of school books to write good English, that the words used are not such as best express the idea sought to be conveyed, and indeed are sometimes altogether wrong. Thus, for instance, in a recently published history of the U. S. "pyrites" is defined as a yellowish mineral of no value, but from its likeness to gold sometimes mistaken for it. This is almost as bad as the definition of a crab given by the French academicians as "a small red fish which goes backward." As Cuvier remarked, this is correct, except in three respects—a crab is not red, it is not a fish, and it does not go backward. Such errors as these are not corrected by the teachers.

A Tale of the Old Dominion.—A native of Frostburg, resident in Pittsburg, is well known as a dealer in old iron. In the course of his travels he has drifted into Virginia, where, it appears, he has had quite an adventure. He tells a graphic story in the following letter:

WINCHESTER, VA., March 21, 1887.

MR. JOHN J. KELLER, *Dear Sir*—I arrived in this city of war fame two weeks ago last Saturday. I have looked around the place and am much pleased with the location.

On Tuesday morning I went to work, as I supposed, at my legitimate business, but was arrested very early for buying iron without license. I was compelled to give bond in the sum of two hundred dollars. Of course, I found myself among entire strangers, and have not met the first person yet I ever knew. However, the F. F. V's came to my rescue; filled my bond and did various other kind acts.

This morning my case came before the grand jury; was heard, and resulted in no bill being found. This case caused great excitement in this ancient city, as all the better citizens took great interest in the matter.

Yours truly, THOMAS H FROST.

The Jury.—Friday of last week Judge Hoffman drew the names of 48 citizens to serve as jurors for the April term, their residences and names as follows:

Cumberland and vicinity—W. H. Feidt, W. H. Hamilton, Smith Ruffner, (colored) W. S. Shuck, Henry Dryer, Wm. Myers, Zack Laney, Hiram B. Wolf, William Knieriem, J. T. Fey, Thomas B. White, C. F. Hetzel, James O. S. Hinkle, Daniel Sullivan, D. W. Beall, James Finan, Francis L. Twigg.

Frostburg—Lewis J. Coleman, Andrew F. Hartman, Gershon Anthony, Robert Tennant, Edward Weimer, Peter Knieriem, W. H. Koch, G. C. Biddington, Alex. Tennant, Joseph Yates.

Lonaconing—Adam McMillan, Otto Hohing, J. B. Elliott, James Murphy, James N. Bishop, Joseph Nichols, James Thompson, David Percy.

Barton—Richard Pugh.

Mt. Savage—Edward Osborne, Rhineheart Shaffer.

Westernport—Louis Fisher, Joshua Kight.

Rawlings—John Ravenscraft.

Ellerslie—S. H. Albright.

Oldtown—G. S. Wilson.

Flintstone—Basil Browning, G. S. Fletcher.

Eckhart—Josiah M. Porter, Enoch Pritchard.

Corriganville—W. C. Lindsay.

Religious.—Rev. James M. Rollins preached his first sermon last Sunday to the congregation of the M. E. Church, South, and made a very favorable impression. He will preach again to-morrow at the usual hours, and at Emmanuel, near Johnson's, at 3 o'clock, p. m. He informs the JOURNAL also that the first quarterly conference of this station will meet in the church, this place, Monday, April 18, at 7½ o'clock, p. m. On Sunday, 10th inst., however, Rev. S. G. Ferguson, presiding elder, will be here and preach at the usual hours.

Rev. J. W. Cornelius, editor of the Baltimore *Methodist*, will preach at the M. E. Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning and evening.

Services will be held in the Episcopal church during Holy Week twice daily—every morning at 10½ and evening at 7½ o'clock, except Saturday—Easter Eve, when it will be at 3½. Good Friday morning there will be a sermon and offertory for missions. Sunday evening services commence at 7½ from next Sunday.

Removals.—Among those changes of residence this week we note the following:

Dr. A. J. Mason will occupy the former residence of Dr. Price, the latter taking the Ward mansion.

Dr. P. A. Michael has removed his office to the small building adjoining the Armstrong residence on Broadway, and will shortly occupy Mrs. Ford's house, next door north, as a residence.

Messrs. George Robinson and August Eickhorn have purchased the parsonage of the Reformed church and will dwell there. Conrad Ort succeeds the former by purchase of the Stark house.

Mrs. George W. Fisher, on Water street, will be succeeded by William Hartman.

Mrs. C. W. Shearer will occupy the Kern place on the avenue.

Miss Ella V. Weis will take the house vacated by Mrs. Shearer.

Rev. James Miller, Baptist pastor, will take the McLuckie house, on Water street.

John Thomas will succeed Mrs. Nash on Main street.

Mrs. Earle has moved to the Percy property on Main street.

Valuable Books.—"Platform Echoes," by John B. Gough;" "Mother, Home and Heaven" and "Perfect Jewels," are three works worth getting.

"Platform Echoes"—a new and splendidly illustrated volume—is the last book written by the world famous John B. Gough, and was completed by him just previous to his death. Most people are familiar with the story of his early life, and his rescue from a drunkard's grave, after which he became one of the most popular orators of our time. For years he stood amid the horrors of *delirium tremens*, an abject slave to the bottle. Forty-three years of his remaining life were spent in traveling and lecturing for the good of humanity without reference to caste or creed. In every chapter of this book he weaves in anecdote after anecdote, story after story, and underneath them all lie living truths that stand out as beacon lights. At his bidding hearts were aroused to indignation or moved to uncontrollable laughter, in spite of every effort to control their feelings. It is profusely illustrated with the best engravings.

"Mother, Home and Heaven," and "Perfect Jewels," are choice books from best authors and will do good in any family. These works are being distributed in town and vicinity by D. E. McClain, of Pa., who was well patronized in Cumberland and should be here. He comes highly recommended as a christian gentleman and his works commend themselves to the favor of good people universally.

Personal.—Mrs. Rowe, an aged lady, of this place, fell on the street Sunday and injured herself very severely.

Mrs. A. M. DeVeemon and her guest, Mrs. Burns, of Ohio, are visiting friends in Meyersdale.

Mrs. Fred. Johnson, who has been ill, is improving.

Walter Morris left Tuesday to make his home at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Miss Julia R. Walker leaves Monday morning to attend a wedding in Somerset, Pa.

Robert Matheney, of Lonaconing, is guardian of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Knights of Honor.

N. S. Randolph, of Florida, has been appointed master of machinery of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroad, *vice* N. W. Howson, resigned.

Miss Rose Shearer is out again.

Joseph Bear and wife will go east this morning, the latter mainly on a visit to parents and friends in Baltimore. Mr. Bear will utilize the occasion for the purchase of a large stock of spring clothing, so as to be fully ready to supply all wants and tastes inspired by the coming "pay." Read his "new business local."

Dr. T. A. Cross and G. E. Pearce, of Piedmont, W. Va., spent Monday evening in Frostburg.

Daniel M. Santmyer, a resident of Barton many years, died at Front Royal, Va., last week aged 72 years. The *Sentinel*, of the latter place, speaks of him as a man with a genius for mechanics, a useful citizen, and a constant attendant of the Baptist church.

Mrs. John Bath, of Everett, Pa., has returned home after a delightful sojourn with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Womsley, at Eckhart.

Mrs. Conrad Seifker is quite ill.

Rev. W. B. Dorsey, of Piedmont, was in town Thursday.

Miss Kate Kildow paid a flying visit to the city one evening this week.

Thomas McNeill has been very unwell for several months past, requiring the nightly attendance of a watcher.

Miss Annie Frost, of Cumberland, has been spending a few days with Miss Rose Shearer.

An Examination.—It has more than once proven astonishing to older persons now pertinently, promptly and sometimes amazingly the most difficult questions will be answered by classes in our public schools. Particularly in local history, geography and biography, the replies from a class in the seventh grade evince an acquaintance with affairs generally far beyond the years of the lads and lassies interviewed:

"James, who was the most noted woman in this section in the early days?"

"Miss Allegany, an Indian squaw."

"Henry, which city has the greatest reputation in the world as a coal mining centre?"

"Cumberland."

"Susie, can you tell me what occidental harbor the canal has stopped seeking?"

"Yes, ma'am—Westernport."

"Johnnie Carlisle, quit throwing those paper wads and attend to your studies."

"Homer Mackin, which city in Allegany is situated "where many waters meet" and works her sewer system up-hill?"

"Lonaconing."

"Jenny Gandolpha, at how many postoffices can a citizen of Frostburg get his mail?"

"There are four postoffices in the metropolis—the central one under the JOURNAL office, and one each at Eckhart, Vale Summit and Ocean mine."

"Tommy Colclazer, can you tell me who is the boss idolater of truth since the days of St. Paul?"

"The Frostburg bureau."

"Lou Hoding, what does a new cellar in Barton resemble?"

"A fish hatchery."

"James Toller, what city is destined to become the greatest railroad centre in the world?"

"Kreigbaum."

"Harry Rouse, my little man, can you tell me where the last rebellion was?"

"On the Cookerly farm."

"Johnny Richison, can you tell me who was Noah Webster's greatest rival?"

"Mapul Sugar."

"Carrie Cammack, can you tell me what institutions are greater than the late Southern Confederacy?"

"Yes, ma'am; the walking delegate and the Cumberland *Workman*."

"Harry Bascom, what denominations of christians will fare badly when the great change comes?"

"The republicans of No's 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 13, and the democrats of No's 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15."

"Billie Barlow, if you don't quit attitudinizing bent pins on the seats I'll slap you as flat as a flapjack!"

"Yessum."

"Jemima Judson, who stands among the "immortals" next to Erostratus?"

"Bill Williams."

"You, there, Euripides Waldo, from what does Savage mountain derive its name?"

"Mt. Savage."

"Tommy Hager, who smashed Pompey?"

"Another paradox, named Vale Summit."

"To what circumstance, Mollie Bird, does Eckhart owe its rise?"

"The steady ascent from Clarysville to the flat."

"George Jimson, what great newspaper is most popular in this county?"

"That which is occasionally an individual and at all times else a paper. By the way, Miss Octavia, now is the time to subscribe."

Brevities.—Henry Jandorf called on the JOURNAL the other day representing the Home Library Association, which wishes to secure members, who will thereby be enabled to buy books of all descriptions at manufacturer's prices. He presents a Cyclopædia to each member, which is alone worth the subscription price. Henry is a clever fellow; makes a rattling speech, and says that with this book an editor can become a blacksmith, a preacher or a carpenter; a physician may learn mining, a school teacher harvesting, a drunkard find a short cut to high office in the Salvation Army, or, in substance, a boy, with this book as his guide, will become *a man*. It seems to be all sorts of a useful book.

Not a capitalist outside of Cumberland was able to get an Insane Asylum bond.

"Grate the yellow rind," says a new recipe, "and squeeze the juice of one lemon; mix together, over the fire one ounce each of butter and maple sugar, until they bubble." Which leads the JOURNAL to inquire whether it is the peculiar office of maple sugar to make things bubble on all occasions?

The prospect for a busy season has not abated, and all signs point to a most prosperous year. It will be our own fault if we do not profit by it.

Henry Jones, killed by a fall of breast coal in the Elk Garden region, was a prominent and popular member of the Federation of Miners and Mine Laborers.

Some of the producers of bituminous coal are said to be dissatisfied with the prices: F. o. b. Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk and Newport News, $2.50 per ton for railroad contracts ann $2.60 for other business; alongside, $3.50; and f. o. b. New York Harbor for points east of Hell Gate and above the towing limits on the North river, $3.10 per ton. The probability is, therefore, that they will be slightly advanced erelong.

The orphan children of the late Rev. William Harris, of Barton, had the misfortune to lose nearly their all Thursday morning by fire.

A new brick business building will go up at once on the Percy block, corner Broadway and Mechanic street.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles W. Oder took place at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the family residence, 1306 Wyandotte street, under the auspices of the Knights and Ladies of Honor of Kansas City, Mo. Interment at Union cemetery. There were services by an Episcopal minister, a profusion of flowers, and a note from Mrs. Hiram Mason to the JOURNAL states that "the attendance was large and the scene a very sad one."

The Lonaconing *Star* has changed quarters to Brady's building.

Thirty or forty persons invaded Rev. Mr. Rollins' house Wednesday evening with so-called "pound parcels," and left him well stocked.

Read all the new advertisements and business locals. Besides the *news* they contain, they may communicate something worth a few dollars and a few cents. The true economist reads and profits by all such information.

Wednesday night a magic lantern exhibition was given the children of Borden school by Mr. Turner, of Somerset, Pa.

"T. C's" lines would have been published this week had the writer's name been sent.

The latest in physics—"brains as a puller." Besides stalled newspapers, people having stumpy ground or snaggy gums can address the *Workman.*