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### New Business Locals.

**Glycerite of Camphor.**—An elegant lotion for chapped hands, and for softening and beautifying the skin. I. C. LAMBERT.

**Elderflower Toilet Soap, Imported**—One of the finest Toilet Soaps in the market. I. C. LAMBERT.

**Dr. Scott's Electric Hair Curler.**—A novel and useful article for the toilet. Used and recommended by numerous Frostburg ladies. I. C. LAMBERT.

**Standard Laundry Wax** makes an elegant, smooth finish, and is a preservative of linen. Try it. I. C. LAMBERT.

**Wingert's Sure Cure for Bunions and Corns.**—A safe and speedy remedy. Read the following:

I have used Wingert's Sure Cure for Bunions and Corns with the most satisfactory results. I consider it an excellent remedy. D. J. BETZ.

This remedy and all the above named articles for sale at I. C. LAMBERT's drug store.

*New Advertisements.*

## FOR SALE.

A SPLENDID PAIR of large, close-made **Work Horses.** No better in the county. Well mated in size and weight. Sold for want of use. Enquire of M. E. LAVIN & CO.,
Jan 7 Cumberland, Md.

## Administrator's Notice.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Allegany county, Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

**John C. Chaney, deceased.**

All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof duly authenticated, to the subscriber ON or BEFORE

**Monday, July 9, 1888.**

They may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 1887. C. GRAHAM CHANEY,
Jan 7 Administrator.

## ORDER NISI.

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| Thomas G. McCulloh, Executor, Mortgagee, *vs.* John Bone and wife. | In the Circuit Court for Allegany county, sitting in Equity. No. 3707 Equity. |

ORDERED, This 4th day of January, in the year 1888, by the Circuit Court for Allegany county, Md., sitting in Equity, That the sale made and reported in the above cause by Thomas G. McCulloh, executor, mortgagee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause thereof to the contrary be shown on or before the 6th day of February, 1888; provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper published in Allegany county, Md., once a week for three successive weeks before the 28th day of January, 1888.

The report states the amount of sale to be $830.00. H. W. HOFFMAN.

True copy—Test:
Jan 7—3t THEO. LUMAN, Clerk.

## FOR SALE.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY is offered to purchase a reliable **family Horse.** Sound and gentle, and very handsome. Can be driven single or double. Not afraid of steam or music. Inquire of HENRY WEST,
P. O. Box 294,
Jan 7—1m Cumberland, Md.

## ORDER NISI.

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| Frank C. Beall and Annie Beall, Executors, *vs.* Augustine Alexander and others. | In the Orphans' Court of Allegany county. December Term, 1887. |

ORDERED, This 20th day of December, in the year 1887, by the Orphans Court of Allegany county, That the sale of real estate made and this day reported to this Court by Frank C. Beall and Annie Beall, executors of Nelson Beall, late of Allegany county, Md., deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 30th day of January, 1888; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Frostburg, Md., once in each of three successive weeks prior to the 30th day of January, 1888.

The report states the amount of sale to be $748.00 JOHN COULEHAN, C. J. O. C.
ROBERT BRUCE, J. O. C.
THOMAS JOHNSON, J. O. C.

True copy—Test: A. H. DOWDEN,
Jan 7—3t Register of Wills.

## TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF
## Valuable Real Estate
IN
FROSTBURG, MD.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Allegany county in Equity, passed in case No. 3655, wherein Patrick Dorsey is plaintiff and Catharine Coyner and William Coyner are defendants, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at 10 o'clock in the morning of

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1888,**

In front of Slicer's Central Hotel, in the town of Frostburg, Md., all the following described property, to wit:

## Lots No.'s 8 and 9
IN
**Frost's Fourth Addition to the Town of Frostburg,**

Described as follows, to wit:

Beginning for Lot No. 8 at a stake standing forty-nine degrees east sixty-six feet from the end of the first line of Lot No. 7, and running thence north forty-nine degrees east sixty-six feet, south forty-one degrees east two hundred and five feet, south forty-nine degrees west sixty-six feet, thence by a straight line to the beginning, and—

Beginning for Lot No. 9 at the end of the first line of said Lot No. 8 and running thence north forty-nine degrees east fifty feet, south forty-one degrees east two hundred and five feet, south forty-nine degrees west fifty feet, thence by a straight line to the beginning.

The above property was formerly known as the "Dr. Getzendanner property" and is improved by a

**Fine Residence,**

Located in the most central part of the town of Frostburg.

☞A perfect title will be made to the purchaser.

*Terms of Sale as fixed by the Decree*—One-third cash; balance in two equal instalments, payable with interest at six and twelve months respectively, and to be secured by sureties to be approved by the Trustee.

R. T. SEMMES,
Jan 7—4t Trustee.


THE voluntary advance of drivers' wages from $1.65 to $1.85 per day is analyzed by the JOURNAL as follows:

When the price for mining coal was 65 cents per ton, drivers' pay was $2.40 per day—not $2.48, as some will claim. The fall from 65 to 50 cents in the one case was equivalent to a reduction of a trifle over 23 *per cent.* Discount $2.40 in the same way and we have $1.85, per day as the equivalent of 50 cents per ton for mining.

So that the advance from $1.65 to $1.85 per day is a restoration of the drivers to the *status* occupied by them about the time the companies regained their property from the control of the Knights of Labor.

The JOURNAL intimated that some will claim that the rate was $2.48. But it ought to be remembered that although this was the price paid for a time, it was the drivers' price, not the companies'—that the companies paid it under the duress of a Knightly oligarchy—paid it because advantage was taken of their contract necessities—paid it because they could not for some time help themselves. When they recovered the management of their property, however, this was a sore that still hurt—hurt so bad that while mining wages were ultimately reduced 23 *per cent.*, drivers' wages eventually went down nearly 33⅓ *per cent.*

The step taken the other day restores par, and, compared with the past, restores equality with good prospect of permanency. For under the current order of things whoever, individually or collectively—whoever strikes, does so against, not his or their employers, *but against the consumers of their own products.*

THE Cumberland *Times* cannot understand why the JOURNAL does not participate in its solicitude for the canal after our successful campaign last fall in its behalf.

And the JOURNAL cannot imagine why the *Times* was speechless when the canal was in actual danger, and so frightened after it was saved.

However, as there are none so blind as those whose eyesight is deliberately defective, we have no hope that the *Times* will ever be able to see how small a place it has held in the public mind, either when by its silence it favored the destruction of the canal, or by its noise it plays its part in endeavoring to divert public attention from the verdict of the people against the scheme to transfer the canal to a rival of this coal region in West Virginia *via* a constitutional convention.

THERE is a plum in the governor's message for Mine Inspector Hamill:

The troubles of a few years ago in the mining region of this State have ceased to exist. * * * The yield from the Georges Creek coal field this year will be in round numbers 3,000,000 tons. This is in excess of the production of any former year by 327,000 tons. It means an outlay for labor and transportation within the State of $7,000,000 and a return of over $900 to each miner. No other coal field in the country can make such a showing. I believe the labor of Mr. C. H. Hamill, mine inspector, has been constant in the cultivation of friendly relations and mutual concessions between the companies and employees, and it is proper that I should make this statement as a testimonial to his faithful services. In this state of affairs it is to be hoped that no new questions will arise to interfere with the present prosperity of the mining region.

The governor is tolerably well posted—so well that the JOURNAL is more than half inclined to believe that he was not a member of the October grand jury.

COL. L. VICTOR BAUGHMAN, president of the canal, stated yesterday that he had made arrangements to pay the interest on the repair bonds of 1878, overdue since January, on the first of January, 1888. Bro. Oder, of the Frostburg JOURNAL, please take notice.—Cumberland *Times.*

Glad to hear it—gladder than when, last fall, somebody said that the gallant colonel sweat great drops of bilge over this very thing—that on one occasion he was asked what the harvest would be, and he answered in one of his foreign tongues—

"Damfino!"

FORTUNATELY the *Times* in its efforts for the people's good is judged by them as well as by the JOURNAL, that wont learn what the schoolboy knows—"that Paris is France, Baltimore Maryland, and Cumberland—the proper title of—the coal basin of Maryland."—Cumberland *Times.*

That is a fact. The JOURNAL cannot graduate in a school of—of—well, there is a large imported name for what we ought to say, but it has been mislaid.

THE canal hubbub affords occasion for an extravagant distribution of some very unproductive honors.

HE calls it "the Georges Creek coal field," and this makes governor Lloyd ineligible to the place which "the schoolboy" may hold on the staff of the Cumberland *Times.*

THAT is a massive tribute to the efficiency of our public school system by the Cumberland *Times*—that "the schoolboy knows—Paris is France," etc. That particular schoolboy at last grew old enough, doubtless, to become a Cumberland editor, of whom there is a surplus in the treasury of Allegany county pretensions.

"KNIGHTS OF LABOR," says a poster, "and especially those who are not members of that organization, are cordially invited to attend the lecture of John B. Rae, special organizer," etc., and etc., "in Ravenscraft's Opera House," etc., "Jan. 7, 1888." It is hoped that the indifference of our people to missionary effort here will make an impression upon Mr. Rae that will be notable on account of its heathenish profundity.

A YOUNG lady, crossed in her desire to strangle a Washington city saloon license, said to the commissioners:

The more I see of men the better I like dogs.

Better not let that sentiment gain foothold, girls, if you have any real regard for dogs.

Otherwise, the number of poodles will grow astonishingly less.

Men get very green-eyed sometimes, especially when they have to compete with pups.

GOV. LLOYD retires from the gubernatorial chair. He goes out of office after one of the manliest administrations Maryland ever enjoyed. From his defiance of the lions of impeachment right in their den down to his spirited denial of the plea to restore a fugitive from justice to the immunities of A 1 society, he has been, locally considered, a manly *man* all the way through.

His course generally has equally impressed the State with his sterling worth as an executive.

The JOURNAL hopes it has not heard the last of him in public lite.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### *AN INQUIRY.*

FROSTBURG, MD., Jan. 2, 1888.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Are you responsible for the statement in your last edition—that "A lady was baptized in the fellowship of the English Baptist church?" etc.

I have heard of being "baptised *into* Moses;" and "*into* Christ; and "*into* the Name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost," but never before of anyone being "baptized *in* the fellowship of a church!"—Acts xix, 15.

If you are not responsible, will you be so good as to have the one who furnished the *new* item of news to explain, for the benefit of the unenlightened, whether it was done with water, and, if so, how? A. B. C.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

***Personal.***—The Cumberland *News* compliments the retiring State's attorney, B. A. Richmond, in strong terms. "Substantial proof," says the *News*, "of his legal ability and watchful care is afforded in the fact that out of the large number of indictments drawn by him during his term, not a single one was quashed."

Messrs. C. A. Smeltz, of Youngstown, Ohio, and S. W. Wehn, of Everett, Pa., were at home to attend the funeral of Harry Smeltz, Wednesday, December 28.

Olin Beall and wife, of Charlestown, W. Va., are guests of Mr. B's father, Richard Beall.

Edward Donahue is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Howard Porter, of Pittsburg, Pa., is at home among his friends.

George A. Wingert, at home during the holidays, will in a few days return with his family to Asheville, N. C. In thus parting with Mr. Wingert our community will endorse the JOURNAL in saying that his removal is regarded with unfeigned regret. Mr. Wingert is a good citizen and a christian gentleman—a man useful and good wherever he lives and works.

J. Howe Delo is the guest of H. B. Shaffer.

S. M. Jones spent part of last week in Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss May McClung, of Sandy Hook, Md., visited C. H. Walker's family last week.

Among the visitors to our town during the holidays were Messrs. W. S. Hocking, of Johnstown, Pa.; John M. Oats, Meyersdale, Pa.; J. Hennicke, Chambersburg, Pa.; Charles Rhader, Cumberland; William Geesy and Charles Tracy, Wheeling, W. Va.; Dr. T. A. Cross, George E. Pearce and W. Fredlock, of Piedmont, W. Va.

Nearly seventy-five years ago there was born near the National mines, operated by Hitchins Bros., of this place, a gentleman who has achieved great success in the fields of law, politics and letters. He lives in Keokuk, Iowa, and his name is D. F. Miller. He is the acknowledged "Nestor of the Iowa Bar," and was the first representative of Iowa sent to the United States lower House of Congress. In the early portion of the current decade he wrote and published a book entitled "Rhetoric as an Art of Persuasion," which was highly eulogized by Hon. George W. McCrary, ex-Secretary of War; Judge Samuel F. Miller, of the United States Supreme Court, and Judges Dillon and Love of Iowa, as "a work of great value to all young men who contemplate devoting themselves to *any* of the learned professions, and, in fact, of great value to everybody." This book the JOURNAL had occasion to notice in its issue of February 24, 1883, and to-day the name of its author is recalled by the poem entitled "A Christmas Carol," elsewhere printed. It appeared originally in the holiday issue of the Keokuk *Democrat*, for a copy of which the JOURNAL is indebted to the venerable author. Though a long time absent from the land of his birth and the home of his youth it is evident that his memory still certifies to the universality and power of the native instinct. Should this be vivid enough there is a landscape painted in his heart far more rugged and grander in outline than that which surrounds him, for between old Dan's and the great Savage there is a vale rivaling Chamouni. However, the JOURNAL preters to conclude with a paragraph from its notice of Mr. Miller in 1883:

Aside from the considerations of pride we feel in the fact that our soil is native to a son whose career has shed lustre upon his name and fame, it is pleasing to reflect that when Mr. Miller left this valley it was then considered a wilderness without resources and impenetrable to the great civilizing agencies which have made it a garden-spot of industrial activity. Should he remember anything of this region beyond the mere fact that it is his birthplace, it is probable that the idea that an almost continuous town would ever line the banks of Georges Creek never occurred to him as in the slightest degree possible.

Captain Walter H. Villiers, a Salvation army adventurer, left Frostburg Tuesday. On that day he had rounded up quite a checkered career in this place. He had got into jail, joined three religious organizations, worked a day in a mine, fell into debt, started a lecture tour, secured two marriage licenses, caught a slap in the face by a preacher, and carried off about $100 as the price of the hiatus which his return to Europe will create in the United States. It was a speculation for him, but a number of people are glad he finally tendered this community his resignation. Let us sing:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Printing that we bought "on time."

F. F. Ennis, of Ocean mines, is messenger to the President of the State Senate.

Harry K. Wingert left Tuesday for Gettysburg, Pa.

Misses Ida Baker and Ida Frazier, of New Castle, Pa., who visited Miss Edna Munn, of Cumberland, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Eva M. Walker is visiting friends in Meyersdale, Pa.

John Keating, a popular young gentleman, has entered the firm of James Clark & Co., of Cumberland. He is a competent, accomplished business man, who has won his promotion. Taken with the other members the firm is hard to beat for cleverness.

Dr. H. C. Wilson, of this place, received the highest honors from the Albany Dental Association, representing about fifty men, as a gold-filling specialist.

William Wilderman, of Arizona, is the guest of his brother, R. M. Wilderman, of this place.

***Brevities.***—The Virginia abutment of the Potomac bridge company, an *ante bellum* corporation, opposite Point of Rocks, this State, was sold at public auction last Saturday for $500 to J. D. Baker, of Frederick, Md. This step is believed to be preliminary to the reorganization of the company and the re-erection of the bridge. The matter is of local value because of the fact that Dr T. J. Grahame, of this place, and Richard Grahame, of Garrett county, own an important interest in the property and collaterally in certain valuable rights of way. If the project to rebuild takes substantial shape these gentlemen will douptless profit largely by its success.

Hon. Louis E. McComas has forwarded to the Literary and Recreation club two volumes of the Senate Select Committee's Report on inter State Commerce, and four volumes of the Senate Select Committe's Report on Labor and Capital.

Calendars innumerable, but the dandy comes from Arthur Shriver & Co., of Cumberland, the well known and popular job printers. The firm is entitled to the JOURNAL'S warmest acknowledgements, however, for a far more expressive souvenir of the festive era of the year—one which, well used, will tell mightily on our future.

Charles F. Mayer, president of the Consolidation coal company, has subscribed for the London Illustrated *Graphic* for the year 1888 to be sent to the reading room of the Frostburg literary and recreation club.

The intelligence received last Saturday that the wages of drivers had been advanced from $1.65 to $1.85 per day was gladly received by that deserving class of our workingmen.

A beautiful editorial touching retrospect and prospect is crowded out and over into next week.

Read all the new advertisements and all Mr. Lambert's new business locals.

The Albany Dental Association is the largest organiaztion of the kind in the world. Every city ot note in this country is represented in it, and although it has been six months since Dr. H. C. Wilson has associated himself with it, he has been fortunate, not only proving his capacity to this region, but made himself known throughout the principal cities as master of the highest art in dental surgery—gold-filling. Dr. Wilson will likely discontinue erelong the work of an all-round dentist (which he is in every sense of the word,) and practice his specialty only—gold-filling.

***More from the Old Soldier.***—The JOURNAL has a letter from the Lumberton (O.) soldier, from whom several quotations were given a few weeks ago concerning his experience at Clarysville hospital during the war. Under date of Dec. 19, 1887, he adds:

I got your paper all right.

My comrade and I had not been long in the washhouse at Clarysville with the washladies when my comrade told the commander of the post that I had been selected from the company and drilled to help perform military duty in the ceremony of burying soldiers with the honors of war. Whenever, therefore, there was a soldier to bury I was called from the washhouse to aid in performing that duty. I remember one terribly cold day in April, 1862, I was out on that duty and my fingers got so awful cold after the first volley that I could not get my gun loaded before the sergeant called for the second volley, and I had to wait for the third. I don't think we got all the shots fired over that man.

I fired my gun over a good many new graves right across the railroad from the washhouse in the edge of the woods, not very far from the track. Will somebody tell me if any account was ever taken of those graves?

My comrade in the washhouse was a low, slim, man middle-aged, dark complexion and black-haired. After we rejoined our regiment he was killed in one of the battles which followed. I think we rejoined our regiment in July. We fought the battle of Bull Run August 30. When the first volley was fired on the first day of that battle my file-leader was shot, the man on each side of me fell, our orderly went down, our colonel fell from his horse with a bullet through his head: and you better bet I thought the tug of war had come the last time for me. If I thought of my little Irish woman and the washhouse at Clarysville once I did a thousand times before I got out of that scrape.

I know my little girl did a great many hard days washing at Clarysville for the government, and I was afraid she would pine away and die after she found her young soldier boy was gone. I fear she has, for I don't hear anything from her. At any rate, I hope she is happy.

Will you print this in your paper, please?

I thank you and Mr. Walker for your trouble until you are better paid.

Yours truly,

***Religious.***—The holiday visit home of Rev. J. J. Dillon, lately ordained to the priesthood, and his officiation first in his parent church, was an occasion of great interest and gratification to his numerous friends here. The ordeal was a trying one, but he mastered the situation courageously and successfully. He has been assigned to pastoral work in St. Joseph's church, Baltimore, and a recent letter to the JOURNAL leads to the belief that both he and the congregation are fortunate in the arrangement.

Jubilee services in commemoration of the payment of the church debt will be held in the M. E. Church, this place, during almost the entire day tomorrow Sunday, Jan. 8, as follows:

*Lovefeast* ..... 9 a. m
*Preaching*—By Rev. W. S Edwards, D. D., of Washington, D. C. ..... 10:30 a. m
*Platform Meeting*—L. M. Gorsuch, presiding. Addresses by Owen Hitchins and Rev's J. P. Wilson and G. G. Baker ..... 3 p. m
*Service of Song*—By the young people, Rev. G. G. Baker, chorister .. 6:30 p. m
*Preaching*—By Rev. Richard Norris, of Cumberland, Md. ..... 7:30 p. m

"To all these services," says pastor France, "everyone is cordially invited."

Rev. E. C. Jessup, of Auburn, Indiana, has accepted a call to the pastorate of St. Paul's Lutheran church, this place, and will preach his inaugural sermon on the 22d inst. J. Howe Delo, student of the Lutheran Theological College, of Philadelphia, will preach in same church to-morrow morning and evening at the usual hours.

Rev. O. F. Harshman of Salisbury, Pa., filled the English Lutheran pulpit Sunday evening.

***Society Affairs.***—District deputy grand chancellor G. Anthony installed the following officers for the current term of Frostburg City Lodge, No. 88, K. of P., Wednesday evening:

*C. C.*—William H. Crump.
*V. C.*—John Stevens.
*P.*—Theo. Sperry.
*M. E.*—Owen England.
*M. F.*—G. Anthony.
*K. of R. and S.*—Thomas Bath.
*M. at A.*—John Bowen.
*Trustee*—John Bath.
*Representative to Grand Lodge*—Samuel Bowen.
*School Committee*—Lewis Boettner, George Robb, Robert Willison.

The following tribute of respect was passed by Frostburg Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., Dec. 29:

WHEREAS, On the 19th day of December, 1887, by dispensation of Divine Providence our beloved brother, George B. Parker, was called from time to enter his eternal rest, and was buried with the honors of our Order December 21, 1887, therefore be it—

*Resolved*, That in the death of brother Geo. B. Parker this Lodge has lost a good Odd Fellow, and while we bow to the decree of an all-wise Providence, we mourn his loss and will cherish his virtues.

*Resolved*, That to the widow and bereaved family we extend the heartfelt sympathy of this Lodge.

*Resolved*, That in token of our respect for the memory of our deceased brother the members of this Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and the Lodge room be draped in mourning for the same period.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be properly engrossed and presented to the family, and a copy furnished to the FROSTBURG MINING JOURNAL for publication.

LANCELOT RICHARDSON,
GEORGE COOK,
JAMES HANSON,
Committee.

***Holiday Incidents.***—The congregation of the Main street Baptist church presented their pastor, Rev. James Miller, Dec. 26, with a magnificent gold pen and holder, (the latter upon a beautiful ebony handle,) and a very fine spring rocker. At the same time the pastor's wife received from the same good people a magnificent silver cake basket. The pastor and family are delighted with these remembrances shown by friends and are duly grateful.

To the JOURNAL there were appreciated gifts from Gus. Wm. Zeiler, the tonsorial professor; F. C. Beall, the mammoth hardware man, and Dick Wilderman, the beef anatomist on Broadway. These in addition to those named in last issue.

The boys and girls never enjoyed themselves better.

Hon. John W. Daniel, United States Senator from Virginia, favored the JOURNAL for Christmas with an elegant copy of the History of the Washington National Monument, including the proceedings at the Dedication, Feb. 21, 1885. The covers of no book enclose a greater masterpiece of English diction than Mr. Daniel's oration on that occasion.

***Political.***—The republican club recently organized in this place is reported as in a flourishing condition.

At the last republican county convention a resolution was adopted to the effect that a committee of one from each district be selected by the delegations to consider and formulate such a plan for a change in the method of representation in conventions deemed best by the committee, which is to report to the county central committee. At the first meeting J. W. Shuck, of Cumberland, was elected chairman. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 11th inst. The gentlemen named below are members of the committee:

No. 8, James H. Hose; No. 9, James Campbell; No. 10, W. B. Bradley; No. 11, Thomas Hill; No. 12, Alex. Smith; No. 13, J. E. Wilhelm; No. 15, Thomas Harris.

***County News.***—The Baptists of Eckhart made the holidays an occasion for certifying their love for their pastor, Rev. James Miller, by presenting him with a beautiful gold-head ebony cane. The head is elegantly chased and bears the following inscription:

Presented
to
Rev. James Miller
by
Members Baptist Church,
Eckhart Mines, Md.

The presentation was made December 24, and coming when and from whom it did the JOUNAL infers from the pastor's talk that no money could buy it.

***The First Shipment.***—Having so far completed the work of opening their new mine, near Midlothian, that shipments of coal might begin, the Barton and Georges Creek Valley coal company sent the first consignment to Baltimore Thursday morning. The capacity of the mine, now several hundred tons daily, will be steadily augmented. This early realization of the wishes of the company is due to the indefatigable prosecution of the work by Owen Hitchins, who is both a prominent member of the company and superintendent of its mining operations.

***A Double Marriage.***—In St. Michael's church, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1887, with solemn Mass, by Rev. D. C. DeWulf, Mr. JOSEPH RARICK, of Cumberland, and Miss ELIZABETH SCHMEIDER, of Hoffman mines. At the same place and time, by the same pastor, Mr. FRANCIS SCHMEIDER, of Hoffman mines, and Miss TESERA SCHUPFER, of Clarysville. The brides were attired alike, the grooms also and the attendants. Spectators testify that it was one of the most happy and beautiful ceremonies of the kind that ever took place in St Michael's church.

***The County's Business.***—The county commissioners met Monday, but transacted no business.

Tuesday a large number of bills were audited.

Thursday W. H. H. Bell, of Cumberland, was appointed steward of the almshouse; Dr Henry Charles physician, and George Hosken, of this place, a trustee. Owen England was re-appointed constable. The commissioners did well in stepping outside of Cumberland for at least one trustee. In doing so they could find no better man than George Hosken.

***Lecture.***—The Frostburg Literary and Recreation Club have engaged Thomas M. Taylor, of New York, to deliver a lecture in Moat's Opera House Wednesday evening, Jan. 25th. He is preceded by fine recommendations as "a pleasing speaker," "a rare humorist," and "a natural orator." The enterprise of the Club in this matter is not at all speculative, but an effort to provide literary entertainment for the people. Mr. Taylor's subject will be "Cranks," an effort replete with humorous and eloquent thought.

***No Use for a Lawyer.***—*Possible client*—I came to see you, sir, in regard to a case that is about to come up before 'squire Albright.

*Lawyer*—Well, do you wish my services? Have you consulted anyone else?

*Client*—Only 'squire A., who advised me to sue.

*Lawyer*—That will do; you don't want me. It's the other fellow that needs my services, and he needs them bad. You'll gain your case, however; make yourself easy.

***The School Board.***—In default of action by the Judges of the Circuit Court the incumbent board of school commissioners qualified and organized Monday as follows:

*President*—Thomas G. McCulloh.
*Secretary, Treasurer and Examiner*—H. G. Weimer.
*Attorney*—DeW. H. Reynolds.

Messrs. Robert Shriver and W. H. Shepherd, of Cumberland, are the other commissioners.

***Hurt in the Mine.***—James Rankin, son of Alexander Rankin, of Borden mine, a driver in New Hope mine, was painfully hurt Thursday afternoon. The thumb was cut off and he was severely bruised about the head and shoulders. It is supposed his trip ran into some timber, letting a large body of the roof down into the heading. That he got out with his life is a miracle.

***Death of a Bright Young Man.***—Harry Smeltz, son of Andrew Smeltz, of this place, died Christmas-day, aged 19 years, 4 months and 8 days. He had been ill two years. Of an amiable temperament, bright face and mind, and good habits, he enjoyed the highest esteem of all who knew him. The loss to his parents, though not unexpected, is one which evokes general sympathy.

***Circuit Court.***—The January term began Tuesday morning. Hon. Thomas G. McCulloh, of this place, was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

D. W. Sloan, States attorney-elect, was sworn in office and entered upon its duties, after which the dockets were called.

***A Crowder.***—A shoat of less than two years, reared and fattened on the Johnson farm, west of town, was sold to William Engle the other day. Thursday Mr. Engle butchered the animal and it netted 702 lbs. Beat that? If so, send in the figures properly authenticated.

***Accidents.***—Tuesday, Dec. 27, G. Berkey, of this place, fell on the ice near Johnson's lumber mill and broke a bone in one of his ankles. He will be laid up for several weeks yet.

Thursday Thomas Hill fell and sprained one of his feet very severely.

***Married.***—At the residence of J. G. Wildman, Cumberland, Md., Monday, Jan. 2, 1888, by Rev. J. P. Wilson, Mr. THOMAS POWELL and Miss ANNIE R. DENNISON, daughter of Joseph G. Dennison, all of this place.