msa_sc5130_scm12190-0277 ©Maryland State Archives

FROSTBURG MINING JOURNAL.

J. B. ODER, Editor and Proprietor. AN INDEPENDENT PAPER. $1.50 per annum—IN ADVANCE.

SEVENTEENTH YEAR.—No. 29. FROSTBURG, MD., SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1888. WHOLE No. 861.

New Advertisements.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CUMBERLAND, MD., April 2, 1888.

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

Monday, April 9, 1888,

to continue in session during the week, and longer, should the business require, for the purpose of hearing appeals, making tranfers 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 appear at this session, as no alterations in assessments will be made on said books after the adjournment of the ensuing regular appeal term.

H. M. FULLER, Clerk

April 7

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

AT a meeting of Frostburg Lodge, No. 49, I. O. O. F., held March 27, 1888, brothers R. W. Mason, Lancelot Richardson and John H. Hosken were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

At a regular meeting, April 3, 1888, the Committee having reported the following paper it was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The All Wise and Merciful Father has seen fit to remove by the hand of death from earth and its associations our friend and brother, MORGAN THOMAS, who has ever been a true and faithful Odd Fellow, a kind husband and father, and an earnest and true man in all the relations of life, therefore, be it—

Resolved, That though deprived of his bodily presence his virtues shall dwell freshly in our memory; and—

Resolved further, That, while we bow in humble submission to the divine will in the death of brother THOMAS this Lodge has lost a good and faithful member, and that we extend to the family of the deceased our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed and signed by the proper officers and presented to the family of brother THOMAS; also a copy be spread upon the minutes, and a copy presented to the MINING JOURNAL for publication; and be it further—

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

DAVID DAVIES, N. G.
April 7 JAMES HANSON, Sec.

IN MEMORIAM

AT a meeting of Frostburg City Lodge, No. 88, Knights of Pythias, held Wednesday evening, April 4, 1888, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased All-Wise Providence to call from time to eternity our beloved brother, MORGAN THOMAS, and it is the sense of this Lodge that by his death the fraternity of Pythian Knighthood has sustained the loss of one of its most useful and efficient members—

Resolved, That while we cherish the memory of his virtues we will not be unmindful of the admonitory lesson taught us by his death "that in the midst of life we are in death."

Resolved, That we sympathize sincerely with the bereaved widow and children of our deceased brother; that we hereby proffer them our heartfelt condolence in the sad and afflicting dispensation, and commend them to the gracious keeping of the God of all consolation who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb;" who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

Resolved, That the members of this Lodge wear a badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of this Lodge, and that a copy suitably printed and framed, be presented to the widow, and a copy furnished for publication in the columns of the FROSTBURG MINING JOURNAL.

WM. H. CRUMP,
WM. H. DAVIS, C. C.
J. B. WILLIAMS, THOMAS BATH,
ALFRED JEFFRIES, K. of R. & S.
Committee. [April 7

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

WHERE IS THE MAN
WHO WANTS
CLOTHING?

UNLIKE nearly all other dealers, we never have any so-called "clearance sales to make room for new stock," etc. Our goods come in and go out so fast that they are always

Fresh and Fashionable.

Come at any time. You will always find us ready for you. And we are always glad to see and wait upon you. It makes no difference whether you are a millionaire or miner, we want to know you and and treat you equally well, and show you and sell you some of the finest bargains in all our lines, which comprise

CLOTHING AND NOTIONS

IN ALL WEARS,

TRUNKS,

FURNISHING GOODS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

JOSEPH BEAR.

March 3

FOR SALE.

2 LOTS OF GROUND on Bowery street opposite W. H. Evans' store. Low price and easy terms. Inquire of the JOURNAL, Frostburg, Md. [March 24—2t*

FOR SALE!

SINGLE BUGGY and Set Single HARNESS CHEAP FOR CASH. Parties meaning business apply at the

Sept 24 JOURNAL OFFICE.

AN ACT

Providing for the appointment of Justices of the Peace for Election Districts Numbers Four, Five, Six and Fourteen in Allegany County.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint two additional Justices of the Peace in Allegany county, who shall serve at large, for Election Districts Numbers Four, Five, Six and Fourteen, constituting the City of Cumberland and vicinity.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 7th, 1888.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, ANNAPOLIS, MD, March 19, 1888.

I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a correct copy of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed January session, 1888.

W. G. PURNELL,
March 31 Secretary of the Senate.

New Advertisements.

THE
"DOMESTIC"
ALWAYS GIVES SATISFACTION.

A Few Testimonials Out of Thousands

From Frostburg Ladies:

HAVE used a "Domestic" in dressmaking three years and recently bought another I think it is by far the best sewing machine in use. Mine has never given me the least bit of trouble. I can use every attachment with ease. Miss MARY BATH, Dressmaker.

I am glad to add my recommendation of the "Domestic." "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and my "Domestic" is not only a beauty but it is simply the ladies' friend. I would not know how to get along without it. It never worries me to run it, and never worries me to use its attachments. Mrs. Dr. FITCH.

I was lucky enough to buy a "Domestic" four years ago, and as far as sewing machines trouble goes I have had none since. It has never failed when called upon to do its duty. The attachments are easily put on and used, and I can run it all day without being tired. Miss MARY SPATES, Dressmaker.

I have used a "Domestic" for tailoring and dressmaking purposes for four years. Tried several other machines but found none to please me like the "Domestic." It is equally good on heavy and light work. I have never had to call anyone to adjust or repair it since I have had it. Mrs. ANNIE EACE, Dressmaker.

The "Domestic" sewing machine I purchased of you I find all and more than you claimed for it. I would have no other. Mrs. ANNIE HARTMAN.

Gentlemen—As you know when I purchased the Domestic of you, I had on trial the Singer and New Home also. I bought your machine because of its light running, its nice set of attachments, and making so little noise, and I am not sorry I did so, for the longer I have it the better I like it. Miss CASSIE LYONS.

Gentlemen—Since buying the "Domestic" of you about four years ago I have been comparatively free from sewing machine annoyance. Before getting it I used a Singer, and have experience with many others, but I find a wide difference in favor of the "Domestic." I do not break one needle now where I used to break a dozen. I can run it all day without any unpleasant consequences. I am anxious to advise all my friends to buy a "Domestic." Mrs. WILLIAM R. PERCY.

Gentlemen—I feel that I cannot say enough in favor of the "Domestic." In my opinion it is the only machine any lady should use. It never tires me to use it, and I never break my needles and all the attachments are so easily used that it is a pleasure to work with them. All ladies who buy any other make a great mistake. Mrs. Dr. P. A. MICHAEL.

Five years of trial, and I like it better than ever; it is the delicate ladies' sewing machine. I am never tired after running the "Domestic." Mrs. Dr. J. M. PORTER.

From Lonaconing Ladies

I take pleasure in the "Domestic." I own and use one and could not be induced to use any other. To use the words I told the Singer man, "I use it because I can run it easier with one foot than I could the Singer with both." Mrs. JOHN C. DONALD.

The "Domestic" to me is like a dear friend. Have used it for four years and love it more and more the longer I have it. It is always ready to serve me. Mrs. SARAH BELL.

Let me say a good word for the "Domestic" too. I have used one four years and if I had use for forty more they would all be "Domestics." Mrs. ROBERT HAMILTON.

I want to stand upon something high and speak out loud for all to hear, I believe I say "Domestics;" would have no other. No, I am not going to and never thought of exchanging them for Singers or any other machines. Wherever I give up the good old "Domestic" I will give up sewing. Mrs. M. A. HADLEY, Dressmaker.

I am pleased to say I am using a "Domestic" sewing machine, and am perfectly delighted with it. Mrs. ISAAC BRADBURN.

If ladies would only try the "Domestic" before buying a sewing machine there would be no others sold. Mine is perfect. Mrs. JOHN CROSSER.

I have a "Domestic" that has been in constant use for three years, has never been out of order, never gave me any trouble, and runs lighter to-day than it ever did. I would have no other. Mrs. E. THOMAS, Dressmaker.

If a word of mine will do the "Domestic" any good I gladly give it. I have used many kinds but have found none to come anywhere near it for all good. Mrs. ROBERT COOK.

Seventeen years ago I purchased a "Domestic" sewing machine of Mr. Myers. After making the purchase agent selling other machines told me it would not last one year. I went to Mr. Myers and his answer was if my machine wore out before any of the others he would give me another. I have used it all these years, and those who bought others at the same time have worn out two and some of them have the third. I have recently exchanged for one of the Improved Domestics and like it very much. I would advise ladies wishing to buy a machine to buy none but the "Domestic." Mrs. ELLEN KIRKWOOD.

I have been using a "Domestic" four years. It runs light, never gets out of order, and is the machine for me. Miss ANNIE WILLIAMS.

My Domestic" sewing machine has been in constant use for three years, has given me entire satisfaction. I have used many others but never any to come near the "Domestic." I would advise all to buy none other. Mrs. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, Detmold.

I have used a "Domestic" for more than three years in dressmaking; have tried many others but find the "Domestic" far ahead of any for light running; attachments easy to use and all good points. Always ready when wanted. Miss CARRIE CREUTZBURG, Barton.

THE
Light-Running
"DOMESTIC"

CAN BE HAD OF US AT EITHER FROSTBURG, LONACONING, BARTON, CUMBERLAND, or PIEDMONT, W. VA.

Anyone wishing to buy a Sewing Machine will do themselves as well as us a favor by

TRYING A DOMESTIC

before purchasing. We take pleasure in showing their work.

MUNN & JONES,

FROSTBURG, MD.

OFFICE AT W. B. SPILL'S STORE.

April 7—4t

THE Lonaconing *Review* ought to quote the JOURNAL fully, or not attempt to refute its statements.

Three weeks ago the JOURNAL stated that the object of the restrictive proposal was to "make places for the gentlemen who have suffered bloodless martyrdom for the so-called cause of labor.' It was shown also that the proposition was also needless and absurd, because, with the men employed, only one company last year gave its miners more than five tons per day, and that the best year the region ever enjoyed. All this was put in the form of an inquiry, and the answer is another inquiry:

Thus why object so strenuously to restriction?

We will answer, though under the circumstances it appears idiotic to recognize the question as worthy of it:

1, We object because, as has been shown and not denied, that the maximum average is below the figure named in the restrictive proposal.

2. Because the people who are urging this matter have shown that they don't know what they are talking about, nor asking for, or if they do, there is a purpose behind it which will not work—at this end of the region anyhow.

3, The output of coal from this region this year will probably reach three and one-half millions tons, about its capacity. For the miners now on the rolls this will yield a *per capita* of $735, a sum which no good miner will deem too much.

Now, then, let the *Review* publish and answer these questions:

Does the *Review* estimate $735 too much for a miner to earn this year?

If it is, how much is enough, in order that the workless may divvy with those already on the rolls? $367.50? If the latter, why not restrict to, say 2½ tons per miner per day?

How the whole business drops into childishness!

The dominant fact in the case is, however—*there is no room for the employment of more miners*, unless the companies choose to inflict injustice upon the men already on their rolls.

That, in our judgment, they will not do, either voluntarily or under stress.

THE Frostburg JOURNAL has been indulging lately in more than the usual amount of venom of untruth concerning the order of the Knights of Labor. It plunges along recklessly making charges right and left that are beyond all reason. Its mission now is to ridicule an organization that has accomplished more good for the wage workers of this county than any other order in existence.—Lonaconing *Review*.

If the *Review* knows what it is talking about, why does it not specify a case of "untruth," and then *prove* it an "untruth?"

Let it also name a "reckless charge" that is "beyond all reason," and show it so.

Perhaps the JOURNAL *has* indulged ridicule, but it has been of an order that has conceived as many deceits, propagated as many false notions, nursed as many freaks and developed as many frauds as any other order that was ever dedicated to the damnation of laboring people.

The JOURNAL does not know of any other "order" with which in the accomplishment of good for the wage-workers of this region the Knights of Labor can be compared. The *Review's* remark might be admitted as true, and the admission amount to nothing.

But we do know that since the order was introduced in this region it has fathered all the starvation and sired all the beggary that have been brought upon us. And it has acknowledged its children as legitimate by sending out among the Gentiles its cry for bread—and getting it—when the order elsewhere got tired, or would not longer dole out its scanty dividends of supply.

THE four miners named above ("The Big 4") did not represent the sentiment of the great body of the Georges Creek miners, who are loud in their denunciation of such actions.—Lonaconing *Review*.

No; at least they did not represent the "loud" crowd. Had the *Review* been in the now historic Committee Room No. 8, Tuesday of last week, it would have learned who were loudly typified as the loud crowd.

NOT along ago Senator Sherman said he would "consider himself unworthy of his seat in the U. S. Senate if his opinions of several years ago are to bind his opinions now."

Yet the K. of L. idea is—once a sinner never a saint; once a K. of L. never a christian; once a striker never a workingman.

In the bright lexicon of the Noble Order there is no such term as reformation. Once a reprobate always a reprobate.

THE Lonaconing *Review* ascribes the defeat of the ventilation bill as "largely due" in part to the Frostburg JOURNAL.

How very different this statement to that of the master workmen in 1882. Then, when the JOURNAL was striking giant blows for the miners—when it went out successfully in the virgin forest of "Calaveras redwoods" for thought and diction to make their cause and contest respectable—then these jealous bloats of conceit and deceit said "the services of the JOURNAL are not worth a damn."

Now it is able to do even a small part in the defeat of a prominent legislative measure.

How values change—when the boot gets on the other leg.

More anon; that is, if anybody wants to attack the consistency of the JOURNAL. It is loaded to the muzzle with incidents of the past—biographical and historical. The assailants may take their choice; they can't stand both.

THOSE who sympathize with "The Big 4," "and their name is legion," should defend them when their mission to Annapolis is assailed. To remain silent, or attempt to palliate it, is *cowardice*, nothing less. To permit them to stand alone and bear the brunt of the bulldozing for doing that which is undeniably right—that which is for the general welfare, is mean beyond description.

This region has suffered too much already from the aggressions of the mere adventurers of labor—too much, also, from the submissive spirit of the solid men who own a permanent interest in the region.

Now is a good time to call a halt—a good time to reform—a good time to show the State and the world that there are some other people here besides Knights of Labor, who profess one thing and practice another.

Stand bravely and openly by the men who had the courage to represent at Annapolis the feeling of the majority of the people, and the real wishes of the majority of the miners themselves. Stand by them; it will pay now and hereafter, and pay legitimately.

Don't cast a thought toward the JOURNAL. It can take care of itself. The very men whom it denounces *must have it!*

"THE BIG 4" comes in for some uncomplimentary allusions.

"This was expected," say "The Big 4."

It is the penalty which virtue ever pays when it violates the laws of ignorance, says the JOURNAL, and further—

It is the reward of demerit which, in the eyes of the good and true, is the badge of honor.

The humble leader of the right is greater than the erratic head of a State.

On the other hand, the outermost disaster in the entire realm of calamity is in triumphantly doing wrong.

In effect, "The Big 4" rescued our representatives from the damnation of suicide. The latter and all their friends have been saved in spite of themselves.

The doxology ought to be sung by all—by none louder than those who undeserving it, have been pledged at least two years more of life and prosperity.

But if condemnation of "The Big 4" is to go on, please include the JOURNAL, which, though present as a paper, was, in its great dual capacity, in full sympathy with the mission of "The Big 4"—a mission which proposed the salvation of enemies as well as friends.

Yes, include the JOURNAL, and the kickers will be entitled to a jubilee when they outdo the combination.

THE Lonaconing *Review* is exceedingly jealous of "the good name of the miners," and wants to make out that the JOURNAL "casts a slur" thereon when it calls the semi-monthly pay bill the ditto spree bill.

It goes so far impliedly as to regard the JOURNAL's terms—"$1.50 *per annum in advance*"—as the capstone of reflection upon their good name.

The *Review's* published terms are simply:

$1.50 *per annum.*

Under the circumstances it is a wonder the *Review* has a price at all, and more of a marvel that it has collection agents who are instructed to be always on hand at the right spot on pay-day.

The difference between the JOURNAL and *Review*, therefore, is—the miners must have the JOURNAL, and the *Review* must run after its $1.50.

THE ventilation bill is dead—for two years, at least.

Its defeat is largely due to Messrs. John Conlon, Jethro Jeffries, James Bannatyne, John Aspinall and the Frostburg JOURNAL whom we dub "The Big Five."—Lonaconing *Review*.

Yes, dead. And two years hence the men who answer "yea" or "nay" as the 429 may desire, will not go to the Legislature. The biennial funeral for that occasion will, therefore, take place before the usual time.

The *Review* gives the JOURNAL credit it does not deserve. But if it continues naming this great paper with "The Big 4" it will enclong amount to the establishment of a combination greater than all that can be brought against us.

How that devoted House Committee on Inspections blessed the dulcet sounds which proclaimed anew the almost forgotten doctrine of goodwill among men! In other words, how beautiful upon the Alleghany mountains are the feet of the gentlemen that bring glad tidings, that publisheth peace!

It was an anthem "The Big 4" carried to the ancient city.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CORRECTION.

ECKHART MINES, April 4, 1888.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

In your extended report of the proceedings of the hearing before the House Committee on Inspections on the Mines Inspection bill I am made to say I "wanted the proposed amendments engrafted in the bill, and then wanted the bill killed."

What I did say was—I wanted the proposed amendments engrafted in the bill, and if they were not, the bill ought to be defeated.

JAMES BANNATYNE.

AN UNEASY PROBLEM.

FROSTBURG, MD., April 3, 1888.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

I noticed your facetious expression of desire last week to know my opinion of James A. Cunningham as a mining legislator.

I am quite willing to confide it to you, and since Mr. Cunningham has been frank in stating his opinion of me as mine inspector, I will endeavor to be equally candid.

One thing is sure, like myself, he retires to private life for an indefinite period, and as it is not likely he will want to work again in the *worst* mines he ever saw, even if he can get work, how he is to live on the fruits of his labor as an underground lawbuilder is more than I can figure out.

C. H. HAMILL.

A JOURNALISTIC PROPOSAL.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

The Meyersdale *Commercial*, of March 29, in its comments on the Lonaconing *Review*, very emphatically endorses my assertion that the *Review* is only a pretended advocate of the rights of labor. It says:

As the pretended champion of labor such false counsellors as the *Review* are its worst enemies.

But a more recent and practical demonstration of its insignificance, even as a recognized factor in the interest of the miners of our county, is to be drawn from the speech of C. F. Mayer in opposition to the passage of the mining bill, as delivered by him at Annapolis last week, in which he not only ignores even the existence of this so-called labor champion and official organ of sub-Division 2, K. of L., that has so long and successfully drawn rich revenue from its deluded patrons, with no effort or intention of advocating their interests—Mr. Mayer passes it by in contemptuous silence, tramples upon it, and places the conception and propagation of the mining bill upon the devoted heads of W. Baird, now peacefully engaged in raising a select breed of chickens: "a druggist of Barton," who apparently thinks the moral and physical welfare of all the people of our county are under his weak-minded guidance and protection, and last, and least, in the estimation of those who support the *Review*—because he cannot become a member of the K. of L., his profession excluding him—is "a lawyer of Cumberland." This trio then is recognized by our operators as the agitators and manufacturers of legislation for the miners, apparently working unselfishly and unremunerated, while the *Review* puffs, lauds itself, and selfishly grabs all the money, and, contrary to one of its preambles it would enforce upon others, "returns no equivalent."

I suggest a remedy for the two so-called labor sheets and republican organ of our county—that a stock company be organized to start a paper, placing men in charge of it who are in possession of intelligence, brains, honesty and energy enough to give some attention to the interests of those who support them. PARIS.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Acknowledgment.—Virginia Page, the youngest member of the JOURNAL's staff, was the recipient Monday of the handsomest Easter egg it has ever been our fortune to see. One of Lonaconing's fairest daughters thus remembers this great paper.

Changed His Name.—Friday of last week the Circuit Court passed a decree changing the names of Thomas Terrell and family, of this place, to Bath. Terrell's father died when he was young, and his mother married again, since which time he has been known by the name of his stepfather, Bath. D. W. Sloan was his attorney.

The Election.—The municipal election of Monday was a quiet affair. Only one ticket in the field, and only 176 votes polled. The returns are as below:

For Mayor—Joseph Jandorf.....173

" Councilmen—Henry J. Powell.....167
—Henry Offman.....167
—Henry Morgan.....169

The gentlemen named, with Messrs. Thomas Hill, John L. Porter and John Cook, hold-over Councilmen, will constitute the new Council.

Medical Items.—Dr. Timothy Griffith, late of Utica, N. Y., has joined Dr J. J. Jones, of this place, in the practice of medicine. Dr. G. is a brother of Mrs. Jones.

Dr. P. A. Michael has removed temporarily to the Frost mansion. His office remains, however, in the annex to the Armstrong residence on Broadway.

Dr. John Price, late of Baltimore, has located here for the practice of his profession. He is a brother of Dr. A. B. Price, and will assist the latter.

Appointments.—A telegram from Hon. John N. Benson Monday afternoon informed the JOURNAL that "all the appointments had been confirmed." Later advices show that the following are among the number:

Justices of the Peace.—Westernport—Worthington Montgomery, George W. Sheetz; Barton—William Birmingham, Patrick Cadden; Lonaconing, No. 10—C. S. Murphy, August Eichhorn, 15—D. L. Shue, John Ryan; Frostburg, No. 11—H. R. Atkinson, Clayton Purnell; 12—O. J. Moat, Noah Trimble; Mt. Savage—Joseph G. Smith, James Warren.

Registrars.—Westernport—John Hocking; Barton—Michael Naughton; Lonaconing, No. 10—John Coburn; 15—Michael Nolan; Frostburg, No. 11—W. G. Boughton; 12—John W. Arnold; Mt. Savage—James Stephens.

Notary Public.—Frostburg—Thomas G. Porter.

About Real Estate.—In a discussion this week of real estate matters with Frank C. Beall we learned that he is offering for sale at very reasonable prices and terms the remaining lots of Beall's Addition to the town of Frostburg, lying between Bowery and Maple streets, or that piece of land better known as Beall's Pasture Field.

This affords opportunities well worth the attention and careful consideration of all parties seeking such safe investments.

Now is the accepted time to secure these bargains in lots, as real estate values are steadily rising.

There are between eighty and ninety lots in this tract, and, built up, would constitute a considerable town right in the heart of the metropolis—a consummation which the JOURNAL devoutly wishes.

Brevities.—The orders for last week's JOURNAL came from far and near, and among the heaviest were from the K. of L., who say by their course "we must have it!"

Editorial paragraphs and other readables left out. Those unwithered by age will appear next week.

There is a break in the water main, corner Broadway and Frost's avenue. A good deal of the artesian is slipping away from that point of the corporate compass.

All the legislative sojourners in Annapolis are at home.

H. R. Scheller, of Pittsburg, Pa., recovered Tuesday before Judge Hoffman the custody of his nine year old son, reared by John Devore, of this place, Scheller's father-in-law. The mother of the boy was burned to death in this place about eight years ago.

A most delightful leap year party was held in Moat's Opera House last night. List next week.

Claimants to a Big Estate.—Considerable talk has been aroused by the rumor that a prominent Garrett county family would shortly lay a well-founded legal claim to a large property in New York city, originating, we believe, in a Pittsburg special to the New York *World*:

One of the early residents of New York, named Frazee, owned extensive tracts of what is now the most valuable land in the great city. The ground on which Trinity Church and Cemetery stands, and about a square to either side on Broadway, Mr. Frazee leased for ninety-nine years. This lease has now expired, and according to the notification of the New York attorneys, the property will be restored to Frazee's descendants. Frazee drifted away from New York and located in Garrett county, Md., where his descendants now constitute a numerous portion of the population. Charles F. and D. W. Frazee, of this city, are great grandsons of the original Frazee. "The value of the property is now immense," said D. W. Frazee to-day, "amounting to over $82,000,000. My brother and I have consulted Attorney Thomas, of Cumberland, Md., who will probably conduct the investigation for us. We have only to prove our descent."

The Cumberland *News* showed the above dispatch to J. W. Thomas, of that city, who "said that with the exception of a mistake in one of the names, it was correct. He was now engaged in a preliminary investigation of the case, and was not prepared to give any further facts. The names of the claimants are Charles F. and Jonas, and both are from Selbysport, Garrett county. One still resides and keeps store there, but the other is in Pittsburg. The case will turn on the proof of descent." The wives of Messrs. A. W. DeWitt and Charles H. Williams, of this place, are directly in the line of inheritance.

Personal.—Miss Emma Casebeer, of Somerset, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. George Steyer.

William Barton and sister, Miss Mollie, spent this week with friends in Keyser, W. Va.

William Payne is laid up this week by rheumatism.

Miss Julia R. Walker returned last Saturday from a lengthy visit to Latrobe, Pittsburg and Meyersdale, Pa.

Miss Helen Gordon, of Cumberland, is the guest of Miss May McCulloh.

Miss Amanda Andrews left Wednesday for her home in Moscow, after a pleasant visit to the Misses Johnson, of this place.

W. H. Hall, of Fairmont, W. Va., was a guest several days of this week of Dr. D. P. Fitch.

The old friends of D. Stroud DeWitt were suprised and gratified Wednesday to see him again in Frostburg. Twelve years ago he went to the wild and woolly west, where his career has been checkered in the usual way. Tiring of frontier life, he has returned and is now representing the house whose employment he left over a decade ago—Carroll, Adams & Co., of Baltimore.

W. R. Percy is on the street again, looking a little pale, but evidently getting well.

Business Matters.—Caspar Reichert has taken charge of D. G. Percy's drug store with a view of continuing the old and well established business which appears to belong to that location. He is an experienced druggist, and comes highly recommended as worthy of the confidence of the people.

John A. Wagner is in the room lately vacated by George Ort.

Mrs. Mary Hartman has completed the removal of her shoe store to the new room fitted up in her residence.

A number of other movements are making which will be noted later.

Andrew Smeltz has sold his saloon on Main street to William Matthews, and opened a new one on Bowery.

W. H. Evans will erect a planing mill on the Gross lot, near Pressman's. Business will begin there next week.

The water company will extend mains shortly to several dry portions of town.

No Doubt About It.—A Lonaconing gentleman sent the JOURNAL an order this week. In the course of his letter he referred to our chronicle of the victory won by "The Big 4" as follows:

I should stop to remark that you got there with both feet.

Yes, they do say it was a stroke of journalism that was never outrun in these woods.

Theatrical.—The German Arion band, assisted by a few talented local artists, will produce the beautiful drama entitled "The Child-Stealer" in Ravenscraft's Opera House Tuesday evening, April 24. Grand scenery and striking effects promised.

Journalistic.—The Baltimore Home *Journal* published last week an excellent portrait of A. S. Abell, the founder and proprietor of the Baltimore *Sun*.

Religious.—Rev. L. R. Markwood, new pastor, will preach in the M. E. Church, South, to-morrow at the usual hours.