msa_sc5130_scm12190-0588 ©Maryland State Archives

MINING JOURNAL.

J. B. ODER, Editor. AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER. $1.50 per annum—IN ADVANCE.

EIGHTEENTH YEAR.—NUMBER 50. FROSTBURG, MD., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1889. WHOLE NUMBER, 934.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE

—TO THE—

QUALIFIED VOTERS

—OF THE—

Respective Election Districts

—OF—

Allegany County, Maryland.

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICERS OF REGISTRATION for the respective election districts of Allegany county, Md., at their "September Sitting" for the year 1889, will sit from 8 o'clock a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m. on the second Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in September, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine—that is to say, on the

9th, 10th and 11th Days of September, 1889,

at the respective places hereinafter named, for the purpose of ascertaining and registering in the proper registry of voters and poll books the persons qualified to vote in their respective election districts and election precincts, and also to strike from the books those who have become disqualified.

DISTRICT No. 1—Orleans.

The officer of registration for the 1st Election district, Orleans, will sit at Piney Grove.
RANDOLPH SPRIGG,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 2—Oldtown.

The officer of registration for the 2d Election District (Oldtown) will sit at the store of John W. Carder, in Oldtown.
NEWTON M. CARDER,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 3—Flintstone.

The officer of registration for the 3d Election District (Flintstone) will sit at his residence, near Rush. OWEN McELFISH,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 4—Cumberland Canal.

The officer of registration for the 4th Election (Cumberland canal) District will sit at Christ. Renninger's storeroom, on Williams street. JOHN CRADDOCK,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 5—Cumberland Wills.

The officer of regis ration for the 5th Election District (Cumberland Wills Creek) will sit at his office, no. 18½ North Centre street, in Cumberland. JOHN L. WOLTZ,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 6—Cumberland River.

The officer of registration for the 6th election District (Cumberland River will sit at his office, No. 10 Washington street, in Cumberland. J. SEMMES DEVECMON,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 7—Rawlings.

The officer of registration for the 7th Election District (Rawlings) will sit at Rawlings' store, Rawlings station.
N. T. RAWLINGS,
Officer of Registration,

DISTRICT No. 8—Westernport.

The officer of registration for the 8th Election District (Westernport) will sit at the store of William Hocking, Main street, Westernport. WILLIAM HOCKING, Jr.,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 9—Barton.

The officer of registration for the 9th Election District (Barton) will sit at the store of John Creutzberg, Railroad street, in Barton.
MICHAEL NAUGHTON,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 10—Lonaconing.

The officer of registration for the 10th Election District (Lonaconing) will sit at the office of Cornelius S. Murphy, in Lonaconing.
JOHN COBURN,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 11—Frostburg.

The officer of registration for the 11th Election District (Frostburg) will sit at Zeller's barber shop, in Frostburg.
LEONIDAS J. PARKER,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 12—East Frostburg.

The officer of registration for the 12th Election District (East Frostburg) will sit at his office, corner Grant and Main streets, Frostburg. PHILIP PFEIFFER,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 13—Mt. Savage.

The officer of registration for the 13th Election District (Mt. Savage) will sit at his office in Stephen's store, in Mt. Savage.
JAMES STEPHENS,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 14—Cumberland Central.

The officer of registration for the 14th Election District (Cumberland Central) will sit in Precinct No. 1, at F. W. Johnson's jewelry store, 128 Baltimore street.
C. E. HAMBRIGHT,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 15—East Lonaconing.

The officer of registration for the 15th Election District (East Lonaconing) will sit at the store of P. & W. Martin, Jackson street, in Lonaconing. MICHAEL NOLAN,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 16—North Branch.

The officer of registration for the 16th Election District (North Branch) will sit at lock No. 75, North Branch.
LEWIS PEACOCK,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 17—Vale Summit.

The officer of registration for the 17th Election District (Vale Summit) will sit at B. Fagans' store, opposite Georges Creek R. R. station, Vale Summit.
F. J. McMAHON,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 18—Ocean.

The officer of registration for the 18th Election District (Ocean) will sit at his store in Midland. JAMES STAKEM,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 19—Borden Shaft.

The officer of Registration for the 19th Election District (Borden Shaft) will sit at Ward's Mills. JAMES H. WARD,
Officer of Registration.

DISTRICT No. 20—Ellerslie.

The officer of registration for the 20th Election District (Ellerslie) will sit at the Cumberland and Pensylvania railroad depot, at Corrigansville. W. S. BANCORD,
Officer of Registration.

District No. 21—Gross'.

The officer of registration for the 21st Election District (Gross') will sit at his residence, near Pleasant Grove. H. L. BOWDEN,
Officer of Registration.

District No. 22—Union Street.

The officer of registration for the 22d Election District (Union street) will sit at his store, No. 149 Baltimore street.
JOSEPH T. GREENFIELD,
Officer of Registration.

District No. 23—Decatur.

The officer of registration for the 23d Election District (Decatur) will sit at J. W. Willison's office, No. 7 Glenn street.
WILL. L. GASKILL,
Officer of Registration.

District No. 24—Eckhart.

The officer of registration for the 24th Election District (Eckhart) will sit at the store of John J. Byrnes, in Eckhart.
WM. P. SULLIVAN,
Sept 7 Officer of Registration.

New Business Locals.

Grapes for Weakly and Sickly Persons.—Many persons who are weak and sickly are at a loss to know what will restore their health. Speer's Port Wine and Unfermented Grape Juice are the best restoratives known. It is especially recommended for its purity, exquisite flavor and healthy properties. Medical men certify to its valuable medical pand blood making property. Mr. Speer has been for years engaged in preparing and perfecting this wine, and it requires a four years process before it is ready for market.—N. Y. *Baptist*. Sold by druggists.

If Sufferers from Consumption—Coughs and Colds will try Puritan Cough and Cure, they will find quick relief and permanent benefit. The medical profession declare it a remedy of the highest value. Try it. Price 25 cents. A large proportion of the diseases which cause human suffering result from derangement of the Stomach, Bowels and Liver. Dr. Lee's Liver Regulator removes all these troubles. Trial bottles free at Colborn's Drug Store.

Only a Trial Necessary.—To show you what Red Cloud Liver Berries will do for diseases of the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. They cleanse the system effectually so that pure blood, refreshing sleep, health and strength surely follow. Trial package free at Colborn's drug store.

A Glorious Record.—Since the introduction of the famous Puritan Cough and Consumption Cure in this vicinity the death rate from Consumption has decreased wonderfully; it never fails to effect a cure. Price 25 cents. Try it. Dr. Lee's Regulator has done more to relieve the sufferings of mankind than all other medicines. It cures all Stomach and Liver troubles. Trial bottles free at R. G. Colborn's Drug Store.

A Sound Legal Opinion.—E. Bainbridge Monday, Esq., County Atty. Clay Co., Tex. says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

Mr. D. L. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., adds a like testimony, saying: He positively believes he would have died, had it not been for Electric Bitters.

This great remedy will ward off, as we'l as cure all Malaria Diseases, and for all Kidney, Liver and Stomach Disorders stands unequaled. Price 50 cents and $1 at Colborn's.

When you visit Baltimore **stop at the Maltby House**, where will be found first-class accommodations at very low rates.

New Advertisements.

RAVENSCRAFT'S OPERA HOUSE.

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

FRIDAY, - - - SEPT. 13

STETSON'S

MAMMOTH - - - SPECTACULAR

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN COMPANY

2 BRASS BANDS, white and colored. Grand Double Orchestra, white and colored. 2 funny Topsys. 2 comical Marks. Exciting Ice and Steamboat Scenes. Genuine Cotton Picking Scene. Grand Final Transformation. Death of Uncle Tom and Eva's Ascension to Heaven. 6 complete Acts. Nothing omitted.

Incidental to the drama the following pleasing specialties will be introduced: Stetson's Lone Star Quartette, the Original African Students, Kersand's Jubilee Singers; also Amy Arlington, America's Representative Snake Enchantress, who will give a Thrilling Exhibition with Boa Constrictors, Anacondas and other large snakes. [Sept 7

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

PRIVATE SALE.

THE undersigned offers at private sale that valuable **REAL ESTATE**, situate in Eckhart, known as the

"HOUSER HEIRS' PROPERTY,"

consisting of a DWELLING HOUSE and several acres of land. House has 9 rooms, and ground is improved by the necessary outbuildings—all in excellent condition.

To anyone desiring a comfortable residence this property will meet all reasonable wishes.

If not sold at private sale before

Monday, Sept. 23, 1889,

AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

the property will on that day and hour be offered on the premises at

PUBLIC SALE FOR CASH.

For further information intending purchasers may apply to D. J. WILLIAMS or JOSEPH HOUSER, of Frostburg, Md.

DAVID SCHELLER,
Aug 17 Attorney for heirs.

BOOK STORE.

WEDDING, Birthday and Anniversary Gifts, Fine Books and Stationery, Engravings, Etchings, Elegant Goods in Leather, Dressing Cases, Gold Pens, Cut Glass Novelties, Odd Pieces of Fine China and Bric-a-brac of all kinds at

JNO. A. FULTON & CO.,
Bookstore opposite postoffice,
Jan 12 **Cumberland, Md.**

FOR SHERIFF.

I AM a candidate for SHERIFF of ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD., subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention. [Aug 31] JOHN PFEIFFER.

FOR SHERIFF.

I RESPECTFULLY announce myself as a candidate for SHERIFF of ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD., subject to the decision of the Republican nominating convention.

Aug 17 E. E. ANTHONY.

FOR SHERIFF,

C. M. KING, subject to the decision of the Republican County Nominating Convention. [July 27

Notice to the Taxpayers

—OF THE—

Town of Frostburg.

TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES for the year 1889-90

ARE NOW DUE.

By action of the Council a discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed on all taxes paid on or before July 15th, 3 per cent. on all paid on or before August 15th, after which no discount will be allowed.

By an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, Chapter 156 of the Acts of 1888, taxes are a lien on the property of the party taxed, and on all taxes remaining unpaid for *three* months after the same shall have been levied the Bailiff shall charge and collect interest *from the date of the levy* at the rate of *six per cent.* per annum.

ALBERT SPITZNAS,
June 15, 1889 Bailiff

THE uptown people of Frostburg have had some opportunity this week to see what our water supply amounts to when a little drought strikes this section.

On Broadway the hydrants have furnished barely enough for household purposes, and on Main street there is no water for sprinkling.

It may be stated also that the little water we have is fit only for waste. It is so hard that it will not wash without great and unpleasant effort. Indeed, the brilliant artesian scheme of the present water company ruined the town's supply the year round. No matter how plentiful it has been since the wells were sunk, our water, once so soft and palatable, is hard and repellent to the taste. The overflow of the springs is drowned and deadened by the effusion of the wells. The soft surface water of the mountain side, once our joy in all respects save in the lack of supply, is destroyed by the infusion of a mineral which decomposes soap and does not satisfy thirst.

But were our water supply all that we could ask in quality, the quantity is wholly inadequate.

Suppose a fire should break out now, what means of extinction have we? Everything but water.

Does it not occur to our leading people that it is time they set about looking for some means of water supply outside of what we have? Or, if they rest in the hope that the company will meet the popular demand for more and better water, on what is that hope grounded? What has the company ever done that it was not compelled to do by a popular movement? We scared them so bad a few years ago by an election, which, although it went against the interest of the town, the company at once gave us more water, but worse. And even now, force them to it and they will give us more of the worst.

That crowd (we don't know who they are) is too stingy to give the people what they want and are willing to pay for. Moreover, it is too lazy. The people of Frostburg might almost adopt the Declaration of Independence—that great instrument of indictment of King George—against the water company, and it would fall on ears just as listless as were the old monarch's.

So that, as Patrick Henry yelled, "there is no hope but in war!" and our leading men should start it by some movement looking to more water and *better* water.

Now is the time to begin agitation. Next week commence *action*.

WHAT an unenviable position the registrars must occupy—even in their own eyes. When all are in the "round-up," there is Hambright who can say—

Fellers, you all have a big H on you—all 'cept me. My proprietary mark is A.

Fellers, there is not a "Maverick" among you; all are branded and emasculated.

Fellers, in the language of Scripture, you are all mine, and I'm Averitt's.

THE report from the headquarters of both parties is—

"The slates are made."

That is to say, the nominees for the offices to be filled this fall have been selected by the bosses, and all that is wanting is for the conventions to ratify them.

It is difficult to conclude that this is wholly true, but not that it is partly true.

At any rate, there is the more reason why *the people* should attend the primaries and take a hand in making up tickets of men who will give good and cheap administration.

Now, we want five men to represent the county in the next Legislature, and they should be more than ordinary men. This thing of picking up *anybody* and sending him to Annapolis is a disgrace to the county. It is time that Allegany had ceased to be the laughing stock for the rest of the State. The county has the men, plenty of them, of real legislative ability. Why ignore them and patronize the buffoon whose only possible claim on the party is—"he wants to go?"

Then we want five commissioners—five Andrew Jacksons, if we have them. We want five men who will *audit* the bills against the county *according to law*, not pass every extortionate and illegal charge that presents itself.

The county, outside of Cumberland, is particularly concerned in this. Cumberland is interested in having taxes and the tax levy high as possible. Cumberland gets back every solitary cent of taxes she pays, and then absorbs about 50 *per cent.* of what the county pays. So that the higher the taxes the bigger the speculation for Cumberland. There is then little or no conscience in a Cumberland claim against the county.

Hence, we want five commissioners who have enough backbone to stand immovable as Gibraltar against all Cumberland blandishments and threats. One such man, two, three, four will not answer—we want five. Can they be found?

Not one inside Cumberland.

WANTED. — By the water company — a thousand dollar rain.

By the people of Frostburg—a twenty-five thousand dollar water supply.

"WHEN Mr. Cleveland's name is mentioned for 1892," writes a chronicler, "Mr. Gorman looks into space and whistles dubiously."

Mr. Gorman imposed Eugene Higgins upon Mr. Cleveland, and has never been able to forgive Mr. Cleveland for it. He put Morris Thomas on him also, and between the two it is likely Mr. Cleveland is guilty of a sin which Mr. Gorman will never be able to pardon.

He could not load Morris on the people of Baltimore, however, for one of the court clerkships, and the consequence is he will doubtless regard Baltimore as not guilty.

Mr. Thomas' fate furnishes the real lesson of the hour—in Allegany county as well as in Baltimore. Any man known as an adherent of Mr. Gorman, *who goes before the people*, will go down certainly as fate has fixed a doom for all voluntary factionists.

In the selection of nominees for the Senate and House of Delegates in this county, therefore, it will be to the interest of the democratic party to nominate candidates who wear no collar—

fell no story,
But with whom to be honest men
Is enough of glory.

As an individual the JOURNAL resides on Broadway, and it wants to call the attention of our Mayor and Council to the condition of that great thoroughfare, the second in importance in the town.

It is now the roughest street in town, and there is a good reason for it.

In 1887-8 there were $9.12 spent by the town on that street, and in 1888-9 $55.65; in both years $64.77.

In the same time there were spent on Bowery $1,081.68.

Even on Oak street the expenditures for same time amounted to $100.98, and on Water street to $119.65.

It does not make any difference what the open reasons for these partialities are. We do know that Broadway has been neglected and that the street shows it. We know also that the Mayor and Council owe it to the people on that street to put it in good condition.

To this end the JOURNAL would like to join all the property-owners on that street in a march to the Council Chamber next Monday evening to respectfully lay this case and our wishes before that honorable body.

What say you, people of Broadway? There are Percy, Bepler, Wagner, Ravenscraft, Price, Wehner, Holle, Yungerman, Wilderman, Jeffries, Knode, Preston, Ford, Eckhorn, Armstrong, Alexander, Spates, Hamill, Parker, Williams, Morgan and Clice, representing nearly all the properties on that street, who are interested in getting a proper share of the taxes they pay spent where they belong. Why, citizens, in the last two years you have gotten only a fraction over 2 *per cent.* of all the money spent on the streets in Frostburg. Meanwhile, Bowery got over 34 *per cent.*

Gentlemen, organize this movement to-day and Monday, and let us all be at the Council Chamber Monday evening, whether we go together or not. It is our right to do so, and it is our duty.

What do we want?

We want Broadway liberally macadamized.

THE notice of registration put up by the registrar of No. 11 is a horrible specimen of printing. Excepting the line "Registration," there is hardly a respectable font of type represented in it. No wonder there is no imprint upon it.

It is mashed in on white paper, however, which, carefully scrutinized, will be found to embody in water colors the figure of a hog's snout, in an attitude of supplication—asking for more election districts.

THE Frostburg correspondent of the Lonaconing *Review* should keep his memory from wobbling when he describes big floods. He saw a tall man "stemming the tide owing to the swiftness and depth of the water." Then Jack Hart went up the stream "with a raft," and so on.

Now, what kind of a torrent was this?

The correspondent says that when the miners reached it "that it was instant death to venture further."

Yet Meem staggered against it successfully, and Hart navigated it up stream "*with a raft!*"

The truth of the matter is, the water was at no time over three feet deep, and among the exaggerations which have distinguished the reports of this incident none have beaten the *Review* correspondent's blood-curdling refutation of the Cumberland *Times'* column of hyperbole.

Born the Cumberland *Times* and *Courier* put to it for evasions, have availed themselves of that bankrupt newspaper retort of "thanks for the JOURNAL's advertising."

We shall probably give them occasion for returning more thanks than they can shake a stick at, for we shall frequently allude to the *Times* in a way so *delonaix* that its circulation will go up to 212°.

And as to the *Courier*—we can say almost any time that it is as bright as a ham.

THE democratic convention met in Cumberland Tuesday and took the practical steps toward re-nominating Colonel Leonidas Victor Baughman for Comptroller.

It is such foolishness as this that is steadily reducing the democratic majority in Maryland.

Indeed, the only hope the party has in this fall's contest is in the prohibition vote.

Let that element fall back into its normal republican moorings and the revolt against Mr. Gorman's *proteges* will swamp the democratic State ticket under an adverse majority of not less than 4,000.

Victor, prohibition threatens to be thy Mascot.

SUNDRY people in divers places in the regions roundabout marvel exceedingly wherefore the Cumberland *Times* and *Courier* are silent wherewithal concerning the matter lately in contention.

Such Samaritans should hold their peace, for it is written—

Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder? or squealeth the swinette when he hath all the mast?

TOWN HAPPENINGS.

Personal.—Miss Lizzie Donohue is visiting friends in Pittsburg, Pa.

W. G. Boughton and family, for several weeks guests of W. H. Parker, left Tuesday for their home in Hagerstown.

Miss Katie Quinn, of Ocean, spent several days this week with Miss Teresa Donohue.

The result of the last examination of Thomas Hill's as a mail messenger was very nearly 99 *per cent.* Good showing for a new man.

George Stern left Monday to enter Lehigh University, Pa. He was accompanied by his father, who will utilize the trip in buying new goods.

Miss May Frey left on Saturday for Allegheny City, Pa., where she will attend school.

Misses Jennie and Rose Haberlein spent several days this week with Lonaconing friends.

Misses Carrie and Effie Shaffer left Wednesday to visit friends in Hagerstown.

Miss Annie Peebles, of Lonaconing, spent last Saturday with Miss Lizzie Edwards.

O. H. Rynex and D. E. Sharretts arrived here Monday, having made the trip from Washington city to Cumberland by bicycle.

Arthur F. Smith was awarded the free scholarship in the Western Maryland College last week.

Dr. J. M. Porter and wife are visiting friends in Lonaconing.

J. B. Williams has returned from Rutland, Vermont, where he purchased a large stock of marble. It is believed that memorial work will be supplied by his yards cheaper than ever.

Big Things.—The rescue of 43 miners by H. G. Meem.

The improvements at the schoolhouse.

The new icepond at the reservoir.

The stack of home made flannels in Hitchins Bros.' store.

The registration-printing "combine."

The improvements in the auditorium of St. Michael's Catholic church.

Some of the puffs of candidates for the Legislature.

George Washington's "reputation for truth and veracity."

The number of candidates for office this fall.

The stock of goods B. Stern & Co. will get in before pay.

The Marcus Terentius Varro of the Cumberland *Times*.

Frostburg's failure to see the occultation of Jupiter Tuesday evening.

The war that is springing up between Lonaconing and Barton.

The Lonaconing *Star's* Garlitz execution extra.

The Frostburg letter in the Lonaconing *Review* yesterday.

Last Will and Testament.—The will of the late Miss Margaret Steyer, which bears the date of January 12, 1886, disposes of her worldly effects as follows:

To her friend, John S. Grove, she gives $1,000.

To her cousin and housekeeper, Miss Hannah Humberstone, $500.

To her cousin and *protege*, Flora Humberstone, $200.

To her little friend and namesake, Margaret Grove, $200.

To Rachael Dorsey, colored, whom she reared from infancy, $200.

She appointed John S. Grove her executor and gave to him the residue of her estate.

In the body of the will is contained the following memorandum:

As I recently deeded to Mrs. Henrietta Steyer, wife of my brother, George, a valuable property in the town of Frostburg that cost me $1,200, I leave her nothing in this will, deeming that enough, and as I also deeded to my nephews and nieces, children of my deceased brother, Absalom, the property in which I now live (except that part conveyed by me to John S. Grove in trust by deed dated the 23d day of March, 1886,) I leave them nothing further by this will, they being well to do in life. My other nephews and nieces I do not or scarcely know, though I believe there are quite a number of them.

Uncle Tom's Cabin.—The Sunday *News* of August 25 says:

Quite a large audience greeted Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company at Music Hall last evening, and all appeared to be delighted with the performance. The cast included a number of lively people who gave unusual spirit to the familiar portions of the well-known drama. In "Eliza's" escape the trained blood-hounds assisted in lending thrilling features to the play. One of the most attractive features of the evening was the music furnished by a male quartette of jubilee singers, and they were obliged to respond to repeated recalls from the enthusiastic audience. The two "Marks" and two "Topsys" helped to supply the funny features of the play.

See advertisement for Ravenscraft's Opera House, this place.

Zeller's Baths.—The enterprise of our leading barber, Gus. Wm. Zeller, has taken new shape in the erection of hot and cold bath appurtenances. The apparatus consists of a furnace, reservoir, etc., which, being put in operation, quickly heat the water and send it to the baths by communicating pipes. The supply of water is taken from the Frostburg water company, just now bankrupt in a watery sense. But when water is plentiful Gus. can afford a customer an exhilarating and healthy exercise. There are absolutely no flies traveling around on Gus.

Fishing Party.—Messrs. John L. Heintz, W. Scott Burton, Scott Porter, Max Hamilton, W. H. Koch, John W. Purdy, Robert Hart, August Eickhorn and James Aspinall returned from a fishing tour over in the South Branch Thursday evening. One of the party had promised his share of the returns to the JOURNAL, but at the hour of going to press the great paper is fishless.

Summer Guests.—The following summer visitors have arrived in Frostburg this week. Those stopping at Mountain View Cottages are:

Washington, D. C.—Otto de la Camp, F. Finch, Miss E. C. Brents.
Ely Stock Company.
Pensacola, Fla.—Mrs. Ernest O. Saltmarsh, child and nurse.
Rev. G. A. Schwedes and wife.

Religious.—The second quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church, South, will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at Emanuel, near Johnson's. No service will be held at the church in this place in the morning, but preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. S. G. Ferguson, presiding elder.

Changes.—C. B. Wack will shortly occupy the "Tunnel House; his residence will be taken by Messrs. Deekens and Meem, and the latter's, the R. C. Paul property, will be occupied by W. B. Redgrave.

Brevities.—Company D and the Fire Company will visit Baltimore next week.

GENERAL NEWS.

Western Observations.—A lovely stretch of country is that above the mouth of the Sun river along the Missouri and on through the Prickly Pear canon to Helena.

Western cooking is generally very good, and tender meats the rule. Occasionally, however, we will strike a beefsteak "all-wool, a yard wide and fireproof."

Shortly before going to the northwest the Sweet Grass hills silver find had taken place. At Fort Benton we saw a couple men who had been there, and whose reports were very cheering as to the prospects of great results, but discouraging when they spoke of the style of "roughing it" there. The hills are a long way from bases of supply. But this has been the case from time immemorial. Look at Helena, for instance. No place was further in the wilds at one time than Helena, then called Last Chance. But the men who first went there and stuck to the place are now many of them the millionaires of the place.

Western towns of inferior size are far ahead in municipal enterprise of eastern places. Fort Benton, with only 800 people, has two big banks—one national, the other a private bank, with T. C. Power as its president. (Mr. Power, by the way, is the republican nominee for governor of the *State* of Montana.) The town has also a system complete each of electric lighting and water works, all of which are directly or indirectly sources of profit to the place. What we say of Benton is true of places even smaller.

Large bricks of slag are one of the items of output at the Parrot mine, Butte. The bricks are considerably larger than the size with which we are acquainted; hence a bricklayer can make a little work show very big. If there is anything imperishable, it is a brick of slag. Mr. Gaylord, of the Parrot company, has built himself a residence in Butte of this material. Dark and lustrous, these blocks make his homestead one of the city's points of interest.

To the stockraiser there is no finer field in the world than Montana. The grass is particularly nutritious, as much so in winter as in summer. No matter what season is current the cattle eat it with equal relish and profit. The result is—the cattle rarely if ever, fail to grow in value. It is one of the Montanian's financial maxims that "interest on the capital invested stops whenever the cattle cease to thrive." There is another thing about the business that makes it attractive to newcomers—those already on the ground and in the business do not regard the advent of new growers as competitors, or interlopers. On the contrary, they are welcomed as so many factors making easier and greater the general result. The same is true of the agriculturists.

By the way, the wheatgrower has in Montana almost unlimited range for his specialty. Land for him is as plentiful as for the herder. Wheat sown early in the spring near Great Falls has produced various yields according to previous cultivation of ground from 38 to 51 bushels per acre.

The same soil will produce oats, barley, potatoes, etc., in the same prolific manner.

And as the country fills there will be a growing demand for miners to bring the great fields of coal to the surface for use.

The best localities for stock-raising are in the Milk river valley and in the vicinities of Fort Benton and Great Falls.

For farming purposes there are eligible locations all over the territory, though the country round about Great Falls appeared to be the most favored by nature of all we saw. At Big Sandy, we understand, there is much fine land in sight of the railroad yet untaken.

For the most part the lands to which we refer are not irrigated, and the results obtained are from cultivation alone. They are also comparatively well timbered and within easy reach of good and cheap coal.

It is on record, too, that although the farthest north of the Rocky mountain territories it is warmer in winter than any of its sisters. This is due to two causes (1) the lower general elevation of Montana—an average of 2,500 feet lower than Colorado, (2) the winds, warmed by the tropical currents of the Pacific, reach Montana by a peculiar combination of "breaks" in the Rockies which furnish a free inlet for rushing volumes of warm air.

There are 32,000,000 acres of land in Montana susceptible of cultivation.

Montana produced nearly $40,500,000 in gold, silver, lead and copper last year; in wool $1,600,000; beef, mutton, etc., $30,000,000—in all $71,000,000, or $500 produced for each man, woman and child.

The new State has within its borders the most prolific mining centre of the world (Butte,) and with over $8,000,000 in the Helena banks, it has the richest city *per capita* on the globe.

But with all this, the Northwest is in its earliest infancy. People in the east—the millions of the States—even the most enlightened, have formed no approximate conception of Montana resources. But we predict here and now that the day is not very far distant when Montana will outstrip any State in the union in the variety as well as value of its products. Great fortunes have been made there, but there are more and greater ones for those who are there and those who go. Where and how they are to be made we do not know, but the chances for early-goers, the watchers and waiters grow more numerous as the means of transit are penetrating deeper and deeper into the wilds. To go early and to watch and wait are not all. The pioneer must *work* and be content to "*rough it*." Some may succeed without all this, but the average fortune-seeker reaches his goal through tribulation long and great.

In many parts of Montana as in the Dakotahs irrigation is one of the problems to deal with. It is not improbable, therefore, that the talk of governmental aid in this direction will result in something tangible not many years hence. A scheme which contemplates lifting the Missouri from its bed into gigantic reservoirs, to be thence distributed by a system of lateral canals would make the Dakotahs a garden spot. Now, if the rains default in the slightest when needed, goodbye to nearly everything but grass.

North Dakotah is a beautiful State, with many evidences of solid growth dotting the country. In the winter it is said to be cold, the winds being frequently fierce and sharp enough to cut a man off close to the ground. "But with irrigation," says the Dakotah farmer, "the wind may blow. I'll get solid enough during summer to stand all the 'blows' of winter."

Speaking awhile ago of the low general average of Montana as compared with the Rocky Mountain territories, the altitude is still high compared with ours. Fort Benton is 1,250 feet higher than Frostburg; Helena is twice as high as Frostburg and 638 feet more.

As a rule the western hotel is superior to the eastern. With all their provisions costing more, they give better fare and service for about the same money.

Among pleasant acquaintances made was William Hawk, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain telegraph company at Fort Benton. He is a nephew of A. A. Rogers, formerly of this place. Mr. Hawk is a young man of pleasing manners and fine business address. He stands well in the west as he deserves.

Through Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri wonderful crops of wheat had been gathered, and great fields of corn are growing.

A unique character was overlooked in the Kansas City letter. His name is "Nig," a Virginian by birth, "puke" by adoption. He lies on the perch during the warm weather, snaps flies and bites for fleas. If he sees anyone come in the gate with a bundle or parcel it is all right and he smiles and wags a welcome—unless the messenger be a colored voter. Then the proceeding is all wrong and "Nig" goes for the collar of the darkey's pants. The same is true of anyone, white or black, who comes with a paper in his hand. All such, "Nig," imagines, come to take something without leaving an equivalent—such as water rent, gas collectors, etc. If "Nig," had the running of the house he would pay out not a cent. He seems to understand the difference between taking in and paying out money, and manifests his pleasure or displeasure very decidedly as he thinks the exchange is going for or against the house. The iceman was welcome so long as he brought great chunks of ice to the kitchen, but one day he came around collecting, and, papers in hand, entered the same old gate, when horrors! "Nig," met him defiantly halfway between gate and door! And there he held the surprised and terrified iceman until someone came and sent "Nig," to the rear so that the deal could be closed. Next morning he accepted the ice from the young man with every mark of approval. Among his numerous acquaintances he is known as a colored repudiator of the deepest dye.

The JOURNAL also met Hon. J. M. Gundlach, a well-known statesman and whoop-'em-up of Kansas city. Mr. Gundlach is only "one of a kind," and therefore immensely popular with all the evangelists in his district. He is a strict republican and stands so strong with President Harrison and Secretary Windom that there is but one influence that outreaches him, viz: the regular wing of the democratic party in Maryland. He has promised the JOURNAL a call when he comes east to measure swords with Gorman, Davis, *et id genus omne* at the White House.

[A few more to follow.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Theo. A. Miller for House of Delegates

To the MINING JOURNAL.

In the Cumberland *News* of the 3d inst. I noticed that Theodore A. Miller, of Frostburg, was recommended as a strong candidate for the House of Delegates.

I heartily endorse that recommendation, as I think he is the strongest man that the republicans could bring out.

Some years ago I was in a convention to which Miller came with 7 districts, and they stood by him through 9 ballots. His own districts, 11 and 12, through some trouble at the primaries, did not vote for him, but I have heard the delegates say since that it would have been better had they supported Miller.

So that now, as then, he is the right man for the place, and I earnestly recommend his nomination by the republican county convention.

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN.

COUNTY NEWS.

Political.—Democratic primaries were held Saturday evening and delegates were elected as follows for the districts named:

11.—Dr. A. B. Price, J. L. Porter, G. Wash. McCulloh, William Donahue, Aug. Eichorn.
12.—Patrick McGann, Adam Krouse, James McAlister, Jacob Nairn, John Pfeiffer.
17.—Michael Finn, Philip Brode, Thomas Pryle, William Flynn, Peter Kane.
18.—Frank Ryan, Frank F. Ennis, James Stakem, Philip McMahon, William Phillips.
19.—J. P. McKenzie, George Tippen, P. W. Coleman, William Grimes, Edward Kinney.
21.—George Rephon, William Nelson, P. O'Rourke, W. Hilton, J. W. Arnold.

The convention met in Cumberland Tuesday. Dr. M. A. R. F. Carr presided, and Messrs. Simon Wilson, Alexander King, August Eichorn, sr., N. P. J. Scheermesser, J. N. Benson, Daniel Annan, Wm. Kornoff, J. S. Jameson, Frank Ennis and E. Mulvaney, were elected delegates to the State convention.

A correspondent elsewhere eulogizes Theodore A. Miller for the House of Delegates.

John Pfeiffer, candidate for the democratic nomination for Sheriff, denies in a published card a report that in 1887 he did not support the democratic nominee for the same office.