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New Advertisements.

Holiday Goods!

Staple and Artistic Articles,
SUITABLE FOR
Christmas Gifts,

WILL be opened and displayed for public inspection next week.

We shall offer inducements on a line of goods adapted for

House Decoration

HITCHINS BROS.

Dec 7

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

1889 1889

Always Leads!

NEVER FOLLOWS!

THE latest and greatest attraction in the town of Frostburg is

JOHN CHAMBERS'
Toy and Confectionery Store.

The Grand Opening took place Saturday evening, Nov. 23. Hundreds of our citizens congregated about the show windows, which are the most attractive in town, and lingered until a late hour. It was generally conceded by impartial observers that both in stock and variety of

Toys, Hobby-horses, Wagons, Sleds, Dolls, Notions and Confectionery,

The collection, assortment and display of goods in this store are second to none in the business.

Outside of the goods named I have also the finest line of

Tobaccos, Cigars, Cigarettes and Pipes,

ever placed on sale in the town of Frostburg.

☞Every purchaser of $1 worth of goods will be given a chance *free* on a beautiful PARLOR (8-DAY) CLOCK, which will be raffled on New Year's Day and delivered to the lucky winner.

To the little Boys and Girls:

Santa Claus has established his postoffice at Chambers' store from now until New Year's Day, where all letters for old Santa must be left. Any little girl or boy, therefore, who will write a letter to Santa Claus and leave it at Chambers' Toy Store will get a nice present on the morning of Christmas day.

☞Watch the show windows every day if you want to see things you never saw before.

Don't Forget the Place:
JOHN CHAMBERS,
Opposite Marble Yard,
Nov 30 Frostburg, Md.

Fair and Festival
—IN—
RAVENSCRAFT'S OPERA HOUSE,
BEGINNING
Saturday, December 21, 1889,
AND ENDING
Wednesday, January 1, 1890,
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
Frostburg Fire Department, No. 1.

ALL the Entertainments, Amusements and Refreshments usual to such occasions will be amply provided. Besides which many very pretty features, entirely new to this community, will be introduced. Chief among these will be the

Appearance of Old Santa Claus Himself about 2:30 p. m.,

CHRISTMAS DAY,
For the Especial Delight and Benefit of the Children.

A Mammoth CHRISTMAS TREE,
HEAVILY LADEN WITH GIFTS,
previously supplied by Santa Claus, will also be displayed, and every boy and girl present under 12 years of age will obtain a pretty gift from the

BEAUTIFUL TREE.

A most enjoyable series of evenings—no two provided for alike—is anticipated.

Nov 30—2t COMMITTEE.

LOTS FOR SALE.

Two Vacant Lots,

DESCRIBED in deed from Anthony Barrett and wife to Mary Tigue, recorded in Liber T. L., No. 67, folio 272, one of the Land Records of Allegany county, as

Lots No.'s 2 and 3 of Beall's 1st Addition to Frostburg,

Situate on Bowery street, Frostburg, opposite W. H. Evans' store.

These are valuable Lots, well located and eligible as building sites either for dwellings or business houses.

For information as to terms, etc., apply to
Nov 30 JOHN KIRBY.

NEW YORK THEATRE CO.

RAVENSCRAFT'S OPERA HOUSE.

ONE WEEK.
Commencing Monday, Dec. 9.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME NIGHTLY.

POPULAR PRICES:
ADMISSION.....10, 20, 30 CENTS

OPENING NIGHT:
OUR WILDCAT

Reserved seats on sale at George J. Conner's bookstore. [Dec 7

Have You Come to Stay
AND
Please the People?

Dr. J. M. HANWAY'S
DENTAL PARLORS
AT
St. Cloud Hotel, Frostburg, Md.

I AM now prepared to insert those beautiful and durable Sets of Teeth that cannot be detected from natural ones for $5 50 & $8! the best for $8 a Set. No better made, no matter how much you pay. ☞Look here:

Teeth extracted for.....25 cents
" " with Gas or Vapor..50 "
" filled with silver for 75c. and upwards
" " " Amalgam 50c. " "
" " " Gold for....$1 " "
" cleaned for.....75c. " "

Gold Filling a Specialty.
Teeth Filled Without Pain.

We Never Wedge the Teeth Before Filling Them.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain
By use of Gas or Vapor, made fresh every day and perfectly harmless.

All work guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction
Office hours from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Dec 7

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

First National Bank of Frostburg

Treasury Department,
OFFICE OF
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 5th, 1889.

WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FROSTBURG, in the borough of Frostburg, in the county of Allegany, and State of Maryland, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking:

Now therefore I, Jesse D. Abrahams, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FROSTBURG, in the borough of Frostburg, in the county of Allegany, and State of Maryland, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

SEAL. In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this 4th day of November, 1889.

J. D. ABRAHAMS,
Deputy and Acting
Comptroller of the Currency.

[No. 4149.]
Nov 9—3t

DENTISTRY.

Dr. T. S. McELFISH,
GRADUATE of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, has located permanently in this place (Frostburg,) occupying rooms lately vacated by Dr. H. C. Wilson, and is now practising DENTISTRY. All work at reasonable rates and satisfaction guaranteed. [Oct 26

☞GO TO
Wolfe Bros.
—FOR—
ROOFING, SPOUTING, AND GENERAL REPAIRING.
Mar 9

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BARGAINS

TWO SECOND-HAND WAGONS FOR SALE:

1 one-horse Wagon.
1 two- " "

Apply to FRANK C. BEALL,
May 18 The Hardware and Stove Man.

THE object of the Almighty in creating the Georges Creek coal region is, or was one of the mysteries which has challenged the profoundest study of coal-bred scholars.

For a long time it was thought by many that the Knights of Labor were the beneficiaries in view, and a number still think so. It is the old argument of the infant's yearning and the answering maternal supply all over again.

But not a few have differed with the Noble Order of North America on this subject, naughty and reckless as all disagreements with that elect guild are apprehended to be. These, however, are aliens, and hence not subject to the clashes which diverse views of creative purpose produce in the same neighborhood.

The doctrine that the region was created for Cumberland is, in fact, older and more firmly established in the Cumberland mind than the possessive case on the part of the Knights of Labor ever implied. On this subject Cumberland is almost inveterately pagan, while the K. of L. have only indulged spasms of Mohammedan adherence to its proprietary instinct and habit of claiming all in sight. Cumberland's faith is steady as the majestic river and deep as the blue sea; the Noble Order's creed of universal ownership is subject to fits, out of which it emerges into seasons of exhaustion and humility which ought to last forever.

A careful review of these pretensions will convince the unbiased student that Cumberland, without enjoying any legal title whatever to the region, and without exertion, holds it with a grip which extorts more profit from its industry than the actual, unpretending owners can wring from it with careful business labor and economy.

The city is just now threatened with a boom, and the boomers are scheming and planning to make the outside folks pay all the expenses possible. The factory people coming are coaxed to invest every possible cent, and then the county is levied on to furnish in the name of Cumberland far more than is lawful.

The truth is, the city's ownership of this region comes just as near to robbery as any process of that name can reach under the mask of law.

A LETTER elsewhere printed sets forth in nervous terms the need of an abundant water supply for our town.

The writer, although evidently ablaze with his theme, does not state the case too strongly. As indicated by him, there is absolutely nothing open here in the way of employment for young people, and, so far as we can see, no future for them. The boys *must go in the mine*, and the girls smother their aspirations for independent livelihood by continuing to eat unearned bread, going into menial service, or crawling under the whimsical protectorate of the School Board.

The JOURNAL heartily coincides with its correspondent, and affirms with repetitive emphasis that our foremost want is a plentiful supply of water. On this provision hangs all the law of actual growth and all the gospel of continuing prosperity.

Without it there is no use talking of Frostburg ever getting above the magnitude of a mediocre mining town, or of outgrowing a prestige, too common to eastern towns and cities, of a chartered libel upon municipal aims.

THERE were 18,000 floggings administered last year in Massachusetts public schools. A rattan is used in all cases. Truancy, lying and insubordination are the main reasons for punishment.

In or out of school flogging is a good argument against all intolerable vices.

And while their number may be enumerated accurately, the incarcerations and hangings thereby saved are incalculable.

The flogging gives the traverser a foretaste of the wages of sin, and deters others from working for the same salary.

THE Cumberland *Times* is interviewing the citizens of the city on the expediency of getting everybody to come to Cumberland, bring all their money, and provisions enough to last them until the money is gone.

The expressions of assent are very numerous and unanimous, each yell for more sounding a good deal like the howl of coyotes, to hear one of which not only makes an inexperienced guest of the prairie suppose there is immense hunger in the bailiwick, but that there are millions of them.

THE Cumberland *Times* excepts to the wisdom of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad management in only one particular—the retention of its "chief counsel."

A case of "waste money" that should be referred to that great economist, the Baltimore *Critic*.

"OLD HUTCH," the silver-haired hermit of the Chicago stock market, who put up the price of flour on us last year, has been euchred out of thirty millions of dollars by a progressive corn corner.

This time it was not the "mills of the gods," but the meal factories of the country that hungered for something that deserved grinding into exceeding fineness. They got it from the corn that Hutch sold but did not have.

THE Boonville (Mo.) *Advertiser* reports the following:

Gov. Francis states in connection with his appointment of the new board of school commissioners:

I appointed Billie Williams to look after the legal department, John Watkins the spiritual, Charlie Leonard the agricultural, M. F. Bell the architectural, and Clint. Tilery the political. I think it will be a strong team.

The *Advertiser*, a democratic paper, adds:

It is admitted by all that it is the best board in the State. Perfect harmony prevails and all are enthusiastic workers and are proud of their positions, since they understand what a noble work the school is performing.

All of which shows the steady drift of the public school system to political control.

It is the handling and dispensation of the revenue involved the parties are after.

And neither party is better than the other when it comes to spending the people's money. Both are disposed to put it where it will do the most good—politically, not educationally.

MR. MCCOMAS has secured the appointment of doorkeeper Adams, of Hagerstown. Now let him hustle himself in behalf of the county to which he owes his election and secure the federal building for Cumberland.—Cumberland *Times*.

"In behalf of the county." Well said. Had it been in behalf of the city which elected him, the claim would have been wholly *in appropos*.

But the poor old county's achievements, apparently good for nothing else, are dragooned into service every time Cumberland wants an outsider to contribute something to Cemberland's growth and prestige.

So far as the county is concerned, therefore, Mr. McComas need not hustle himself immoderately. A city that would hardly put a nickel of its own in the slot in order to draw out a government building does not deserve it.

And even after the Wineow street precedent the county will be scared every time it hears of a prospective acquisition to the boom in Cumberland. A government building would most assuredly necessitate the rehabilitation of some dilapidated thoroughfare at the county's expense, and having done it for Wineow, the same will be held in memorial for all such future occasions, and for the establishment of other precedents not yet evolved from the grey matter of city boomers.

This will go on until the sheep Mr. Bemiss is looking for will not be worth shearing—unless some patriotic citizen, who is also a heavy taxpayer, meanwhile appears in court with a bill testing the legality of such operations.

THE Baltimore *Critic* does not admire the JOURNAL'S tact at "word-compounding," forgetting that the *Critic* itself began the amusement by "playing" on the name of the JOURNAL as an individual and not as a paper.

This reminds the JOURNAL of a remark in a private letter received the other day chiding us for not writing last week *schaperoned*, instead of "*chaperoned*," in consonance with the orthography, if not the pronunciation of Schonmesser and Scheerfarber.

But in justice to both Messrs. Scheermarber and Schonfesser and the correspondent we must acknowledge that we did not think of it. Besides, it had gone through our consideration of the subject that we had sufficiently mixed these Children of Israel to mystify the public concerning their identity as humble peons of South America or noble Knights of the weeping willow tree, "Lights of Asia" or torches of liberty, David and Jonathan or Damon and Pythias, poem and psalm or comedy and tragedy.

The *Critic* associates with its implied protest against "word-compounding" an impeachment of the business shrewdness of Mr. Mayer and his cooperators in this coal region who sustain the JOURNAL. The *Critic* characterizes their support as "waste money."

Now, so far as the JOURNAL is concerned it takes the insinuation as a compliment—as a fraction of infallible testimony going to show that the JOURNAL is worth something.

But if Mr. Mayer or any other of the coal men thought enough of the *Critic* to take any notice of it at all there would not be enough of Schonfarber's red hair left to fringe a lamp-mat.

IN reply to "More Light" the JOURNAL advises favor of incorporation, because the spirit and tendency of organized local government are good.

If government in a remote sense is unquestioningly accepted as wholesome it ought to to be taken more readily as it comes closer home. Indeed, it is the nearest rule that most protects us in our inherent right to life, liberty, happiness. Moreover, home rule, which comprehends State, county and municipal government, is the only lawful *aegis* visible to the naked eye. All other is seen by faith or through a glass darkly.

In starting out, therefore, to establish police espionage over all for the good of all, the people of Lonaconing if not too late, should avoid placing the reins in the hands of those who will make use of their salaries, raised by taxation, to play the great "superior being" act when they come in contact with the taxpayers. As a matter of actual fact, the taxeater is not greater than the taxpayer. Hence, the Lonaconing taxpayer does not want to levy on his own property for money with which to purchase masters from the non-taxpaying element.

The JOURNAL is much in favor of incorporation—so much that it welcomes bad government under such auspices rather than no government. Incorporation affords power and means of improvement in light, transit and sanitation, alone worth more than their cost. Incorporation affords protection day and night from fire and burglary, and, above all, excepting the inevitable general enhancement of valuations, it inspires a sense of security which is beyond estimate in dollars and cents.

But to make such government efficient it should be placed in the keeping of a Mayor who is worth more in real estate than $250, and in the custody of Councilmen who have more interest in the town than six tramps.

THE county commissioners did last week one of the most inexplicable things that was ever chronicled of that body.

They took $800 of county money and handed it to the city of Cumberland to repair a street!

This after being exceedingly liberal with the city in providing an expensive bridge, made necessary by the location of a new factory.

Language is so poor in resources that words cannot be found which adequately describe this misappropriation.

But it is a miscarriage of the purpose for which taxes are raised so gross that it is high time some patriotic, heavy-paying citizen does not take it upon himself to test in the courts the legitimacy of such grants.

WHILE Cumberland is laying in new industrial establishments it would be in the line of economy to omit a brass mill, the product of which would be a howling superfluity thrown on a home market already distended by an exuberance of the stuff in its native and most aggressive condition. The whole town is brass-foiled, and there is hardly a jowl that is not gilded with what was anciently called "Dutch gold."

THE following item is going the rounds:

Mr. Campbell, governor-elect of Ohio, is a Knight Templar, a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. He is also a Presbyterian.

Had he dropped elkhood and Calvinism and devoted the talents thus employed to walking as a delegate, the trinity of knightage would have been complete. As it is he is a sort of unfinished Cœur de Lion.

THE Pocahontas coal region is trying to make it appear that its product is the best steam-generating coal on the continent. That scheme will hardly work. The Georges Creek region is not in the swim in getting its fuel dug for nothing, but when it comes to the running quality of coal it can show the cleanest pair of heels on this terrestrial ball.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Live Suggestions by a Live Writer on a Live Subject.

FROSTBURG, MD., Dec. 4, 1889.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

The present trend of affairs seems to indicate that a new era is dawning upon old Allegany county. The air in Cumberland is fraught with ideas of genuine progress, so much so indeed that the old pessimists, the natural-born croakers are silenced, or are whispering among themselves that it may be possible after all that our county has really and truly some advantages to offer enterprising people to locate here and establish manufactories.

Thoughts suggested by hearing of projected industries in and around Cumberland have led the writer to ask—has Frostburg no advantages?—no inducements to offer the seeker for location to start industrial concerns?

Let us see: we have the best of climates, and enough of coal to satisfy even a croaker that it went give out for a few generations to come. Then we have a growing population. The town is full of bright boys and girls that would jump at employment in factory or mill, but alas! there is nothing for them to do but mine coal for the boys and house service for the girls.

Why not stir up the people? Let us do as other people do—provide ways for the employment of our boys and girls that will be abreast of the times. Let us be up and doing.

We have every element in abundance that is necessary to run industrial establishments but one—water. It only remains, therefore, for us to do our duty in this regard and remove the only possible drawback to the establishment of mills and factories in Frostburg. *Now let the town proceed at the earliest practicable date to bring to the people an abundance of water—the indispensable requisite.* Let us call a town meeting; get the sense of the people and appoint a committee to draft a measure acceptable to the taxpayers and have the coming Legislature authorize proper action.

It is rumored that the C. & P. railroad will soon build an extension and locate a new depot in the heart of the town! Now, then, while the *iron is hot* let us strike! Let all the citizens put their shoulders to the wheel and set in motion the agencies that will make our youth—male and female, equal to their brothers and sisters elsewhere. Let us have girls as clerks, type-writers and stenographers, and boys as machinists and artisans.

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LONACONING, MD., Dec. 2, 1889.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

Your long experience as editor of "the greatest paper on earth" and residence in an incorporated town induce me to to ask you for information and advice regarding a question that now agitates the voters and property-holders of this town.

Another attempt at incorporation is being made.

Would you advise my working for or against it?

If for, why? If against, why?

Yours truly. MORE LIGHT.

TOWN HAPPENINGS.

Personal.—Edgar N. Michael left Thursday on a business trip of eight or ten days through West Virginia.

John G. Denuison has been allowed a pension for services as a soldier during the war.

C. E. Hambright, of the Cumberland *Courier*, called on the JOURNAL Thursday. As usual he was getting up a "combine." The JOURNAL "jined."

Thomas H. Paul is in Kansas city.

Thomas H. Pollock, of Pittsburg, Pa., was in town a few days ago with Supt. Little, of the Big Vein company. Mr. Pollock furnished and put the stationary engine in place at Mr. Little's new mine. He has done similar jobs in the region before and on that account enjoys a reputation here as a firstclass machinist.

I. C. Lambert, of this place, sold at public sale at Kingwood, W. Va., last week the "Thomas tract of land," near that place, for $815. The land belonged to the heirs of the late James B. Thomas.

H. G. Meem has taken charge of the inside operations of S. S. Lee & Son's coal mines at Newburg, W. Va.—a promotion in a financial way which induced him to leave the engineering service of the Consolidation coal company. His employers and friends here regret to part with him.

Brevities.—The JOURNAL understands there is another fellow come to the neighborhood who has something the matter with him but doesn't know what it is. He is talking about starting another paper in Frostburg.

"Ashamed-of-us O'Brien" speaks of the Frostburg end of the Cumberland *Courier* as "a brick," which is "white all over." Titus A. says "white" is an off color in the Brick family, and he is very indignant over the discovery of a pale sheep in the flock.

There is a new girl in town. She came Thursday night, and is so homely that we are expecting every minute to learn that she is very intellectual.

The man who contends that "there are no cranks in Frostburg" might go further with equal propriety and declare that there is no coal in the Georges Creek region

John Chambers has a smoking automaton in his front window. He (the smokist) is stuck on cigarettes; he also sports a stringhalt leg. He puffs with deliberation, and when off duty writes for the Lonaconing *Review*.

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, 1889, by Rev. R. W. Conradi, Mr. WILLIAM E. BEVER, of Mt. Savage, and MISS MARY CROUSE, eldest daughter of Henry Crouse, of this place.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, 1889, at the home of the bride, by Rev. R. W. Conradi, Mr. FRANK CREUTZBURG, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss HELENA VOGTMANN, daughter of Conrad Vogtmann, of this place.

More Light.—The Frostburg gaslight company contemplate adding to their gas equipment an electric light plant which will include both the incandescent and arc systems. The preliminaries are under way.

Preserving a Relic.—At the request of many citizens the county commissioners are erecting a substantial pavilion over the famous "Braddock milestone," just outside our corporate limits. When the structure and grounds are completed the spot will be a popular resort.

New Order.—J. J. Miller, of Cumberland, was in town Saturday in the interest of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, a mutual insurance society. Nearly thirty had signified an intentention of joining, and a lodge will be instituted at an early day. The plan is one of the best, and the Order is one of the oldest in the insurance field.

Appointment.—At the November Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held in Baltimore on the 20th of that month, Bernard Stern, Worshipful Master of Mountain Lodge, No. 99, of this place, was appointed Grand Inspector for the First Masonic District of Maryland, comprising Mt. Savage, Frostburg, Lonaconing and Barton. In Masonic circles the office is justly regarded as one worth having in that its bestowment carries with it high authoritative recognition in the incumbent of Masonic industry and scholarship. Mr. Stern is one of a few whose interest and acquirements in the work of a Mason merit the honor and distinction in a case where the office must always seek the man.

Pounding.—Rev. A. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was "pounded" Friday evening until his pantry was full. Some of the pounds overshot 16 ounces, but the attention of the inspector of weights and measures need not be called to it. He was also given a sum of money to buy some things which even the comprehensive kindness of friends so good may have overlooked. All of which were worthily bestowed and thankfully appreciated, as the hand of affliction has lain heavily on Mr. Thompson these many days. It is such incidents as these that make even the unregenerate soul rejoice that there is evidently a way upward from human depravity which reaches at least a plane far above the mechanical selfishness of ordinary life.

Home Enterprise.—Said a prominent man the other day:

It is astonishing the amount of work John B. Williams has brought to Frostburg from the surrounding country, and even from distant points. He is now making a monument to be erected at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and has other orders from remote places. He does it by hustling. Now, if we had in Frostburg a few more such men we would soon have industrial establishments giving employment to many who need it. Williams makes no blow, but his example of hunting work and getting it shows what could be done by others in other departments of manufacture.

The JOURNAL is glad to quote the foregoing, and to add an expression of complete satisfaction with a job of work recently done by Mr. Williams. He is a young man of good taste, who does his best to please his patrons, and he succeeds. Hence, he does not rely alone upon industry for thrift.

COUNTY NEWS.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's father, Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, 1889, by Rev. W. B. Dorsey, Mr. JAMES A. L. CARSON, mine boss of the Big Vein mine, and Miss ANNIE J. PHILLIPS, daughter of John M. Phillips, of Midlothian.

County Commissioners.—This body held its last official meeting Friday and Saturday of last week.

After considerable routine business votes of thanks to the President and attorney were passed. In the case of Mr. Fuller, clerk, this courtesy took the shape of formal resolutions, very complimentary to his efficiency and fidelity as a public officer.

Brevities.—It is said that a republican in Cumberland who does not want to be postmaster, if one such were known, could be characterized as "prominent."

Titus A. Brick thinks that the Pennsylvania, Western Maryland and the Cumberland valley railroads are all heading towards Frostburg, thus verifying the old adage that "doless waiters are no losers." It always grieves the JOURNAL, which is a paper an not an individual, to catch Titus in an error.

A boom is among the things the Cumberland press is disporting its chin about.

Albion Coles, of Barton, superintendent of the Swanton coal company, lost an infant child Thanksgiving day by death.