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ORIGINAL POETRY.

SWEET BIRD.

From somewhere in the cloudless air,
"Sweet bird, sweet bird, sweet bird," I hear—
Glad messenger of spring and sun,
The winter's weary race is run;
Thou singst of days that are to be
From snow, and storm and cloud so free;
Of rustling leaves in shad'wy nooks;
Of rivers' sweep and tinkling brooks;
Of nodding corn and waving grass;
Of shades of cloud and crow that pass;
Of morning's laugh that lights with day
The blue-capped hills stretched far away;
Of sheltered nest, so cool and sweet;
Of startled rabbits' quaint retreat;
Of hum of bees 'mid apple bloom;
Of boughs that droop with sweet perfume;
Of pheasants' "whir" and insects' drone;
Of life's sweet song in monotone;
Of Him who watches all with care
Throughout the changeful, whirling year.
Thy song means more than words can say
Of things so sweet and far away—
Of things that bring to life's worn eyes
A touch of grand and glad surprise.
And o'er life's highway, bleak and bare,
Come old-time breaths of summer air
That bring their sweetness from the ways
Our glad feet trod in childhood's days.
And old-time songs again are heard
In thy clear notes, sweet bird, sweet bird.
And still, so strong, so sweet, so clear,
"Sweet bird, sweet bird, sweet bird," I hear.

Front Royal, Va. C. B. T.

New Business Locals.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.—The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by I. C. Lambert.

New Advertisements.

Potomac Coal Company
OF ALLEGANY COUNTY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at its offices, Nos. 6 and 8, Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore, Md., on

Wednesday, March 26, 1890,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,

for the election of Five Directors for the current year.

H. CRAWFORD BLACK,
March 1—4t Treasurer.

County Commissioners' Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CUMBERLAND, Feb. 22, 1890.

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

Tuesday, March 4, 1890,

For the transaction of such business as may regularly come before them.

JOHN STEWART,
March 1 Clerk.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

ORDER NISI.

In the matter of the sale of the Real Estate of NELSON BEALL, deceased. | In the Orphans' Court of Allegany county, February Term, 1890.

ORDERED, This 21st day of February, in the year 1890, by the Orphans' Court of Allegany county that the sale of real estate made and this day reported to this Court by FRANK C. BEALL, remaining executor of NELSON BEALL, late of Allegany county, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown ON or BEFORE

Friday, March 21, 1890,

provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Allegany county once in each of three successive weeks prior to the 15th day of March, 1890.

The report states the amount of sale to be $1,185.00.

JOHN COULEHAN, C. J. O. C.
ROBERT BRUCE, J. O. C.
THOMAS JOHNSON, J. O. C.
True copy. Test: A. H. DOWDEN, Register.
Feb 22—3t

A Small Boy

Can Ask Questions
THAT will make a wise man feel foolish. But—

Here's a Question

That the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err in answering:

WHO BEATS ALL
IN MAKING BARGAINS IN
High Grade Goods at Low Grade Prices?

HERE'S AN ANSWER
Which is worthy of a wise man—one who has been there and knows:

A. F. PARKER BEATS ALL COMPETITORS
IN
Bargain-Making, Price-Making
AND
Accommodation of Customers.

Try { A. F. PARKER'S City Drug Store,
4 doors above Main and Broadway.
Jan 18

THE Westminster *Advocate* characterizes the course of the Baltimore *Sun* toward the legislative lobby as "disreputable journalism."

Really, the *Advocate*, a paper the JOURNAL admires, does not do itself justice in its criticism. Its extravagance of statement is wholly unwarranted by anything the *Sun* has published concerning the suspicious haste of the lobby to run through the Legislature a bill known to be a steal—since Judge Alvey's decision notoriously understood to be a deliberate scheme to rob the owners of the canal of their valuable property.

The *Advocate*, however, resents attacks upon "gentlemen above suspicion," an old, worn-out mask for fraud.

But this will not answer.

When "gentlemen above suspicion" and suspected gentlemen are found working smoothly together to the same questionable purpose, it is just possible that a time has come when the immaculate will be spotless no longer. Men are found out as well by the mastery they obey as the company they keep—some early, some later in life.

Hence, the time may soon come when even the indignant *Advocate* will be "keenly alive to self-interest."

UNDER the caption of "A Wise Thing" the Keyser (W. Va.) *Echo* says:

The new proprietor of the Berkeley Springs *News* has raised the price of his paper from $1 to $1.50 per year. It is a wise thing to do. No seven column country paper can be sustained at a less price. When we can get two thousand subscribers we will reduce the price of our paper or enlarge it to a nine column.

The JOURNAL agrees with the *Echo in toto* except as to any necessity for enlargement at any price or circulation.

But we mostly desired to call attention to the antiquated fad of $1 in advance, $1.25 within six months, and $1.50 at the end of a year, lately revived hereabouts, much to the amusement of old and settled publishers.

It was always a funny system for the reason that a newspaper that is actually worth any one of the three prices is a novelty.

According to the rules of legal interest a newspaper that is worth only $1 at the beginning of the year cannot possibly be worth over $1.03 at the end of six months, or $1.06 at the close of the year.

Even then the system makes the dead horse worth more than the live one.

PEOPLE, look at it!

The West Virginia central railroad company, through the Cumberland and Washington railroad company—a corporation such as Raleigh defined as

Neither a substance perfect, nor a substance inchoate—

proposes to wipe out five millions of dollars of indebtedness by *promises* to pay about one million four hundred thousand dollars.

And out of this latter sum it *promises* to pay the State about three hundred thousand dollars—although, according to Judge Alvey, *the State has no claim and no say* until the five millions of cash are *actually* paid.

A corporation, rich in promises, is apt to be poor in cash and sparing with its change. Even its bribe of $300,000, offered the State, is a *promise*, which the House of Delegates accepted as a balance in full for a property that was to be worth millions whenever the State could adjudicate its own deferred claims and destroy the preferred indebtedness to the bondholders—had such calamities been legally possible.

THEY went back on King William, of Germany.

He started out lately to become a friend of the Liberals and Socialists, called in this country Knights of Labor, with the hope and expectation that they would so far reciprocate his friendship as to co-operate with him in governmental measures for the reasonable amelioration of popular conditions.

But they snowed his friendship under by a vote which places 37 Socialists in the next Reichstag, instead of 11 in the last.

The Noble Order's inhumanity to those who would be its friends may be unconstitutional, but it is in the warp and woof of the fabric all the same.

IT looks very much as if a railroad will be built on the towpath of the C. & O. canal.—Frostburg *Ledger*.

It does not look so "much as if" as it did.

However it may look mucher than it were.

BOYS, here is the word "with the bark on:"

THE Maryland Legislature had better not forget to pass a ballot reform law this session.—Frostburg *Ledger*.

If there is a Solon who fails to keep his memory green enough to heed this inorganic warning, we want to suggest to him right here and now that there is likely to be an emergency.

PETER O. MATTHEWS, a full-blooded Digger Indian democrat, officiated as chaplain in the Iowa Legislature the other day. Were he in Maryland and an *attache* of the Gorman oligarchy, he wouldn't be even a half-breed.

WHEN the bill leasing the canal to the embryonic railroad passed the House a few people in Cumberland could have employed the rich lingo of Sallie Salter when, after a scare that unmanned her man, she remarked—

I feel as better as ever I fole.

THE Canal *Issue* thinks that a petition disfavoring the canal steal could obtain the signatures of 15,000 people in this coal region.

If the *Issue* will permit us to get up one like the pirates did, we can produce a petition with fifteen hundred thousand names on it.

CUMBERLAND should lose no time in accepting the proposal of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company.

It is the first step to what may turn out to be a solid and durable boom.

Notwithstanding the B. and O. are "not entitled to a hearing" in the canal-lease discussion.

"RUN, rabbit, run," cried a man to an old hare a dog was chasing.

The rabbit turned and said—

"I do not need any encouraging to do my best, bnt if you will discourage that dog you will do me a real service."

Judge Alvey's decision on the canal receivership case made grateful every interested rabbit in and out of the State.

It was a cold, raw day for the pursuers.

THE claims of the canal bondholders of 1844, principal and interest, amount to four millions two hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

The House of Delegates wiped them out with an unsecured *promise* to pay them off with four hundred thousand dollars.

In plainer words—paid each dollar with a *promise* of less than ten cents!

Worse than the rankest repudiation!

"MONTANI *semper liberi*"—"liberty dwells among the mountains" is one translation of the motto of West Virginia.

It has a sneaking ambition, too, to make its home along the canal.

But Milton says liberty "always with right reason dwells."

The JOURNAL believes the truth of the matter lies between West Virginia and Milton.

The canal is no home for New Dominion freedom.

AN Eckhart subscriber who believes "the JOURNAL is always on the right side," wants to know "what it thinks of the Australian system of voting?"

Not worth the paper it is written on—unless made to apply first, and with special force, to primary elections.

In fact, with primaries thus conducted, we would have little or no need of it at general elections.

When in the latter it comes to a choice of evils the voter needs no privacy. Indeed, the law ought to make him cast an open ballot in order that he may publish to the world how mean his party has made him.

To say the least, it is cheeky in Gov. Jackson to ask for a receiver representing the State in the canal matter after Judge Alvey says in effect that the State has no say until nearly five times as much cash as the railroad people offer is brought into court.

The Judge says further:

In the selection of receivers I shall aim to get men of practical knowledge and experience in the operation of the canal, and of reliable judgment as to the future prospects of the work. They must, of course, be impartial as between all the parties concerned and the conflicting interests involved, etc.

Now, what does Gov. Jackson want with a representative of the very last interest in the canal?

A divided report to Judge Alvey—somebody to say *officially* that *the canal is good only for railway purposes.*

Like Mullin, they "die hard," but they die.

THE paper that habitually sneers, snarls, slanders and maligns; that has a good word only for those who tamely submit to its *ipse dixits*, or those who purchase its favors after a mercantile fashion; considers no issue complete unless it contains some mean, vindictive and brutal onslaught or cowardly and coarse insinuation; that substitutes vituperation for argument—such a sheet can have no permanent place in the hearts of our people.—*Address of J. B. Stoll before the Indiana Editorial Association.*

The above paragraph has appeared in the Frostburg *Ledger*.

Everyone can see that the scissors meant the JOURNAL, but the great paper is guilty of none of the vices imputed to some one of Mr. Stoll's competitors whom, evidently, he cannot match.

The liberty of the press is a blessing when we are able to write against others, and a calamity when we find ourselves overborne by our assailants.—*Samuel Johnson.*

IT is a fortunate provision in our system of government that we have some able and incorruptible courts to step between vicious lobbies, seconded by venal legislators, and the people's rights.

Judge Alvey, however, did not need his last opportunity to demonstrate his pre-eminence as a master in legal exposition and invincible rectitude as a judge. These great and saving qualities had been illustrated on occasions frequent enough to inspire the friends of popular rights with perfect reliance in the equity and righteousness of any determination he might announce. A man of high and wide repute, the ablest jurist of many States—a dynamo of legal force, any judgment of his upon any question within the domain of law, the greater the better, shines with incandescent clearness.

It is fortunate for us, we repeat, that we had a man of this stamp to meet the spoilers right upon the threshhold of waterway extinction and stay their impious attempt.

WHEN Judge Alvey's opinion appeared last Monday the roosters quit crowing and there was a visible decline in tail-teather elevations. There was a disposition to shiver, an inclination to run, and a general desire to understand the full nature and scope of the blizzard:

What shudder sways me? ah, what chill
Shakes all my splendor as I flee?
Can loss like that be ours? Oh, 'Gene,
Can this fate fall on such as we?

Two Allegany legislators tumbled headforemost into the deadfall set by the people who fabricated that big Cumberland petition.

In Wyllyam Pynkney Whyte's language they "pledged the golden eggs and then killed the goose that is to lay them."

And now, when too late, their own goose is cooked.

THE water bill passed the Senate Tuesday. Only the governor's signature is now needed to make it a law.

Now gentlemen, unite on six *good* men—one for Mayor, three for Councilmen, and two for Water Commissioners—and elect them.

TOWN HAPPENINGS.

Brevities.—An increase of pension was last week granted to Joseph T. Hensell, of this place.

The Sultan of Turkey has sent three hairs from the Beard of the Prophet to the city of Aleppo. Nobody knows exactly where he got them, but it is believed at these headquarters that they were found in Frostburg in a roll of fresh butter made from a keg of last summer's vintage. Where the Sultan resides is of no consequence, but the Prophet doubtless lives in Garrett county.

At great toil and expense big sign board raised over *Ledger* office Tuesday. Thus are we sowing the seed for the traditions of the future.

The boxes of garden seed exposed for sale by Lloyd F. Taylor are a credit to his taste and enterprise, and also to the town. His parcels, boxes and MINING JOURNAL printing can not be beaten for neatness and elegance, while his seed, indigenous to the soil and acclimated to our temperature, are just what our people should buy. From the character of the man we will guarantee them to be honest seed.

Again it is reported that the Georges Creek and Cumberland railroad will run into Frostburg this spring. That March wind has fanned us before.

Somebody called Titus A. Brick "Uncle Tite" the other day, and it nearly broke the old fellow's heart. A great man is a good deal more likely to be weak on little points of etiquette like that than an ordinary plug.

Fred and John Schofield put the electric light in the JOURNAL office Thursday. As practical machinists they are by heredity and experience hard to beat.

Editorial matter left over for next week.

About Names.—The Frostburg *Ledger* states:

Lung Wung, of Cumberland, visited Hop Sing, of Frostburg this week.

We have the best authority for stating that there is no distinguishing name in Chinese patronomatology terminating with g.

It is also a peculiarity of that language, as in the Scandinavian tongues, to use the surname first.

So that "Lung Wung" is not "Lung Wung" at all, but Wun Lung.

Again. The Cumberland *Times* says of "George Washington:"

This is the patronymic of the man who unconsciously made the 22d of February a day for young America to fire off squibs, etc,

No, sir. This is the *praenomen* and patronymic, etc.

Literature, even in matters of *news*, must be kept pure.

Only $1.50 *per annum*.

Now is the time to subscribe.

Indefinite "News."—The Frostburg *Ledger* lately reported that—

Locomotive No. 16, of the C. & P., broke a driving rod south of the tunnel Monday forenoon and delayed the passenger train on her down trip. The disabled engine was taken to Mt. Savage for repairs.

Which is "*her* down trip?"

"Sweet Bird."—It is not literally a *pastorale*, but a pretty idyl—the little original poem in this issue by "C. B. T.," whom everyone now knows from the introductions given by the JOURNAL. Read it. It is seasonable, and to reflecting minds will furnish suggestions pleasantly reminiscent.

Horse Race.—One day last week Messrs. William Kalmyer and J. C. Wilson, of this place, had some friendly controversy growing out of the alleged merits of a gray and bay horse belonging to each, respectively. It appears that the gray had points of excellence with which the bay was not endowed, and *vice versa*. According to the testimony of each owner, derived from personal observations, both horses were built on the Eli plan, and according to the latest style of get there architecture. It seemed impossible, therefore, that Frostburg should hold two racers, both carrying the belt, and a bet of $10 ensued, finally raised to $20, that one horse was a faster flyer than the other. Accordingly Saturday last was named as the day, and "Eckhart flat" the amphitheatre, so called. Both horses were on hand, snorting for the fray loud enough to be heard as far as the eye can reach. Wilson's horse started off well, leading for some distance about 20 feet. A rise in the grade, however, cooled his ardor, seeing which the gray lengthened himself out like a gray hound, elongated his reach and multiplied his strokes. He overtook the bay, and at the end of the race had 39 feet and 11 inches to spare. It is estimated that $100 changed pockets.

Personal.—Elias Schmidt, of Baltimore, representing the well-known and popular patent medicine house of E. Schmidt & Co., visited these headquarters Tuesday. It is such men as Mr. Schmidt we are always pleased to meet. His extensive travels throughout the country enable him to speak intelligently upon almost all topics of general interest. We were glad to learn of the success this firm is enjoying in the sale of their celebrated Puritan Cough and Consumption cure; Red Flag oil, the famous pain cure, and Dr. Lee's Liver Regulator, medicines which have become household words everywhere.

Miss Mamie Clark, of Lonaconing, is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Hitchins.

Miss Emma Casebeer, of Somerset, Pa., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henrietta Steyer.

Mrs. A. Z. Hartman, of Baltimore, is visiting her father, Judge J. D. Armstrong.

Moses Jandorf, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been here this week visiting his father, ex-Mayer Jandorf. He is in the boot and shoe business in Grand Rapids, and doing well He brings a report similarly gratifying from William Robinson, formerly of this place, now a Grand Rapids butcher.

The JOURNAL was glad to greet Dr. D. P. Fitch last Saturday. He had come from his home, Fairmont, W. Va., to visit his former professional associate, Dr. C. C. Jacobs. Dr. Fitch looks well, and modestly reports reasonable advancement in his practice at Fairmont. That section is on the edge of a boom, and he expects to rise with the tide and stay on the crest. And that is the JOURNAL'S wish. He was accompanied by Col. R. E. Fast, of Morgantown, Dr. Jacobs' half-brother.

Messrs. Bernard Stern, R. G. Colburn, J. B. Williams, John W. Arnold, W. E Hilton, George Gray, H. W. Wagner, Samuel Bowen, Alexander Neal and Frederick Stephens, of Mountain Lodge, No. 90, A., F. & A. M., this place, attended the reception tendered by the county Masons to twelve of the Masonic dignitaries of the State in Cumberland Saturday evening, 22d ult.

J. S. Metzger went on a business visit to Connellsville, Pa., Wednesday.

George R Anthony, of Cannelburg, Ind., arrived Tuesday to attend the funeral of his sister, Miss Lavinia.

Mrs. Hobrock and Miss Gertie Hast spent last Sunday in town, the guests of Mrs. George Steyer.

Miss Fannie Dixon, of Lonaconing, spent part of this week with Miss Jane Scott.

Miss Minnie Hart, of Cumberland, is visiting Miss Nettie Shuckhart.

Mrs. I. C. Lambert and little daughter, Nellie, and Mrs. William Brace left Thursday for Chicago, where they will permanently reside.

William Ways, of Cumberland, was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Holle is very sick.

Untimely Death.—This community was pained last Sunday by the sad intelligence of the death of Miss Lavinia Anthony, third daughter of Reuben Anthony, of this vicinity. The young lady had contracted typhoid fever in Cumberland and came home a few weeks ago. She grew steadily worse until death ended a life that promised to be useful and exemplary. Miss Anthony distinguished herself in 1888 when, as a visitor to Decatur, Ala., she declined to flee from the approach of yellow fever. She remained and nursed a stricken family whose members had shown her hospitality aud attention. Her heroism on that occasion won and obtained the admiration of her numerous friends. The funeral took place Wednesday, at the Presbyterian church, Rev. A. C. Thompson, pastor, officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. J. Derr and Robert Young, of Cumberland; J. B. and Thomas Dixon, of Lonaconing, and George T. Smith, Edward L. Betz, George B. Percy and George J. Conner, of this place. The remains, interred in Allegany cemetery, were followed to their final rest by a large concourse.

The Editor was "Admired."—The *Ledger* reports the following piece of *news*:

A letter received by a Frostburg lady contains a passage very complimentary to the *Ledger*. The writer speaks of the *Ledger's* failure to notice the "sneers and ridicule" of jealous newspapers and says:

The absence of any notice of them in the *Ledger* was dignified and so selfrespecting that I could not fail to admire the editor for it, and for this reason I wish the new paper success.

As an apologist this speaking writer is not a success.

He, she, or it is likewise a failure as a grammarian.

It ought to keep still as a mink, and mute as a henchman of the West Virginia Central railroad company.

Not so with the discriminating young man who publicly said one week ago last Saturday evening—

Why, I wouldn't give an issue of the JOURNAL for ten of the *Ledger*!

Religious.—The revival has not yet closed at the M. E. Church, South. To morrow (Sunday) the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Several candidates will also be admitted to membership.

Revival services are also in progress at the English Baptist church.

Rev. S. G. Ferguson, presiding elder, preached in the M. E. Church, South, yesterday evening.

Personal.—Mrs. Harts Bear, Mrs. Hirshburg, Mrs. B. Stern and daughters—Misses Bertha and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bear and Miss Sallie Bear, of Frostburg, attended a brilliant wedding in Baltimore Sunday last. The bride is a niece of ex-Mayor Jandorf.

Progressing.—As soon as the underground survey can be completed work will be commenced in the Union mining company's new development near this place. There are 300 acres of solid coal to be worked.

Died—Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1890, JOSEPH FRANCIS, aged 11 months, infant son of John Tippen, of this place.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Judge Alvey's Decision.—The following notes embody the salient points:

The charter of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, granted by the State of Virginia and confirmed by the State of Maryland, and also by Act of Congress of the United States, is *perpetual*, its works and lands to be an *absolute estate* in perpetuity.

The company was projected for great commercial purposes The canal was designed to become an inter-State waterway, and the works erected thereon in virtue of this Act, when completed, *shall forever thereafter* be esteemed and taken to be navigable as a public highway.

The only claim the State has is that of a *deferred* creditor. Hence, neither the State nor the canal company has any standing in Court as against prior liens.

If a sale of the canal were decreed it is doubtful whether a sufficient sum could be realized to pay all prior liens to those held by the State, which exceeds five millions of dollars.

The power conferred by the Act of 1878 to sell all the property and franchises of the company is subject to serious question.

The coutract between the State, the canal company and the bond holders is a tripartite contract which cannot be abrogated without the concurrence of all the parties.

Is This a Fact?—At a recent examination a female teacher wrote in reply to a question of discipline:

Capital punishment should not be resorted to except on rare occasions, only with the consent of the parents, and never till the next day.

Personal.—Mrs. K. H. Butler, of Cumberland, is visiting Miss Sarah Wright, of Walnut Level.

Thanks—To Frank J. McMahon for Annapolis favors.

The Weather.—Pleasant.

Brevities.—If you have frequent headaches, dizziness and fainting spells, accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign that you are not well, but are liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription to the JOURNAL a year in advance and thus make yourself solid for a good obituary notice.

The ground in some sections of Maryland is alive with 17-year locusts. They don't inflict any particular damage, but they make almost as much noise as the disappointed ex-waterway people.

Mr. Cunningham denies that he voted wrong, but is disposed to admit that he will get a third term.

A Deserving Institution.—While the Legislature is appropriating money for various State purposes the Maryland Agricultural College should not be overlooked.

This is one of our most important and meritorious institutions. Its functions and operations affect and develop the most vital of all industries—agriculture. Its tuition raises that industry above the primitive methods yet current in many parts of the country, and endows it as a study to which the sciences may be applied, and a pursuit which intelligent, *systematic* practice makes beautiful and remunerative.

The College is hampered by a debt of about $13,500, which the State should pay at once.

It deserves more—a liberal appropriation annually to enlarge and perfect its utility and efficiency.

We hope our delegation will co-operate with the College's best friends in the Legislature.

Canal News.—Judge Alvey's decision brought the steal up standing, and it is awaiting its turn in the Senate.

Last Friday evening the boatmen and citizens of Sharpsburg burned in effigy Gov. Jackson, and Washington county delegates Moses Whitson and J. N. Harp for favoring the canal steal bill.

Several letters from people in Williamsport and Sharpsburg have been received here in which the writers rejoice over the interest taken in preserving the canal. The people down there are glad, because their welfare was promoted by our action here.

Intelligence from Westernport goes to the effect that public sentiment and feeling were ably misrepresented by the railroad delegation that went to Annapolis.

At Cumberland the Gorman gang, it is said, did not let the boatmen know that anybody was going to Annapolis, or it is likely the gang would have been confronted there with a waterway crowd from the same moral and religious precincts.

Not Named.—In the proposed purchase of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal by the incipient Cumberland and Washington railroad company many many valuable pieces of property would have been lost to the owners of the canal, and given to a few men, that the general public is not aware of. Some of them are listed, as derived by the JOURNAL from an authentic source:

1, At Oldtown—Several acres of bottom land, improved with buildings.

2, Above dam No. 6—Quite a large tract of land. Improved also.

3, Above and below Hancock—Several tracts with valuable buildings.

4, At Cherry Run—"Four Locks," berm side. Quite a little village on canal property.

5, Above and below Williamsport, on the level—Good land and dwellings, all under cultivation.

6, At dams No.'s 4 and 5—Land and houses on both sides of the canal on canal property.

7, Near Shepherdstown—Houses and stores on canal property. [There are stores at every lock on the canal.]

8, Above Harper's Ferry, along 4 mile level—Quite a group of houses and lands.

9, Near Harper's Ferry, Sandy Hook and Weaverton—Several houses on canal lands, put up by private parties.

10. All along the line of the canal through Montgomery county there are strips of land improved with dwellings.

Altogether there are 75 stores with necessary outbuildings along the line.

All the above lands and improvements go into the canal-railroad lease without any consideration.

The Round Top Cement Works above Hancock, owned by Bridges & Henderson; also a sumach mill at Hancock, and a large grist mill—all on canal property.

Through the town of Hancock quite a large number of houses are on canal lands; also one grist-mill, below Four Locks, known as "Charles's Mill," and another below Dam No. 5—also "Charles's Mill"—both owned by brothers.

At Williamsport the coal wharves of Steffy & Findlay, and Cushwa's coal yard, and a large chair factory are on canal grounds.

And Judge Alvey says all this property is to be held by the canal company *forever* to carry out the distinct and unchangeable purposes of a great public highway