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*Miscellaneous Advertisements.*

## Election Notice.

THE QUALIFIED VOTERS of the Town of Frostburg are hereby notified that an election will be held in said town at the usual place of holding elections on

**Monday, April 7, 1890,**

to elect ONE PERSON to serve as MAYOR of said town one year, THREE PERSONS to serve as COUNCILMEN two years, and TWO PERSONS to serve on the WATER BOARD one year—the last as provided for in an Act lately passed by the General Assembly, to be hereafter published.

☞Polls will open at 9 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Mayor and Council.

March 15—tt ALEX. SMITH, Clerk.

## Public Local Law.

AN ACT to provide for the purchase or construction of Water Works for the Town of Frostburg, in Allegany county, and to authorize the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town to issue bonds to pay the costs thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That, for the purpose of furnishing the inhabitants of the Town of Frostburg, in Allegany county, with an adequate supply of good water the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town are hereby authorized and empowered to issue coupon bonds of said Town to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, which said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and Clerk of said Town, and attested with the corporate seal thereof, and shall be denominated "Frostburg Water Bonds," and bear interest not exceeding six *per centum* per annum, payable semi-annually, to be issued in denominations not exceeding five hundred dollars, and to be payable at a time not exceeding thirty years after their date, and redeemable at the pleasure of the Corporation at any time after five years from their date.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect a special tax, not to exceed fifteen cents on one hundred dollars on the assessable property of said Town, to meet the interest on the said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; provided, that at any time the receipts from water rents shall prove insufficient therefor.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and Councilmen are hereby authorized and empowered, after they shall have prepared and signed said bonds, to sell and dispose of the said bonds at not less than the par value thereof to raise money to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and to hold the proceeds of such sale subject to the order of the Frostburg Water Board, hereinafter provided for, and all bonds remaining unsold in their hands shall be cancelled by the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said Frostburg Water Board shall consist of three members, to be annually chosen as follows: namely, one from among their own number by the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg, on the first Monday in May of each and every year; and the other two to be elected by the people at the regular election for Mayor and Councilmen on the first Monday in April next succeeding the passage of this Act, and annually thereafter; and the said Mayor and Councilmen may allow to the members of the said Water Board such compensation for their services as the said Mayor and Councilmen may deem just and reasonable, not exceeding one hundred dollars each *per annum*.

SEC. 5. *And be enacted*, That before entering upon their duties under this Act the members of the said Water Board shall make oath before the Mayor, or some Justice of the Peace that they will diligently and faithfully perform the duties of their office to the best of their judgment; they shall then, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, meet and arrange and choose from among their number a President and a Secretary, and each member of the said Water Board shall give bond to the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties as a member of the said Water Board; and it shall be the duty of the said Water Board to make a full financial report to the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg at their regular meetings on the second Monday in July, October, January and April of each year.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That no moneys shall be paid from the Town Treasury for any of the purposes of this Act, except upon the warrant of the said Water Board, duly signed by the President and Secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board are hereby authorized and empowered to build and erect Water Works for the said Town and to contract for, purchase in fee simple, or lease for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, Water Works, water and water-course, and to use and occupy forever, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, Water Works, water or water course which they may deem expedient and necessary for the purpose of furnishing the said town with water; and also the right to enter and pass through, from time to time as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said lands through which they may deem it necessary to convey said water, and they are hereby vested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into the said Town.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board are hereby authorized and empowered to agree with the owner or owners thereof, for the purchase of any land, real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, Water Works, water, or water course, earth, timber, stone or other material which they may need or require in the building, extending or improving said Water Works, and to make any such purchase for such price as may be agreed upon, and the title to any such land, real or leasehold, estate, spring, brook, Water Works, or water course, earth, timber, stone, or other material, shall vest in the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board are hereby authorized to contract with any person or persons for the furnishing of any machinery, water pipes or other material necessary to be used in building, extending or improving the said Water Works in said Town; and they are also authorized to make all necessary and proper contracts with any person or persons for furnishing labor for said purposes, and may, in their discretion, let out the whole of the said work to such contractor or contractors as they may deem best, or may hire and employ workmen, by the day and purchase material, in such greater or lesser quantities as they may deem most conducive to the interest of the Town, and they are authorized to employ one or more competent engineers, superintendents and foremen to lay out and supervise said work.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if the said Water Board cannot agree with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water, or water course, earth, timber, stone, or other material, or with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate or land through which they may find it necessary to have a right of entry or passage, for the purpose of conveying water into said Town; or if the owner of such real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water or water-course, earth, timber, stone, or other material is under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent from the county, or unknown, it shall be lawful for said Water Board to apply to any Justice of the Peace of Allegany county, who shall, thereupon, issue his summons, under his hand and seal, directed to the Sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county, not interested in the property to be valued, to meet on or near the land or other property to be valued, on the day named in said summons, not less than fifteen, nor more than thirty days after the issue of the same for the purpose of condemning such property

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That if, at the time named in said summons, any of said jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make up the full number of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his agent, or if either be not present, in person or by agent, the sheriff for him, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve jurors shall act as a jury of inquest of damages; and the sheriff shall, before the jury shall proceed to act, administer to each of them an oath that they will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner has sustained, by the use or occupation of the property required for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the jury shall have power to summon such witnesses as the party may require, and examine them on oath in relation to the value of the property to be condemned, and having viewed the said property and heard said testimony, they shall, without delay ascertain and determine the compensation which ought to be made to the party owning or being interested in said property to be condemned, and shall thereupon, reduce their inquisition to writing and sign and seal the same; and it shall then be returned by the Sheriff to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, shall be filed by the Clerk of said Court and shall be confirmed by the said Court at the term next succeeding the filing thereof with said Clerk, unless sufficient cause to the contrary be shown, and when confirmed, shall be recorded by said Clerk at the cost of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg; and if any objections be filed to such confirmation, they shall stand for hearing within the first ten days of the first term of the Court after said inquisition is returned; and if said inquisition is set aside, said Court may direct another inquisition to issue, as is practiced in other condemnation cases.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That every such inquisition shall describe the property taken, and the bounds of the lands condemned, and the quantity or duration of the interest condemned, and such valuation, when paid or tendered to the owner of said property or his attorney, shall entitle said Mayor and Councilmen to the estate and property so valued as fully as if the same had been conveyed by the owner thereof.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That said Water Board are hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts necessary and proper to the carrying out of the provisions of this Act, whether such powers are specially herein mentioned or not; and the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg are hereby authorized and empowered to pass all ordinances necessary and proper to enable the said Water Board to carry out the provisions hereof, and any corporation owning any rights, privileges, property or franchise necessary or proper to be purchased by said Mayor and Councilmen, in order to carry this Act into effect, is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of, grant and convey such rights, privileges, property or franchise to said Mayor and Councilman of Frostburg.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to wilfully pollute any stream, spring, brook, reservoir or water-course, or other source, or any means of water supply of said Town, through the works so built, erected or improved by the said Water Board under this Act, by throwing any dead animal or other impure substance into the same, or by swimming, bathing or washing themselves, or by washing clothes, or the skins of dead animals, or any other impure thing therein, or by committing any nuisance in or so near said water as to polute the same; and it shall also be unlawful for any person, designedly, to injure the said water works or any part there of, or to obstruct the passage of water therein; and it shall, further, be unlawful for any person not being a water renter at the time, to meddle with the water works, or with the pipes, hydrants or other parts thereof; and any person offending against any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, for each offence; to be recovered by the Mayor and Councilmen of the said Town before a Justice of the Peace, as other fines are recoverable.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the title to said Water Works and all lands, estates, water courses, water ways, conduit-pipes, machinery and all other part or parts thereof whatsoever, and all property belonging and pertaining thereto, shall, on the completion thereof, vest in the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That the said Water Board shall have full control over the said Water Works, with authority to employ such superintendents, workmen, servants and other employees as may be necessary or proper to carry on the same, and to purchase all supplies and materials needed in conducting the same, and with authority to provide rules and regulations for supplying the citizens of said Town with water, and to fix and establish from time to time a schedule of rates and charges to be made and collected for the use of said water, and the Bailiff shall, as in case of other taxes, collect said charges (which are hereby made a lien on the real estate upon which said water is furnished) and pay over the same to the Mayor and Councilmen, who may allow him therefor such additional compensation as they shall deem reasonable; and all moneys derived from this source shall be held by the said Mayor and Councilmen for the purposes of this Act, and used by them for no other purpose, and out of the moneys so collected the said Water Board shall provide for the payment of the expense of running said Water Works; and all suits or actions for injury or damage to said Works, or for the collection of water rents, shall be brought in the name of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg; and the said Water Board are hereby authorized to make suitable provisions for the protection of the property in said Town from fire, by providing a suitable number of fire-plugs, or public hydrants, properly adapted to the purpose and conveniently situated for use.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and Councilmen are hereby required to keep an accurate account of their receipts and disbursements in conducting said Water Works; and if, at the end of any fiscal year, there shall remain in their hands a surplus of receipts after paying all expenses, such surplus shall be paid into the Treasury of said Town for the purposes of this Act; and if there shall, in any year or years, be a deficiency, or failure of receipts to meet expenses, the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town are hereby authorized, directed and required to levy a special tax, not exceeding fifteen cents on one hundred dollars, as other taxes are now levied, upon the assessable property of said Town, and to collect the same as other taxes are now collected, for the purpose of meeting such a contingency.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg, at the next regular election for Mayor and Councilmen succeeding the passage of this Act, to submit to the qualified voters of said Town the question as to whether or not Water Works shall be purchased or constructed for said Town under this Act; and at such election, the ballots cast upon said question shall have the words, "For Water Works" or "Against Water Works," as the voters shall desire; and if a majority of the votes, cast upon said question, shall be "For Water Works," then the Mayor and Councilmen of said Town shall proceed without delay, to execute the powers, vested in them by the provisions of this Act; but if a majority of the votes cast upon this said question, shall be "Against Water Works," then the said Mayor and Councilmen shall not execute any of the powers vested in them by this Act; and it shall be the duty of the said Mayor and Councilmen to give the usual notice of the time and place of the said election; and the ballots, provided for in this Act, shall be deposited in a separate box, specially provided for the same; and at least ten days before said election is held, they shall cause this Act to be published in some newspaper printed in said Town.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, That if this Act shall not become a law until it is too late to give the notice, provided for in the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg to call a special election, on or before the first Monday in June, eighteen hundred and ninety, at which the question as to whether or not Water Works shall be purchased or constructed shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said Town, as hereinbefore provided for.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 19, 1890.

ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor.
JOHN HUBNER, Speaker House of Delegates,
R. F. BRATTAN, President of the Senate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Act of the General Assembly, passed January session, 1890.

CARLTON SHAFER, Chief Clerk of House of Delegates.

March 22

*New Advertisements.*

## LOST

A LOCK BRACELET, Sunday evening last, on Broadway or Main st., between Frost avenue and M. E. Church. Finder will oblige owner by leaving it at the JOURNAL OFFICE.

April 5

## Money to Lend

**On First Mortgage.**

MRS. E. B. TAYLOR, Frostburg, Md.

April 5—tt

## Notice by Administratrix.

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

**John W. Hansel, deceased.**

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

**Saturday, October 4, 1890.**

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

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

Given under my hand this 5th day of April, 1890.

HARRIET W. HANSEL, Administratrix.

April 5—3t

## County Commissioners' Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CUMBERLAND, March 31, 1890.

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

**Monday, April 14, 1890,**

To continue in session during the week, and longer, should the business require, for the purpose of hearing appeals, making transfers upon the county assessment books, and transacting such business as may regularly come before them.

All persons desiring their assessments corrected are hereby notified to appear at this session, as no alterations in assessments will be made on said books after the adjournment of the ensuing appeal term.

JOHN STEWART, Clerk.

April 5

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## Parrish Baking Powder

**Absolutely Pure.**

THE purest, strongest and most perfect Cream of Tartar Baking Powder made. Each can guaranteed to contain full net weight of powder and to be absolutely the best.

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April 5—1y

## HITCHINS & BROS.

In our west window this week we call your attention to our display of

**FRENCH PLAIDS and STRIPES**

These are the latest importations and newest designs. They are superb quality, and stylish for entire costumes or for combination dresses.

**Price 75 cts. per yard.**

Purchasers of all classes of goods are invited to examine our stock.

HITCHINS BROS.

READER, when an opponent of new, larger, and better water works approaches you with the objection—

That it will bring increased taxation, etc.—

Ask him—

1. What he calls what is now known as "water rent?"

2. What is meant by at least $2,400 now paid by a little over one-half of our population?

3. Whether that amount of revenue, turned into the town treasury, would tend to increase taxation?

4. And whether it is better for us to send $2,400 *per annum* to enrich private pockets in Cumberland, or keep the money at home for home uses and home development?

When he shows, as he must, that he is unable to give reasonable answers to those questions, clinch the nail by stating to him that the $2,400, now contributed to Cumberland, will pay all the interest that can be charged upon all of the bonds that can be issued.

Show him also that if a little over one-half of our population can easily pay $2,400 for inadequate service, that all the people can do the same thing for full service with more ease;—

That under no circumstances can a new source of income contribute to increasing taxation,—

And that we do not owe Cumberland one cent of money that we can keep at home.

The truth about this whole matter is—that all of the innumerable arguments in favor of the acquirement by the town of its water supply are so conclusively self-evident that it is difficult to treat and apply them. It is like a philosopher attempting to prove by unimpeachable testimony that snow is white, that blood is red, that coal is black.

THE people of Maryland owe a debt of gratitude to the Baltimore *Sun* for the brave course it pursued in exposing questionable measures and methods at Annapolis this winter.

It stood constantly on the watch-tower and indicated to the people the demerits of objectionable bills and the nature of the forces behind them. Its revelations and admonitions were heard and felt at Annapolis directly and indirectly. The great moral force of the paper itself had its effect and when this was corroborated by a responsive public sentiment the pressure became irresistible.

In only one conspicuous instance did the *Sun* fail to measure up to its standard of duty as established by its treatment of other measures, namely, the canal steal. Leaving out of view the plausible arguments made in its behalf, here was a project degraded and damned from the beginning by the methods employed in promoting its success. The *Sun* should have seen at first, what it saw at last, that no meritorious measure could afford to be pressed by the means and men used in that attempt to rob the people.

However, there were men in Baltimore, Washington and Allegany county, who saw through the game of the conspirators. Alexander, Black, Winship, Agnew, Hitchins, Mertens and others threw themselves in the breach, and, aided by Senator Pearre, the *animus* of the scheme was fully exposed. The eight million dollars the sharpers were to make at the expense of the people will hardly realize and the little railroad that was to carry West Virginia coal into our market will not be built this year.

The State, Allegany county especially, owes these men a rising vote of thanks.

VOTERS, the revenue from the present water works will pay the interest on $40,000.

And that from the works proposed ought to do the same thing and give us at least $800 a year besides.

But it is not proposed that the new works shall cost $40,000, nor even $30,000.

The interest account, therefore, can never exceed $1,800 *per annum*. Allow $500 *per annum* for running expenses—a liberal allowance, and $800 can be saved the first year, and so on.

At the end of the fifth year there will be $4,500 with which to take up bonds, and we will start the sixth year with a debt of, say $25,500. This, at the end of the sixth year will be reduced to $24,500. Continue this calculation, and at the end of the twentieth year the financier will find that the town will have just one $500 bond to take up.

All this, remember, without going into the pockets of the taxpayers for one cent of taxation.

Now, what will be the result when the town, owning the works, will have ceased paying principal and interest?

There will be at least $2,700 coming into the town treasury to be applied to town expenses.

Were this the twenty-second year under our system of water works, the rate of taxation could be fixed at 25 instead of 50 cents.

This is leaving entirely out of view all the incalculable and immeasurable benefits that plenty of water will bring incidentally.

INCORPORATION carried in Lonaconing Tuesday by a vote of 168 to 141.

This means that the era of progress and improvement will begin at once.

The JOURNAL congratulates the *Review* and *Star* upon the advanced positions taken by each and the success which has at last crowned their efforts.

The press is foremost in every good word and work.

Read the following from the Philadelphia *Ledger*:

What would New York be without the newspaper?

This question was put to your correspondent recently by a great editor, and he proceeded to answer his own inquiry by remarking:

You wouldn't live in this town a week if there were no newspapers to defend the weak, to oppose the wrong, to unearth the corruption and watch the politicians. The city is bad enough as it is, but an honest man couldn't live here if it were not for the newspapers.

THERE should be no opposition whatever to Haverstick and Jones for members of the Water Board. Both are well equipped for the work in hand, Mr. Haverstick particularly by reason of his acquirements as a civil engineer.

In making up opposition tickets, therefore, endorse these men.

IN the next life the State democratic committee and the Allegany county school board should take up their abode in the planet Saturn, where the rings of the country are never disturbed.

VOTERS, remember that the Frostburg water company is not an issue in this campaign.

It is not an object of our favor, nor of our enmity.

Besides, we are nor dealing with that institution at this time.

Its turn will come later—to sell out at a fair price, or continue a small and diminishing business at the old stand.

AMONG the measures which died with the Legislature was the mining and ventilation bill.

Which means two years more of peace and prosperity in this region.

People, had the canal been stolen by the West Virginia coal interests and the grand juries of the county become inspectors of what was left of our mining industry, we might have hung our harps upon the willows and mourned as did the desponding captives who strayed along the rivers of Babylon and wept over the fall of Zion.

GOVERNOR JACKSON should give Prof. Newell the word, "go."

As an educator he is a reminiscence—not a savory one at that.

From him the Allegany county management has long drawn much of its antique and *sui generis* conservatism.

And by him it has been nourished into the faith that it is something and doing something.

Newell's great *forte* lies in making a county examiner feel that he is "a little goddlemity."

Newell is an eminent success, but his trend is backward.

OPPONENTS of the water bill, why not state some arguments showing why plenty of water will be an evil, and not a benefit?

Why not show that plenty of dust and dirt and filth, and an abundance of typhoid fever are what we demand and must have—not pure air, cleanliness and health.

This thing of making a mountain out of a molehill tax that, in all probability, will never be levied, is too little, too intangible as an argument against plenty of water.

Come out like men, and say—if you don't want plenty of water—that you want plenty of all the evils that lack of water brings in its train.

You might show that the little water we have is a curse to the town and that the people would be better off without it.

So far as heard from Stevenson Archer made a low record as a safe custodian of the people's funds.

If there was a surplus he reduced it and developed in its stead a deficiency.

He was not apparently a stockholder in the canal steal, but the practical collapse of the great theft and his own prostration were dangerously, we will not say suggestively close together. The two occurrences were intimate enough to be blood kin.

Perhaps Mr. Archer would not have defaulted had the canal steal succeeded.

Anyway, there will always exist a popular desire to understand exactly why the ring so persistently, brazenly and desperately fought for the illegal acquisition of the canal.

Those who have given the matter attention will long wonder, too, why the bill providing for proceedings competing with Judge Alvey's inquiry into the canal's condition, fell through just after the treasurer's default had been made known.

In the one case, they worked as though something more precious than life itself was at stake.

In the other, they flunked as though that most precious something was no longer worth living for.

These things we may never know. "The powers that be" may succeed, as usual, in covering their tracks.

Meanwhile, great is the mystery of ungoodliness.

Is there a church in Frostburg that provides accommodations for the press?—Frostburg *Ledger*.

NO. The press does not need accommodations of the special sort. If it is convinced and convicted of sin, let it go up and bow at the same altar at which other trangressors confess. This thing of newspaper men putting on airs because they are in some sort newspaper men, is played out, and the church should show no favor to any class gallanting around and calling attention to the special distinction of its members as Sitting Bulls among sinners.

Was such a thing as a reporter's chair and table ever seen in this city on a hill?—*Ibid.*

There is not a mourners' bench in christendom where a sentence like that would or could be pardoned. "Such a thing as a reporter's chair and table"—as though these articles were not two things.

But this brilliant scribe lets the churches down by answering his own question. He says:

Most likely not. But the churches are not to blame for not providing facilities that were neither asked for nor wanted heretofore. The churches of this town have not hitherto had that recognition from the local press that they deserve.

Possibly not. But the same was true of the Salvation army, and is true of our great football and prize-fighting interests. In fact, everybody has had a regular harvest-time of neglect until the *Ledger* was established.

But this moulder of bad English, just now so solicitous for the slighted churches, spoils his exoneration of those bodies from all blame in the premises. He concludes:

We hope that the churches will not forget that improvement is the order of the age.

Why this "hope" when the churches are blameless? What is meant by the suggestion that "improvement is the order of the age?" Does it mean that in the matter of moral advancement football and prize-fighting are stealing a march on revivals, baptisms, professions, admissions and confirmations? and that "a table and chair" will even up the disparity of privileges in its columns?

But if the churches are beguiled by a hint so broad into advertising a paper during worship, they will find that spiritual dividends from that investment will be "few and far between."

FINALLY, brethren, next Monday will determine whether the town shall own the water works, or the water works continue to own the town.

In other words, whether the people will be free and independent, or continue to belong to William O. Sprigg.

Every pastor ought to pray publicly tomorrow for emancipation.

THE Mayor and Council should have provided for filling the vacancy in that body by the people at the election Monday.

But as they have not done so they should leave the matter to the new Mayor and Council. Ordinary courtesy dictates that they should allow the incoming body the privilege of selecting their own associate.

THE JOURNAL was visibly uneasy about that Lonaconing election? An adverse result there might have had some effect here, while a favorable turn of events does us no harm if it accomplishes no good.

The slumbering possibilities of a town that is fond of sleep are incalculable.

THE intelligent voter should not make it a point Monday to vote early and often, or as the Irishman states it—"first and frequint," but he should be sure that he votes once, and that he casts a "plumper" *for* water works.

THE question where the Maryland money went does not seem half so pertinent as how it may be got back.—Cumberland *Times*.

NO. In all probability the use to which the money was put is a pool the ring does not want stirred.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### "More Anon" Thrashing Around Among the Insects.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

I see that the little *Ledger* has raised its tiny voice in springtime as marsh froglets are wont to do, and pipes its diminutive note over the grave of poor dead "More Anon."

It would be just as cruel to strike hard the sheet in question, already languishing from lack of stuck, as to trample under foot a new born babe.

As to the individual (if, indeed, he have enough entity to claim individuality) who inspired the *Ledger's* squeak, I have simply to say that if he will shave the hair off his teeth, curry his head, take a thorough, all-over bath with carbolic soap, get a fresh paper collar, brighten himself with clean underwear and a brand new suit of store clothes, I will undertake to hold up with a pair of tongs a very interesting specimen of the insect world that ought to have been combed off the head of the body politic long ago. MORE ANON.

### DECLINES TO RUN.

FROSTBURG, MD., April 4, 1890.

To the MINING JOURNAL.

It having come to my knowledge that my name is being used in connection with the Mayoralty, I take this method of informing the public that I positively refuse the use of my name in that manner. I endorse the action of the republican primary.

JOHN B. WRIGHT.

## TOWN HAPPENINGS.

**Personal.**—The head of the firm of B. Stern & Co. left Wednesday evening for New York, accompanied by Henry Reichenbach, brother of the famous *restaurateur* of Frostburg. Mr. Stern expects to purchase a stunning stock of spring goods—in milinery and dress specialties. He will take time to canvass the markets so as to select the choicest styles and patterns going. Mr. Reichenbach has spent several months here very pleasantly and goes home to resume business.

Miss Mary J. Dando is spending the Easter holidays with the family of G. Thornton McKenzie, at Brady's, Md.

Miss Hattie Kunst, of Grafton, W. Va., is the guest of H. B. Shaffer's family.

Mrs. Alex. Porter and daughter, Eleanor, of Piedmont, W. Va., are the guests of Mrs. John Little.

Emory G. Hitchins is spending the Easter holidays at home, a brief surcease from hard study at Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa.

H. B. Shaffer left Thursday to attend the funeral of Rev. Frederick Benedict, at Bedford, Pa.

Rev. J. A. Whitaker, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church, now of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday in this place.

Miss Ella V. Weis has returned from a pleasant visit to Grafton, W. Va.

Misses Minnie and Anna Hitchins left Wednesday for Baltimore.

Dr. C. C. Jacobs' friends were agreeably surprised to see him on the street Tuesday. He was warmly greeted by all.

Miss Mollie Armstrong has returned home from Baltimore.

Mrs. Joseph H. Hitchins visited her parents at Lonaconing this week.

Ex-Sheriff Otto Hohing has moved his family to this place. He has taken up his residence on Maple street.

Mrs. Joseph M. Byrne and son, of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donohue.

Henry Jandorf, of Salisbury, Pa., was in town Saturday. He reports a good business up there—plenty work and not a "deadhead" on the roster.

**Easter**—Easter services in the M. E. Church will begin with Quarterly lovefeast at 9 a. m. At 10½ a. m. the presiding elder, Rev. G. G. Baker, will preach. At 6 p. m. the Epworth League will hold the Young People's service. At 7 p. m. the pastor, Rev. G. V. Leech, on "Joy and Gladness Breaking from the Opening Tomb." Some special music will be rendered by the choir.

Easter Sunday will be a big day at the English Lutheran Church. At 10½ o'clock confirmation and holy Communion. Subject—"Christ our Passover." At 3½ p. m. baptismal service, and at 7½ the Children's Jubilee, consisting of singing, reponsive reading, recitations and addresses, will be held.

**Religious.**—Rev. Q. A. Wheat, lately assigned to Wardensville, W. Va., M. E. Church, South, preached two very acceptable sermons in the M. E. Church last Sunday.

The Epworth League will hold its regular social and business meeting Monday evening.

**The Sick.**—Dr. J. M. Porter was taken quite ill Wednesday. Reports from him yesterday indicate improvement.

John Smith, of Spring street, is lying very low with heart disease.

**A Dramatic Treat.**—Mattie Vickers, Frostburg's favorite *comedienne*, supported by a wonderfully clever company, will come Monday. She is playing in Washington this week to almost nightly "standing room only" houses. "These ovations," says the *Post*, of that city, "are due to her newly revised comedy and the large company of singing and dancing comedians, in addition to her charming self." "Her new song, 'Don't You Tickle Me,'" says the Washington *Star* of Tuesday, "is whistled on the streets by the newsboys, so popular has it already become." Frostburg will undoubtedly welcome her with a packed house.

**Two Days Apart.** Mr. LEVI TAYLOR, an old citizen, died Sunday, March 30, of dropsy, aged 71 years, 4 months and 28 days.

Tuesday afternoon, April 1, while the funeral *cortege* was on the way to the Percy graveyard with Mr. Taylor's remains, Mrs. ADELIZA TAYLOR, widow of deceased, died of pneumonia, aged 70 years, 7 months and 22 days.

Both had been ill for some time and the end was not unexpected.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were an estimable couple, numbering among their relatives and friends our best people. Several sons and daughters, all grown, survive.

**The Municipal Election.**—The republicans held their primary convention Saturday evening, and, to the suprise of everybody, nominated a good ticket, especially for members of the water board. The ticket is below:

*For Mayor*—Enoch Cline.
*For Councilmen*—A. W. Dewitt, E. N. Michael, George Hosken.
*For Water Board*—Dr. J. J. Jones, Rev. A. C. Haverstick.

The following ticket is also in the field. It is known as the "Citizens' Ticket:"

*For Mayor*—George H. Wittig.
*For Councilmen*—L. P. Wolfe, E. N. Michael, George Hosken.
*For Water Board*—Dr. J. J. Jones, Rev. A. C. Haverstick.

The ticket below has been also proposed. It is headed "Republican Ticket:"

*For Mayor*—John B. Wright.
*For Councilmen*—Peter Knieriem, Thomas Rowe, Thomas H. Paul, jr.
*For Water Board*—Rev. A. C. Haverstick, Howard Hitchins.

The election will take place Monday, April 7.

**Removals.**—Capt. J. P. Smith has moved into one of Mr. Wittig's new houses on Frost Avenue.

Gus. Wm. Zeller has moved into the house vacated by Capt. Smith.

John Davis has moved into the house formerly occupied by Charles Boor, on Water street.

John A. Wagner has moved into the house on Mechanic street lately occupied by B. T. Schofield.

Joseph G. Dennison has moved into the house made vacant by the removal of Mr. Wagner.

Dr. P. A. Michael has moved into the Ward house on Main street.

Dr. A. B. Price has taken the house made vacant by Dr. P. A. Michael's removal.

O. C. Deffenbaugh has moved into the "Tunnel house," vacated by C. B. Wack.

Robert Shearer has taken a portion of the Consolidation coal company's house, occupied by F. S. Deekens.

Mrs. H. L. S. Wineland has moved into her new house on Main street.

**Brevities.**—Titus A. Brick thinks the tendency of the new license law is toward driving the low groggeries out of business. If there is anything Titus is down on it is that sort of whisky that is illegitimate.

The JOURNAL received this week a "full-page" photograph of the Zahner & Battell manufacturing company, of Kansas city, Mo. Each member of the corporation had his hair combed and gracefully roached back until, caught up by the ear, his alabaster brow was thus brought out in *alto relievo* more distinctly than by any other pose of the "human form divine." Like McGinty, each was also "dressed in his best Sunday clothes." In fact, all the *indicia* go to show that each had gotten himself up specially for the occasion, and right well did the camera reproduce the aggregate of charming outfits and stunning attitudes of form and feature. It is no small achievement to extemporize a smile in embryo and have it apparently just ready to break out over the face in all its rippling, dimpling beauty, when there is no occasion whatever for ill-concealed merriment. But this corporation did it, and the picture is a work of art which almost conceals art. To the JOURNAL, however, the group would appear more complete did it embody in heroic size the handsome figure and face of Gen. J. M. Gundlach.

It is reported that E. A. Garlitz, of Avilton, Garrett county, is arranging to move to this place to engage in merchandizing.

The hook and ladder truck article again goes over.

## COUNTY NEWS.

**The April Jury.**—Judge Hoffman drew the jury for the April term Saturday.

The term begins Monday, 14th inst.

The following are the jurors for the districts named:

8—William L. Dick, H. Clay Rizer, Michael F. Flanagan and Orestes Tibbets.
9—John M. Newman, Andrew McMannas, Peter Wilson and David D. Shearer.
10—John Creighton and Patrick Broderick.
11—John L. Heintz, Daniel McCaughan, Charles H. Hamill, Joshua Johnson and John N. Carson.
13—James Findlay, Charles Goetz, George Porter and Patrick Sherry.
17—Thomas Brown.
18—John S. Coleman, Edward F. Creegan and Noah M. Skidmore.
19—Lincoln Reed.
23—William J. Harrison, James Cochrane, Charles Brown and John Lloyd.

**Personal.**—R. Lichenstein, of Cumberland, has gone out of the hotel business. He is a very clever man, a model landlord, and the guests of Hotel Elberon will miss him for a long time.

**Brevities.**—A well known and extremely popular wag hoaxed the JOURNAL last week with two innocent-looking Munchausenlets.

**Fire.**—The old schoolhouse at Allegany mines was destroyed by fire Sunday night. How it took fire is a mystery. Loss small.