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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates and can safely be given to children. Sold by E. H. Miller.

Dr. A. L. Haselbarth and his mother returned from Washington, D. C., last week, where they had been visiting relatives and friends for several days.

You never heard of any one using Foley's Honey and Tar and not being satisfied. Sold by E. H. Miller.

John A. Lambert, John H. Uhl, J. A. Berkey and E. F. Stahl have been drawn to serve as jurors at the May session of the United States District Court, at Pittsburg.

Foley's Honey and Tar is peculiarly adapted for asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness. Sold by E. H. Miller.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Weldley, Monday evening, May 6th. The same program will be used that should have been used April 21st. All members are requested to be present at this meeting.

Daniel Keller, candidate for Recorder of Deeds, was circulating among Salisbury people, yesterday. Daniel is a right clever fellow. He says he is a Stalwart, but none of the kind of Stalwarts that bolted the Republican ticket, last fall.

J. D. Miller returned home a few days ago from a trip to Greene county, Pa., where he visited his aged father, and he also visited friends near Marietta, Ohio, before returning. Mr. Miller has our thanks for a subscription to THE STAR for his father.

Mr. Overacker, the man who was in Rockwood, recently, with a view to establishing a newspaper there, has quit the field and arrived at the conclusion that the town would not support a newspaper. We think he sized up the situation correctly.

Every time a farmer kills a hawk he throws away a \$50 bill into the fire, for it destroys a thousand rats, mice and gophers every year. Prof. Hodge, of Clark University, estimates that toads are worth \$20 each as destroyers of cut worms, says an exchange.

The wife of Robert Philson, of Berlin, died on Monday last week, at the age of 37 years, 8 months and 10 days. She died of consumption, with which disease she suffered for the past eight years. She is survived by a husband and five children. Mrs. Philson was one of the most highly respected ladies of the community in which she lived.

Albert, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Stanton, of Little Crossings, Garrett county, Md., died on Tuesday night of lung fever and other complications. He was aged about 34 years and leaves a wife and two young children. The wife is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Loebel, of the same county. We have learned nothing of the funeral arrangements.

This week we greet our readers with an enlarged paper. The pages are smaller than they were, but there are twice as many of them, and we gain 98 inches of column space by the change. The enlarged form means considerable more expense to us, but our business is rapidly growing and demands a larger paper. Those who are indebted to us will confer a great favor by paying up promptly.

Prof. W. A. Seibert, candidate for County Superintendent of Schools, was in town yesterday. Mr. Seibert feels very hopeful of being elected at the School Directors' convention, which convenes in Somerset, next Tuesday. From what we can learn from other sections of the county, we believe Prof. Seibert is a sure winner, and if elected he will undoubtedly prove to be a very efficient officer.

On Tuesday evening Chas. R. Snyder and "Billy" Harding brought to town an 18-pound string of very nice suckers which they caught in Stanton's dam, one mile east of Grantsville, Md. The

catch was made in about two hours, and it was the finest bunch of fish brought to town this year. Fish in general are reported to be very scarce in our streams, this year.

Everett C. Welch, candidate for Recorder of Deeds, and Norman E. Berkey, candidate for Prothonotary, were in town on Tuesday handing out their cards. Both of these men are highly honorable, competent and gentlemanly fellows, and they were much pleased with our town and the courteous treatment extended to them by the people they came in contact with while here.

In a letter received a few days ago from Frank P. Beachy, of Carleton, Neb., Mr. Beachy says: "Mother enjoys very good health and appears to be well satisfied with the west, but constantly keeps in mind the many friends and relatives she left behind."

THE STAR can assure Mr. Beachy that the many friends left behind also keep his aged and respected mother in mind. She is one of the best women we ever knew or expect to know. She will be gratefully remembered long after she is dead, but we hope to see her spared a goodly number of years yet, and we wish her continued good health.

The record of prompt payment of life insurance policies was broken at Somerset this week. J. Willis Pisel, who died on April 7th, carried insurance in the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Arcanum—\$3,000 in each. The beneficiary in the former was his mother and in the latter, his wife. The proofs of death and other necessary papers were forwarded by the Woodmen the following Saturday, and those of the Royal Arcanum three days later. Drafts for both amounts arrived at Somerset on Monday morning. The Woodmen delivered theirs that evening, and the Royal Arcanum the next morning.—Somerset Standard.

The editor's aunt, Mrs. Eliza Gnagney, of Pasadena, Cal., arrived in Salisbury on Thursday evening of last week. She made the long journey from California alone, which was quite an undertaking for a woman 73 years old. Mrs. Gnagney stood the trip as well as any young person could have stood it, and she is one of the best preserved persons of her age that we have ever seen. She looks younger and is younger in her ways than many people of 55 years. She will attend the German Baptist Annual Meeting at Harrisburg and spend the summer among her eastern friends in Pennsylvania and Maryland, returning to her western home in the fall.

We are told that there will be about fifty candidates out hustling for office during the present campaign. These candidates will require from 8,000 to 10,000 cards each in making their canvass, or a total of nearly or quite 500,000 cards. These figures will enable each Republican printer in the county to tell at a glance about how many of these cards he should be called on to print. All candidates who expect fair and generous treatment from the Republican editors of the county will divide their printing among the Republican print shops as evenly as possible. We are in favor of fair treatment all around. No one or two printers are the whole push, and no one or two of them should be given nearly all the printing.

A colored preacher in Cumberland, Md., recently got off the following while preaching to his congregation: "Bredren and sistahs, I has been asked how hot hell am, an' by way of illustration I will say dis: Ef yo' done took all de wood in Yo'k state, an' all de coal in Pennsylvania and West Virginia an' pile 'em all on a heap, an' pour on dat heap all de ile in de wo'ld, an' set dat heap on fire, den take some ornery wite man out ob hell an' done put him in dat burning mass, dat man would find it so much colder den de real thing dat he'd freeze stone dead in less time den hell could scorch a feather. Dat's how hot it am, bredren and sistahs, an' all de wite trash will be dere when we poah cullid folks is playin' rag time on our ha'ps on de golden shore."

The Berlin borough council has granted to a private company a franchise for a water plant. Work will begin on the same at once. The franchise provides that the borough shall have the privilege of buying the plant at the end of fifteen years or at the end of every five years thereafter. Sewerage is now being talked of in Berlin, and the old town seems determined to get out of all the old ruts. Now, let Salisbury follow Berlin's example. A franchise for a water plant was granted by our council a good while ago, to P. S. Hay and Harvey Maust, but we are sorry to say that the franchise was gotten up in a very loose way. The holders of the franchise have two years' time in which to put in the plant. Whether they will put in the plant or unload to somebody else at a profit remains to be seen. We don't care who puts in the plant, just so we get it and get it quickly. The holders of the franchise should have been required to begin work in a substantial way not later than May 1st of this year. What the people of this town want is water works in reality, not water works in words and on paper only.

Foley's Honey and Tar heals lungs and stops the cough.

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, Chas. D. Walcott, Director.

The Bituminous Coal Field of Maryland.

The coal measures of Maryland are a southward continuation of those in the basin of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. They occupy a strip along the western border of Allegany county about 20 miles long and averaging five miles in width, and they cover somewhat over half, or about 400 square miles, of Garrett county. They are discussed in Part III of the XXII Annual Report of the Geological Survey, now in press, by Mr. David White, who notes the excellent work of the geologists of the Maryland Geological Survey, upon which, for the most part, his own statements are based.

The coal measures lie in three broad northeast-southwest basins. The easternmost is the Potomac basin, called locally the Frostburg, the Georges Creek, the Elk Garden, and the Upper Potomac basins. North of the Potomac basin lies in Allegany and Garrett counties; south of Piedmont nearly all of the western half of the basin is in Garrett county. By reason of the depth and accessibility of its coal, and of its geographical advantage with reference to tide water and the eastern markets, the Potomac basin is by far the most important of the three main basins, as its Big or Pittsburg bed is the chief source of coal in Maryland. Savage and Meadow mountains separate the Potomac basin from the second, or Casselman basin in northern Garrett county, which is drained by the Casselman river. The third, or Younggheny basin includes a Lower Younggheny basin, in the northwestern, and an Upper Younggheny basin in the western part of Garrett county. Both of these two main basins are but little developed commercially, from lack of railway facilities.

The coal beds sufficiently thick to deserve mention are the Big or Pittsburg or Railroad coal, in Garrett county, from 1 to nearly three feet thick; the Mount Savage coal, Allegany county, averaging about 2 feet thick, extracted and used at the clay mines for firing the brick; the Westernport or Two-foot coal, Allegany county, averaging from 2 to 3 feet thick; the Bluefield coal in northeastern Georges Creek district, Allegany county, over 5 feet thick in places, but variable; the Parker coal, Allegany county, ranging from a few inches to nearly 5 feet in thickness near Warrior Run; the Davis or Six-foot seam in the Georges Creek district, which thickens as it goes south past Piedmont into Garrett, up to nearly 9 feet near the corner of the state; the Thomas or Three-foot coal, running from about 3 feet thick in the Georges Creek district to 5½ feet at Bayard and exceeding 8 feet at Fife's Knob; the Barton coal, from 2½ to 3½ feet thick in the Georges Creek district—a valuable source of fuel for eventual exploitation; the Dirty Nine-foot bed, varying from over 2 feet to 10 feet in thickness, though generally of no importance; the Elk Garden or Fourteen-foot bed, Allegany county, varying from 5 feet north of Frostburg to about 9 or 10 feet south of Lonaconing, to over 14 feet of workable coal near Franklin, and to 20 feet at Elk Garden. This is the fuel known to the trade as Cumberland coal, the highest known grades of semi-bituminous steam coal. It is largely exhausted except in the region of Frostburg. This bed has an area of about 35 square miles. The Tyson or Gas bed is reported as ranging from 4 feet thick near Lonaconing to about 7 feet at Franklin, Allegany; the Koonitz bed in the Georges Creek district varies from 5 feet to over 7 feet in thickness, but is much broken up.

The Cumberland coal coke satisfactorily, though on account of the greater profit in the raw fuel no coke is now made.

The Big or Elk Garden bed in the Georges Creek and Frostburg districts was one of the earliest of the northern bituminous seams to be worked. Coal has been extracted near Frostburg since about 1804, though not until 1830 as it shipped east in barges on the Potomac river. The commercial exploitation of the coal developed rapidly after the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1842, and was further promoted by the completion of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal in 1850.

Maryland, ranking eleventh among the coal-producing states, had an output in 1900 of 4,024,888 short tons, valued at \$3,837,381. Much the greater part of this coal came from the Elk Garden beds, the remainder being obtained from the Davis and Thomas beds along the Upper Potomac in Garrett county.

With the exhaustion of the Big bed, the indications are that the thin beds will be more and more rapidly developed, as is already the case along the lines of the West Virginia Central Railroad towards the head of the Upper Potomac basin, where the Davis and Thomas beds are in fine condition.

Most of the Maryland mines are operated by the "room and pillar" method. There is relatively little machine mining. The wage scale of mining in operation in 1901 was 55 cents per ton, run of mine, for hand work, or 40 cents for machine work. The cost per ton of coal, f. o. b. cars at the mines ranges from 87½ cents to \$1, the average being about 81 cents. The greater part of the steam coal mined in Western Maryland goes to the factories and shops of the eastern states north of North Carolina, the chief points of destination being Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Staten Island or South Ambury. A large percentage is used for marine consumption. The Potomac basin is traversed by the West Virginia Central & Pittsburg, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Georges Creek & Cumberland, and the Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroads. All the railroads converge at Cumberland, whence the coal is transported by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the Pennsylvania system, and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. The cost of transportation by the all-rail route from the Georges Creek district is \$1.45 per ton for truck delivery to Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, and for water shipment \$1.18 to Baltimore, \$1.25 to Philadelphia, and \$1.55 to South Ambury.

In Changeable Weather.

It is wonderful how many people are benefited by the use of Speer's Port Grape Wine, especially ladies. It makes their blood pure and skin very white, smooth and soft.

The Real Mary Who Had the Lamb.

The author of "Mary had a Little Lamb" was John Roulston, a young man who was a visitor at the school near Worcester, Massachusetts, when the incident occurred. The heroine of the poem was Mary E. Sawyer, who afterward became Mrs. Columbus Tyler. She died in December, 1889.—*May Ladies' Home Journal.*

Dangerous if Neglected.

Burns, cuts and other wounds often fail to heal properly if neglected, and become troublesome sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve prevents such consequences. Even where delay has aggravated the injury, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve effects a cure. "I had a running sore on my leg, thirty years," says H. C. Hartly, Yanketown, Ind. "After using many remedies, I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes healed the sore." Cures all skin diseases. Piles yield to it at once. Beware of counterfeits. E. H. Miller.

The Wise Men of New York.

The wisest person in America is the New York man who has never traveled a hundred miles beyond the borders of his own city. To him travel is unnecessary, for whither would he travel? His city is at once the Alpha and Omega of human ken. The sun, for him, rises each morning just beyond the Brooklyn Bridge and sets each evening in North River. In short, New York is America. To live outside of its domain is simply to camp out. And the few—the seventy and odd millions—who do live "beyond the pale" simply live to watch what New Yorkers do, how New Yorkers dress, what books New Yorkers read, what New Yorkers say.—*Edwards Bok, in May Ladies' Home Journal.*

Don't Start Wrong.

Don't start the summer with a lingering cough or cold. We all know what a "summer cold" is. It's the hardest kind to cure. Often it "hangs on" through the entire season. Take it in hand right now. A few doses of One Minute Cough Cure will set you right. Sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, grip, bronchitis, all throat and lung troubles. Absolutely safe. Acts at once. Children like it. "One Minute Cough Cure is the best cough medicine I ever used," says J. H. Bowles, Groveton, N. H. "I never found anything else that acted so safely and quickly." E. H. Miller.

Nimble at Eighty-eight.

Among those who visited the Russian battleship Retvizan, yesterday, as the guests of Captain Steshnovitch and the officers, was John O. Kimmel, father-in-law of George F. Bear, President of the Reading Company. Although in his 88th year, Mr. Kimmel astonished everyone by climbing the rope ladder to the fighting top of the big ship.

"I wanted to see for myself," said Mr. Kimmel afterwards, "just where the man must stand and what he must do who directs a modern battleship in action. No, I had no fear climbing the rigging, except that my shoes were a little slippery."

Mr. Kimmel, who lives at Somerset, where he is still an active member of the bar, is stopping for a day or two at the Stratford with Mr. and Mrs. Bear.—*Philadelphia North American.*

Death of Richard Stephens.

Richard Stephens, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., died at the county hospital at 3:20 o'clock, Thursday morning, aged 80 years. The deceased was well known in Lancaster, Berlin and Meyersdale, Pa., and Salem and Poland, Ohio.

He is survived by five daughters, namely, Mrs. Mary A. Granger, of Manistee, Michigan, Mrs. Susan Thompson, of Syracuse, New York, Mrs. Vina Stephens, of Salem, Ohio, Mrs. Margaret Schang, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Annie Simons, of Syracuse, New York. Also by four sons, John, of Meyersdale, Pa., William, of Struthers, Ohio, Richard, Jr., of Manistee, Michigan, James, of Mineral City, Ohio, and also by one sister, Mrs. Mary Koonitz, of St. Louis, Mo.

The deceased was a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran church, partaking of the Lord's Supper the last time it was administered by Rev. C. F. Gephart, of the Lavansville Lutheran church, a former chaplain.

The funeral took place at nine o'clock, Saturday morning, Rev. J. H. Picking, D. D., officiating.

Curious Spanish Advertisement.

The following curious advertisement is taken from a Spanish journal: "This morning our Saviour summoned away the jeweler, Siebald Illimaga, from his shop to another and a better world. The undersigned, his widow, will weep upon his tomb, as will also his two daughters, Hilda and Emma, the former of whom is married, and the latter is open to an offer. The funeral will take place to-morrow. His disconsolate widow, Veronique Illimaga. P. S.—This bereavement will not interrupt our employment, which will be carried on as usual; only our place of business will be removed from 3 Lessi de Lenituriers to 4 Rue de Missionaire, as our grasping landlord has raised the rent."

First National Bank OF FROSTBURG, MD.

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