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## HATS! HATS! HATS!

We have just received a very fine assortment of men's and boys' hats and caps for spring and summer wear.

The latest shapes in Derbys at \$1.25 to 3.00. Also the newest shapes and colors in soft hats at \$1.00 to 2.00.

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Children's, boys' and men's caps at 25, 50 and 75c.

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Pianos from \$125.00 up. Organs from \$15.00 up.  
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DAYTONIO,  
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STAR.

## Important Announcement!

To the people of Salisbury and vicinity I wish to announce that I have purchased the undertaking business of Rutter & Will in Meyersdale, and have moved to that town.

However, I have not sold out in that line in Salisbury, and I have a representative to look after my interests in Salisbury, where I shall keep constantly on hand a fine stock of

## Undertaking Goods, Coffins, Caskets, Etc.

L. C. Boyer is my Salisbury salesman, and can sell you anything you may need in my line. I will continue to do embalming and funeral directing, both in Salisbury and Meyersdale.

Thanking the public for a generous patronage in the past, and soliciting a liberal future patronage, I remain your servant,

H. McCULLOH, Meyersdale, Pa.

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Watches, Clocks and Jewelry,  
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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

## AS SEEN BY A VISITOR.

OUR RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITY DESCRIBED BY A CUMBERLAND NEWSPAPER MAN.

Greatly Pleased With Our Town and Surrounding Territory—Our Farmers Highly Complimented.

Wilbur F. Cleaver, managing editor of the Cumberland (Md.) Alleganian, recently visited Salisbury and vicinity to size up our community and its resources, especially the maple sugar industry. Following is his report of what he saw here, as published in his paper under date of April 8th:

"Taking the afternoon train at Cumberland, I arrived at Meyersdale at 4:30 p. m., from there traveling by hack to Salisbury (Elk Lick postoffice) a distance of six miles. The country between Meyersdale and Salisbury is very beautiful. You are never out of sight of the Casselman river, which for turns and twists equals any stream I ever saw.

### BEAUTIFUL FARMS.

On both sides of this river there is magnificent farm land, beautiful farm houses and the largest barns I ever saw. Nearly all the barns were painted red. One I noticed, particularly, was about 125 feet long and fifty or more wide, with eight large track doors to the side. I was told that last year the owner was four days getting his threshing done, and the barn would not hold his crop. The house is a beautiful one with shrubbery and pines artistically arranged in front. I do not think I have ever been in a section where there were as many large and fine appearing farm buildings. The view from the hills was magnificent, for I could see for many miles. While there had been no sign of snow from Cumberland to Meyersdale, I found many large snow drifts in this section—and this on March 26th.

A great many of the farmers through this section are of German descent, and are noted as successful, hard-working farmers. They have for years been in first-class financial condition, and when the coal mines were opened in this section they had money poured in on them at a rate that almost swamped them. In fact if there is any class of people with more money than they know what to do with, it is the farmers of this section. But it hasn't turned their heads, and they are just as good farmers today as they ever were. Many of the people of this section are Dunkards, and a more honest, hospitable, law-abiding set of people can't be found anywhere.

The coal mines can be seen along the hillsides in almost every direction, but I did not visit any of them.

### A VISIT TO SALISBURY.

At 8 p. m. I arrived at Salisbury and started out to see the sights. This town has a population of over 1200 and is an attractive looking place. There are quite a number of large stores, many beautiful dwellings and fine churches and school buildings. The town is well laid off, and the streets and sidewalks in very fair condition.

This is the central, or rather shipping point for the Somerset-Garrett maple sugar belt. This belt extending from a line drawn from Meyersdale to Salisbury, as far as Oakland, along the Youghiogheny and Casselman rivers, and Laurel Hill Creek, and their tributaries is one of the largest maple sugar producing sections in the United States. Last year the S. A. Lichter store, of which Mr. Lichter is manager, shipped 225,000 pounds of maple sugar and 3,000 gallons of syrup. Nearly all of this went to molasses manufacturers. Mr. Lichter gave me three or four bricks of maple sugar that was a beautiful amber color, the crystals sparkling and the taste delicious.

### VISIT TO SUGAR CAMP.

Sunday morning I started for the home of Mr. Elijah Livengood, who lives about 2 miles south of Salisbury. Mr. Livengood is known as the 'king of sugar makers.' Last year he made 20,000 pounds of maple sugar and over a thousand gallons of maple syrup.

Arriving at Mr. Livengood's, I was given a cordial welcome and soon was inspecting his sugar grove. Half of his grove is in Pennsylvania and half in Maryland, along the Casselman river. He has 3,600 producing trees, and everything is arranged to handle the water as quickly as possible. He has two buildings in which he makes the sugar, one on each side of the river. He has large galvanized iron tanks mounted on sleds for hauling the water. At the end of the building there is a slight embankment up which the horses pull the sleds and wagons, on which are the tanks. Here are pipes

which convey the water from the tanks into the large receiving tubs inside the building. Pipes then convey the water from this tub to the pans. These pans are 6 feet wide, 14 feet long and over a foot deep. Under the pan is a 6x7 fire box with three doors, and soft coal fires are kept going in it. Pipes again convey the syrup into another room to the settling tubs.

In this second room is a small furnace, built under two large iron pots in which the stirring off is done. Then there are tables, troughs, cans and barrels for finishing the work.

It is only by having everything on such a large scale and so convenient that it is possible to make 20,000 pounds of sugar in a year, for it must be remembered that a barrel of water only makes from 4 to 6 pounds of sugar. The record in this camp, at the one building, for boiling water is 185 barrels of water boiling into syrup in 20 hours.

Mr. Livengood has the reputation of making the best sugar in the country. He says the secret of good sugar-making is to keep every vessel perfectly clean and allow no rain water to get in the buckets. Last week he had every bucket turned upside down all week. I noticed every bucket was painted inside, and Mr. Livengood told me every bucket was washed out with boiling water after every run. I don't want the job washing six thousand and more buckets.

For the benefit of those who do not know, I will explain that to tap a tree a half-inch hole is bored into the tree an inch and a half, just enough to penetrate the white wood. Into this hole is placed a spout, or spile, usually made of a piece of elder from which the pith has been removed. A bucket is placed under the spout, and then it is ready for the water to come. The sugar water only flows after a cold night, cold enough to slightly freeze the ground, followed by a warm morning. If the weather gets warm or rain comes, the flow stops, but will start again after the next cold snap, if not too late in the month of March.

Encyclopedias tell you maple sugar is made from the sap of the maple tree—but that is not correct, for as soon as the sap begins to flow, the season is over. The sugar water flows in the white wood close to the bark before the sap puts in an appearance. Taking it from a tree does not affect the growth or length of life of the tree. In Mr. Livengood's camp is a tree that has been tapped every year for over fifty years, and it yielded this year a barrel of water every 24 hours, a yield not approached by any other of the 8600 trees in the grove.

Trees vary in the quality and quantity of water, and the same tree does not yield the same every year.

### A DELIGHTFUL HOME.

After a thorough inspection of the sugar camp I went to the house, ate a splendid dinner and had a good talk. Mr. Livengood has a delightful home. The house is heated by hot air, there is running water in the basement, and an air of comfort prevails everywhere.

At 3 p. m. I started for Meyersdale, six miles away, and then it rained and hailed, and the wind blew, and the lightning flashed, and the thunder was terrible, but I kept going through mud shoe-top deep. Well, it was the worst six mile tramp I ever had, and I was not sorry when I reached Meyersdale.

Of course, I missed the train, but Mr. Will Stiver, formerly of Bedford, who conducts a hotel at Meyersdale, gave me splendid entertainment, and I had good rest until 9:30 p. m., when I took the train for Cumberland, arriving here tired, but satisfied.

This is the first trip I ever made into this section, but it will not be the last.

### Dead Languages Barred.

Following unique notice appears in a recent issue of The Adams Enterprise: Dear Editor—Please give notice that I have decided to open a school, to teach Spelling and Defining; also, every day 'Rithmetics, teachin scholars to do figgers in their heads, scidder on a slate, as some teach. I won't teach no Latin, ne'r no Greeks, as our boys don't need no sich. The American language is the best for 'em to know."

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