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THE CLARION.

WILLIAM NEED,

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

MECHANICSTOWN, March 4, 1871.

This sheet ushers into existence the first number of the CATOCTIN CLARION. Custom requires and courtesy sanctions that we should state the grounds on which our paper will be conducted. It will, as stated in the prospectus, be "independent, fearless and free" in the discussion of public matters—no great man's parasite, no party's tool. We intend to devote our energies to the development of the varied resources, and promote the interests of the citizens residing in the upper districts of the county. We shall "seek nothing that is to be won by kneeling," but go on in the path of duty with a firm and vigorous hand, and leave to time to test the question whether we shall succeed or fail. We fear not the verdict of the people.

THE sound of the steam whistle twice a day in the suburbs of our hitherto quiet little town has awakened everything up to newness of life, and a spirit of "go-aheadativeness" which is quite refreshing. We begin to put on city airs and learn city fashions; Baltimore is brought close to our doors, and oysters and canvas-back ducks and fresh fish can be procured and eaten daily, as at one of the largest restaurants in the Monumental city. This is something gained. It is a great deal gained. It is a new era in the town. It has aroused our people up to a realization of the "situation." It has impressed them with the conviction that the destiny and prosperity of a community is in their own hands. Our hands, to keep pace with our growing wants and expansive ideas, must not be idle. We must be up and doing. We must build houses. We must occupy them. We must explore our mountain range. We must develope the bowels of the earth. We must penetrate the veins and arteries of the "antres vast and turrets grand" whose towering altitude bid us ascend the ladder of industry, and reach the pinnacle of prosperity. Our men of means, of energy and resolution, must now step forth and plant their Jacob's staff firmly down, and go forth to the realization of grand and noble conceptions.

As the snow disappears from the mountains, our active prospectors for valuable minerals, which are believed to be embedded in the hills and canons of the Catoctin base, will be on the alert in search of the rich treasures. We look for some important discoveries this spring and summer.

☞ We are indebted to the Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, Massachusetts, for an interesting memoir of the Hon. JOSHUA JOHNSON, his grandfather, a native of Frederick county, Md., and at one time American Consul at London, in the days of George Washington. It contains some facts of great interest to the people of Frederick-Town and county. We will publish it as soon as we can find room.

IT is chiefly to the mineral and wooded resources of the mountain that this town must look for its permanent prosperity. Our furnaces and forges must not lie idle;—neither must the workshop be neglected.—Labor is honorable and productive wealth thus acquired is sure to swell the wise man's coffers. Our town was founded by mechanics; it bears the name of the mechanic art. Let it be true to its name and destiny, and it may shine in history as one of the most prosperous towns of Frederick county.

Our Platform.

The resolutions adopted by the Frederick County Convention of the friends of GEORGE WASHINGTON, held on the 5th of September, 1792, in the Court House, at Frederick-Town, on the subject of the "Politics of the Day," are sufficiently clear and explicit and orthodox enough to suit our views of propriety. These resolutions were *unanimously* adopted by the people of this county at that day, by a solid vote for the Father of his Country. They are broad enough and comprehensive enough for patriots to stand upon at this day. We place our feet square upon the "platform," and are impressed with the belief if they were good enough for our forefathers in the early and pure days of the Republic, they are good enough for us. Where Washington led we are willing to follow.

Union.

It will require a union of all parties and all interests to secure the rapid growth and prosperity of Mechanicstown. A hundred men united and determined for a given purpose can accomplish more than a thousand men whose counsels are divided and distracted. We all know the fable of the bundle of sticks. The liberties of this country were achieved in 1776 by union, and they can alone be preserved in the same self-sacrificing spirit. Let our fellow citizens remember this as they pass along. The vital interests of this town and section of the country are not yet half developed, and it will require all the energies and foresight of right-thinking men to give them a prudent and prosperous direction.

Geological Survey.

Hon. John W. Geary, Governor of Pennsylvania, in his late message to the Legislature of that State, highly recommends a geological and mineralogical survey of that State. He urges the triangulation of the different counties, and the preparation of a map of the State, showing the locality of the mineral deposits and their availability to market. Gov. Bowie should make a similar recommendation to the Legislature of Maryland at its next session.

John P. Kennedy in his romance of "Horse Shoe Robinson," has left us a legendary tale of the Revolution and the Battle of King's Mountain; but his Hero in his chequered career never displayed more manly virtues and exhibited greater evidences of political philosophy, sagacity and forethought, heroism and fortitude than characterized the civil and military career of "Corporal Wm. Elder, son of Guy." Professor George H. Miles, who has great poetical ability and literary taste, should take up the memoir and do justice to the gallant deeds and historic renown of "Wm. Elder, son of Guy." The soil of Emmittsburg District is redolent of his great love of liberty, his ardent patriotism and heroic devotion for the right. He was a plain unostentatious man of the mould and make of the late Patrick Owings, but of great practical sense: and united the soldier with the genius of the philosopher.

The CLARION is now before our readers and awaits their smiling approval and patronage. We intend to make it as interesting as possible, and we hope our friends will not only subscribe, but advertise liberally in its columns. We ask our friends and the public and the friends of Western Maryland, not only in Mechanicstown, Emmittsburg, Hauvers, Catoctin and Creagerstown, but throughout Frederick county and the State, to yield us a little of their custom. We are determined to press onward and improve with each succeeding number.

THE type on which this paper is printed is all new from the foundry of RYAN & RICKETTS, Baltimore. It is a clear, beautiful face, and makes a neat and bold impression. We would advise our friends in want of type to call upon this firm, whom they will find in the large New Building, corner of South and German streets. They are very clever and excellent gentlemau to deal with.

☞ Some of the Republican journals of Massachusetts are urging the claims of Hon. Chas. Francis Adams as a candidate for the next Presidency.

☞ Lyons & Smith, Railroad contractors, have just returned from Baltimore with a "pocket full of rocks."

Party Spirit.

Party spirit has been the bane of all free countries. It undermined and sapped the foundations of the public liberty in the Roman Empire. While Cæsar had a party and Pompey had a party, the Republic had none, and the superstructure of ages fell into ruins. Edmund Burke, the massive writer and great publicist of Europe, described it as the "madness of the many for the benefit of the few." Party spirit sets nations and small communities to loggerheads about non-entities, quirks and guiddities, while if the energies of the latter had been half as devoted to the common wants of the neighborhood the prosperity of the people would have been doubly enhanced. Men frequently give up to a maddened and phrenzied party spirit great powers of mind which were intended for the benefit of mankind. Dr. Franklin has well expressed it in a few sententious words. Men who devote to party the best energies of their lives—*pay too dear for the whistle.* A word to the wise is sufficient.

Gold! Gold! Gold!

"Oh gold I still prefer thee unto paper,
Thy bank is not all a bank of vapor."

The discovery of gold in Cabarrus, Burke and Buncombe counties in North Carolina in 1822-'23, and in the Cherokee country, Cherokee and Lumpkin counties, near Dahlonega, in Georgia, in 1825-'26, created considerable excitement in the Southern section of the Union at the period stated, which caused the Government to establish mints at Charlotte, in the former State, and at Dahlonega, in the latter. But these discoveries did not create a moving element of any great magnitude. It was reserved for the discovery of gold in California, on the South fork of the American River, near where Coloma now stands, in El Dorado county, in the spring of 1848, which set the great hive of gold seekers and nation makers in motion. In the spring of 1851, an Australian gold seeker (a miner from Cornwall, England), by "prospecting" New Caledonia, discovered the gold fields in that auriferous region. The world knows what a tremendous rush these discoveries on the Pacific slope and South Sea caused to migrate to San Francisco and Sacramento and to Melbourne and Sydney—and how these cities sprung into existence as if by the magic touch of the enchanter. It was the "Red Land" section in North Carolina and Georgia, and in California and Australia, where gold first was found. The conformation of the earth at the famous mining place of "Yankee Jim's," in Placer county, California, dry diggings between the North and South fork of the American River, bears a strong resemblance to the Red Land curve beginning at the dividing sections near "Spitzenberger's Tavern," and gravitating to near Graceham and Emmittsburg.—The question comes up can it be that gold may be found in this locality?—A Georgia miner who invented the "Long Tom" said all things are possible and nothing was impossible. Has the country from Fishing creek to Flat Run been thoroughly "prospected?" These are leading questions and we propose to answer them. We believe the earth is full of mineral of one kind and another. If gold is not found in sufficient quantities to pay to work, is it not barely possible that other minerals such as iron ore, copper, zinc, silver, and other metallic substances may be found of great value. We believe that valuable minerals do abound in the scope of country designated, ranging from Spitzenberger's tavern to the Pennsylvania line. We have noticed certain ear marks, to use the expressive language of an old miner, "which have pointed out these auriferous indications as a veritable fact." This is not only our own opinion, but it is the opinion of Capt. John Carrick, a gentleman who gave his name to the Knob which overhangs Emmittsburg, Lewis Medtart, Frederick Nusz, and others, who in their day paid considerable attention to this subject.

☞ The following paragraphs are selected from the first paper published in Frederick county:

In selecting Frederick-Town as a point for the publication of a newspaper, the first paper published west of Baltimore and Annapolis, we feel that we are undertaking a hazardous enterprise. The project is a new one, and we have many risks to incur. Still we think there is enough of public spirit and local pride in this community to carry out our grand aim—of establishing a press through which the news from abroad, and the wants of the community at home may be made known and the general taste gratified.—*Md. Chronicle, January* 4, 1785.

☞ The people of Creagerstown have subscribed liberly toward our paper. The people in that neighborhood and the Upper Monocacy must be a reading community, and we shall pay considerable attention to their wants.—*January* 4, 1785.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Departure of Trains.

Morning Train,	6:20 A. M.
Evening Train,	1:40 P. M.

Arrival of Trains.

Morning Train,	12:30 P. M.
Evening Train,	7:30 P. M.

TOWN AUTHORITIES.

Commissioners:

Frederick White, President.

Van B. Osler, | Geo. W. Foreman,
John R. Rouzer, | Geo. W. Stocksdale.

Reuben Osler, Justice of the Peace; Hiram Arthur, Constable.

THE CHURCHES.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran.—Pastor to be supplied.

Reformed (Apple's)—Rev. N. E. Gilds, Pastor.

United Brethren.—Rev. John K. Nelson, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal.—Rev. J. Montgomery, Pastor.

Catholic.—Rev. Father John McCloskey, Pastor.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

Main Street—Randolph Waesche, Noble Grand.

Mr. Wm. Damuth is the Worthy Chief Templar of the Temperance organization of this town. The Society meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Tuesday evening.

THE MAILS.

The mail for Baltimore daily (except Sunday) leaves this place every afternoon by the 1:40 train.

The stage for Frederick, with the mail, leaves here every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

The stage for Emmittsburg, with the mail, leaves every day immediately after the arrival of the 12:30 train from Baltimore.

The mail for Sabillasville leaves here on horseback every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

☞ A number of advertisements necessarily postponed until our next.

☞ A fine shower of rain fell in this place yesterday morning.

☞ Insure your property against loss by fire.

☞ Persons holding subscription papers for the CATOCTIN CLARION will please return them to this office as soon as possible.

The first of March was the most charming day we have experienced for the last two months.

THERE should be a Town Ordinance compelling property-holders to keep their gutters clean.

☞ A considerable number of strangers continue to arrive and depart daily on the trains from and to Baltimore.

RICH ORE.

There is rich ore on Mr. Fisher's farm near Graceham, and it may yet prove a valuable mine.

THE POSTOFFICE

Of this place is kept at the store of Messrs. Root & Black, Main street; Col. John R. Rouzer, Postmaster.

HUNTING HOUSES.

A large portion of our permanent and transient population are on the search for houses for shops and private dwellings.

NEW TOLLGATE.

Another Tollgate is about being established on the Turnpike between this place and Emmittsburg.

During the past few days a Band of Music from Union Bridge and an organ grinder from the Alps have been regaling our citizens with the "concord of sweet sounds."

☞ Persons from abroad who are desirous of purchasing lots in this town or vicinity will find them advertised in the Clarion.

THE BURGESS

And our corporate authorities intend to pass some stringent laws to keep the streets and gutters clean and dry. All right.

In a few weeks we will have our office in "apple pie" order to execute Job Work with great celerity. In the meantime send in your orders.

The times are very tight and money scarce. How to improve them and raise the siege is now a question uppermost in the minds of men.

We are informed that there is some valuable ore on the farm of John W. Miller, Esq., between the Monocacy and Pipe creek, Woodsboro' district.

Washington's Birthday was duly observed in Mechanicstown. Flags were out at the street corners.

Get us all the subscribers you can, and we will give you all the local and general news in our power.

Mrs. Mary Boyd, relict of the late David Boyd, died at her residence, in Frederick, on Monday night, the 21st of February, in the 77th year of her age.

Essays plainly and concisely written, on subjects interesting to the general welfare, will be cheerfully inserted in the CLARION.

The shrewd and energetic business men of a town or city are generally known by the frequency and promptitude with which they avail themselves of the free use of printer's ink. They know where to plant their dimes and reap their dollars.

TELEGRAPHIC WIRES.

We suggest the extension of the telegraphic wires from this place to Emmittsburg, so as to place us in instantaneous communication and connection with the outside world.

THE STREETS.

The principal streets of our town are named Main, Water, North, Church, Carroll and East and West Baltimore. A dozen others are spoken of as soon to be laid out. Our town is progressive and expansion is the order of the day.

☞ A new street to be called Pleasant Hill or Fairview, is now being laid out between the mountain and the United Brethren Church. The prospect from this elevated point is delightful.

☞ We have hurriedly put this number together. We will make considerable improvements as we progress. The world was not made in one day. Have a little patience and all things will move on smoothly and well.

☞ Some of the Frederick and Westminster papers don't like the agitation of the New County Question. When Isaac Shriver and John Fisher broached the "Carroll County" issue some thirty-odd years ago, it was quite a different affair altogether.

PERSONAL.

During the past few days our town has been visited by Mr. George M. Bokee, of Baltimore, President of the W. M. R. R., and the Hon. John Lee Chapman, former President and ex-Mayor of Baltimore, and now Naval Officer at that port. They were here on business connected with the Railway.

A NEW TOWN.

We have been informed by some of our mountain friends, that a new town is projected on the blue azure of the Summit Level near the Monterey House. It is thought by many that the great "Tape Worm" will soon form a junction with the W. M. R. R. at this point. It will be located near the dividing line of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

DEATH OF LEWIS ELDER.

Lewis Elder, one of the oldest citizens of the Emmittsburg District, died at his residence near Mount St. Mary's College, on VVednesday, March 1, 1871, after a short illness of pneumonia. He was widely known and at the time of his death was the oldest Constable in Frederick county.

PIG IRON.

The first load of Pig Iron from Catoctin Furnace, for shipment on the Western Maryland Railroad to Woodberry, near Baltimore, was hauled to this place and unloaded near the Depot, on Saturday, the 18th of February, 1871. This is the beginding of a trade which will prove highly lucrative in the future.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A Father Matthew or Total Abstinence Society from intoxicating drinks, is proposed to be formed along the line of the Western Maryland Railroad, between this place and the Monterey House. If properly inaugurated it may prove a great success.—We are told some of the Sons of the Emerald Isle are feeling considerable interest in the matter.

LUMBER.

The large amount of lumber which is being received at this place from Baltimore, the Susquehanah and North Carolina, indicates that the building business will be brisk this spring.

SPRING TIME IS COME.

We apprehend the back of winter for this year is broken. The wild geese are beginning to make their exit from the frozen Lakes of the North to the Gulf streams of the South.

THE KILLING AFFAIR.

The trial of H. Crawford Black, of Cumberland, for killing Col. W. W. McKaig, Jr., will be commenced in the Circuit Court of this county on the 9th instant. Eminent counsel on both sides have been engaged, and the trial will elicit great interest.

ACCIDENT.

As Mr. McCabe, Jr., and some other parties, were on their way from Harbaugh's Valley to Frederick, on Sunday evening, the 26th of February, on coming down the mountain the buggy in which they were riding one spring broke, which necessitated the party walking to Mechanicstown to have it repaired. No person was injured.

BANK AT MECHANICSTOWN.

We have been credibly informed that the people of Mechanicstown have in contemplation the establishment of a National Bank at that place. An experienced financier from Baltimore will likely be engaged, should the project prove successful.

[*Frederick Herald.*

THE RAILROAD.

The Western Maryland Railroad is progressing as rapidly as the contractors can employ the force engaged to advantage. Some three or four hundred hands are now at work on the five sections between this place and Smithsburg, in Washington county. The fine weather now opening will enable the Company to push the road across the mountain with rapid speed.

OLD PAPERS.

We have the files and relics and good will of the oldest papers published in Frederick county. The "Maryland Chronicle," issued by Mathias Bartgis, in 1785; and the "Federal Gazette" and "Rights of Man" from 1790 to 1800; and, therefore, we claim to be the lineal successor of the oldest paper (printed in English and German) published west of the Monocacy. We shall give a number of extracts from these old journals hereafter.

THE beautiful tale "How Jessie found her Work," by Mrs. NELLIE EYSTER, published on our first page, will arrest the reader's attention. Mrs. E. is an interesting and charming writer. As a native of this county, and an author of more than ordinary celebrity, everything from her pen will be read with great avidity. Her style is sparkling, gay and pleasant, full of vivacity and rich humor.

A BEAUTIFUL PRESENT.

Mr. Frederick White, School Commissioner for the Mechanicstown District, on last Tuesday evening, presented to Mr. Ephraim L. Boblitz, of this place, a splendid copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language, bound in morocco, with the following inscription:—"A prize awarded to E. L. Boblitz for superior spelling at the Teacher's Institute of Frederick county, Md., Feb. 7th, 1871."—The presentation was made by Mr. White in a very happy manner. Mr. Boblitz is the Teacher of Primary School No. 2, near Landers' mill, on Owings' creek.

A SEVERE FALL.

On last Monday afternoon, 27th February, Mr. William Zimmerman, son of Michael Zimmerman, of the Creagerstown District, while sitting side ways on his horse at Mr. Loy's blacksmith shop about a mile below Mechanicstown, his horse took fright and threw him to the ground. He was badly stunned and appeared almost insensible at first, as though he had met with a slight concussion of the brain. Dr. George M. Zimmerman, of this place, was immediately sent for, who bled the patient and ministered to his relief. He was removed the same evening to his residence on Hunting creek near Creagerstown. We are happy to hear that he is rapidly recovering from his fall.

☞ The Rev. Andrew J. Hesson will preach at Apple's Church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at the Lutheran Church in this place in the evening at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Book Notice.

To Mr. A. H. Henderson, Bookstore near the Market House, Frederick, Md., we are indebted for "Catechism of the United States by Prof. Wm. R. Creery, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Baltimore." This is a very useful book, and should be in the hands of every teacher in the county and State. It contains a digest of valuable information put together in a pleasant and instructive form. It should be introduced into all our Primary Schools.

For sale at Henderson's Bookstore, Frederick, Md.

LOTS FOR SALE.

A large number of valuable building lots in this town are offered for sale. See advertisements.

AN AIR LINE TELEGRAPH.

Mr. Isaac Sheets, an organ maker, an original mechanical genius, who resides on the old Hoover farm, about one mile below St. Joseph's Academy, on Tom's creek, has recently invented an air line telegraph on a new scale, for which he intends shortly to apply for a patent. This is an ingenious contrivance, an improvement on the present system of telegraphing. The inventor may yet become as famous as the well-known Professor Morse. The inventor's mind seems to be actively at work in mechanical adaptations. We shall refer to this new system of telegraphing at another time.

☞ Read the Historical account "One Hundred Years Ago," by CALAMUS on the fourth page of to-day's paper. It presents a brief narrative of the action of the men of Tom's creek and Owings' creek at that critical era.

SALES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The sale of the personal property of Wm. H. Barton, near Graceham, will take place on the 9th instant; the sale of the property of Benjamin Ogle, on Owings' creek, one mile east of Graceham, will take place on the 18th instant. O. T. Zimmerman, auctioneer.

The sale of the personal property of Michael Zimmerman will take place, at his residence, near Lewistown, on the 8th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The sale of the personal property of Andrew J. Ohler, will take place at his residence, one and a half miles from Mechanicstown, on Wednesday, the 15th instant.

The sale of the personal property of John R. Holland, one mile North of Creagerstown, will take place on Thursday, the 16th instant.

The sale of Andrew J. Ohler's property will take place on the 15th instant.

SABILLASVILLE.

This village is rapidly going ahead. The Railroad is making it spring into importance. This great valley—Harbaugh's—will soon feel the good effects in the many advantages which it will extend to the prosperous farmers. The town will arise like a spring of life—jocund with the music of the felling axe, the sharp adze, the saw and the hammer, and the mineral deposits near by. The town was laid out in 1810 by Capt. Peter Zollinger, and was named in honor of his daughter Savilla. It has a good hotel, stores, Reformed Church, Post Office, and many hospitable citizens reside in the town and vicinity. We hope it may now go on and improve with Railroad celerity.

LUTHERAN MINISTERS.

The Rev. David A. Kuhn, a native of Mechanicstown, and a graduate of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, and who is now Pastor of the Lutheran Church at Nevada, Wyandotte county, Ohio, paid our place a flying visit a few days ago. He preached a discourse in the Lutheran church last Sunday afternoon, some touching and impressive words to his old friends, who were numerous in attendance, and left on Monday for his residence in the West. His many friends in this county will be pleased to learn that he was in the enjoyment of excellent health. He gives a good account of the ministry in Ohio.

The Rev. J. Andrew Hesson, whose mother resides near this town, arrived in this place last Saturday from Topeka, Kansas, his present residence.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

We are pleased to learn that there is a Young Men's Christian Association in this place. The object of this association is the intellectual, moral, and religious improvement of Young Men, and adapted to do much good in its sphere of operations.—Wherever these associations exist, they have always accomplished most important results. Many a young man has been saved from the baneful influences surrounding him and encouraged and stimulated to give attention to noble purposes and improvement in various ways.

The officers recently elected to serve for the ensuing year are Rev. N. E. Gilds, President; James Creager, 1st Vice President; David S. Firor, 2d Vice President; John H. Rouzer, Secretary; John Landers, Corresponding Secretary; Albert Foreman, Treasurer.

SURPRISE BOX.

We are informed that a surprise box accompanied with four bags of corn and oats was delivered on the 18th of February, at the Reformed Parsonage in this place. It came by rail, and is supposed to be from the kind friends and parishioners of the Rev. N. E. Gilds, at Rocky Ridge. The contents of this box consisted of hams, beef, sausage, lard, butter, pickles, dried and canned fruit, dried corn and grapes, sugar, coffee, tea, mustard, coffee essence, indigo, soap, corn starch, dressed turkey and chickens, sweet potatoes, turnips and other articles. We are pleased to note such kind tokens presented to the parson, which are doubtless appreciated by himself and family, and evidences of good will and confidence from his friends.

CREAGERSTOWN.

This ancient place, laid out by Mr. John Creager, nearly a century ago, keeps standing in its old position—neither moving to the right hand or to the left hand. It does not keep pace with the spirit of the times. Something is wanting to infuse new life into its ancient glories. The situation is picturesque and beautiful. Its founder designed it to be a large town. Can nothing wake up to life the spirit of its old inhabitants? Surely the rumbling noise of the Railroad cars, as they go "snorting by" along the Rocky Ridge and Owings' creek, ought to inspire the people living between that stream and Hunting creek with new ideas, new hopes and new prospects.—Thomas Beatty, when he laid out 'New Town' indulged somewhat in fanciful hopes and 'glittering generalities.' What were these generalities? Now is the time for some "live men" in Creagerstown to spring forth as prophets and workers and inscribe their names on fame's proud temple high shining from afar.

EMMITTSBURG.

Emmittsburg evidently does not keep pace in the race of progress with its well established renown, and the advantages it possesses. Something is wanting to give it a new start—a new impulse to achieve what it is justly entitled to. We have in our humble way time and again advocated a Railroad connection with the town, but somehow or other a miscarriage in our calculations has taken place, and it lags behind. This should not be. It is capable of expansion and a more rapid growth.—It has advantages which but few towns possess. But why don't it wake up? Is it waiting for a silver or gold mine to explode or crop out upon the heights of Carrick's Knob or Poplar Ridge?—Something to fall into the midst of its quiet inhabitants to infuse newness and elasticity of purpose into all the arteries of trade and traffic.