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PRELATE'S AID TO MCKINLEY SAID TO HAVE BEEN DUE TO THEM.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—The interest which Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy Storer have shown in the advancement of Archbishop Ireland is explained by the fact that the prelate converted both to his faith. Their zeal is better understood in this city than anywhere else. The Archbishop has visited their home on Grandin Road, and because of his interest in them Mgr. Storer has been conspicuous in Catholic circles.

Mrs. Storer was one of the leaders in the movement to establish the Catholic Cathedral in Cincinnati on the hill tops. She offered Archbishop Ireland her beautiful home for the church. The agitation following the offer was such that the Archbishop decided to remain down town among the greater number of his followers. This decision ended the movement to establish the Cathedral in St. Francis de Sales Church.

Mrs. Storer's political and social activity in Cincinnati has been great. Her husband represented the First Ohio district at one time. Mrs. Storer was a conspicuous figure in Washington and was always listened to attentively by the leaders of the Republican party in Ohio. To the friendship of Archbishop Ireland and the Storers is said to have been due the hearty support given to President McKinley by the prelate.

Mgr. Ireland's service for the Republican ticket in 1896 made President McKinley anxious to show his gratitude, and the prelate is said to have asked for preferment for Mr. Storer.

Mr. Storer preferred a cabinet place. He was slated to become Assistant Secretary of State, but Senator Foraker objected to having Storer credited to Ohio's share in the patronage. President McKinley cast about for another place. Foraker was asked if he would have any objection if Storer went on a diplomatic mission.

"The further the better," is said to have been Foraker's reply. Storer was then sent abroad.

A REMARKABLE TOWN THIS

PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF WITTENBERG—NEW MINING TOWN.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 14.—The western States, including Nevada, Oklahoma and others have grown in the habit of recording the phenomenal growth of towns in their up over night so as to speak. The last six months has been the State of West Virginia come to the front also in this respect and the town of Wittenberg on the lines of both the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Deepwater-Tidewater railroad, which had its beginning about six months ago, has now a population of about 1,000 inhabitants and promises to have 5,000 within a year.

Tuesday a party consisting of the directors of the New River Collieries Company, C. J. Wittenberg, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad; Raymond Pupuy, general manager of the Deepwater-Tidewater railroad; S. W. Eccles, of the American Smelting Company; C. W. Beatty, general manager of the Guggenheim Exportation Company; and Senator Wm. Sprout, of the Kanawha Valley Traction Company and former traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railway were at the new town and attended the ceremonies for the laying of the corner stones of the two new depots to be constructed on the two lines upon which the town is located.

The new mining town is the property of the New River Collieries Company and evidence of prosperity is at every hand. They have a vein of nine-foot coal, which is extremely large for the location and expect a large capacity when once they get all their arrangements and facilities completed. The party named above arrived at Wittenberg from the east on a special train and will remain in the district for several days viewing the coal properties in the New River field.

Big Mine to be Sold

ALPHA COAL MINING CO. INCLUDING A RAILROAD, WILL BE PUT UP AT AUCTION.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 14.—The Alpha Coal and Mining Company's property, comprising mines, railroad, tips and adjoining lands upon which are located the company store and miners' houses, will be sold at auction on Dec. 8, at Winfield.

The Alpha mines near Plymouth station, in Putnam county, on the K. & M. railroad, comprise one of the best mining properties in the State, the Pittsburg seam which the company has been working for two years being one of the best selling coals in the Kanawha Valley.

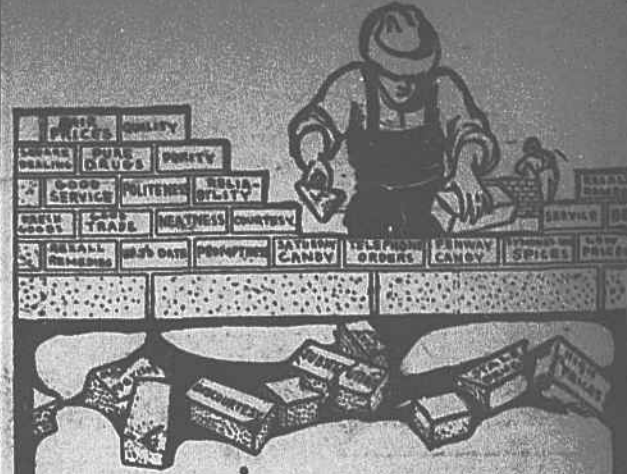
The mines have been operated by a party of Pittsburg capitalists but the proposition for some reason was not a paying one to them and L. T. Yoder, through his attorney, G. M. Hatton, of Pittsburg, will sell all the Alpha company's holdings under deed of trust for \$73,000. Local men who are acquainted with the nature and extent of the Alpha mines consider the actual value to be far in excess of the amount for which the deed of trust is held and several men representing Charleston capitalists will be present at Winfield on the day of the sale to engage in the bidding.

The sale will be conducted by Attorneys Menager and Hall, of this city.

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Moundsville

Penitentiary

WILL FEEL EFFECT OF PASSAGE OF THE HUNT BILL BY CONGRESS.

The passage of the Hunt bill by Congress will be a blow to the several manufacturers who employ prison labor in the Moundsville penitentiary. Clothing, whips, brooms and other articles made in the pen are shipped to all parts of the country, but the enactment of the Hunt bill will mean

that these goods can be sold only in West Virginia.

It prevents the managers of the penitentiaries from engaging in interstate traffic in goods produced within the penitentiary walls. This inhibition obtains also against the products of workhouses and other penal institutions. Hereafter all such goods will have to be disposed of within the limits of the State in which they are manufactured. The bill was passed in the House of Representatives by a practically unanimous vote, has been urged for some time by the American Federation of Labor.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

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MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 13.—Major C. D. Elliott and Col. Frank Waterman have been here for the past day or two and to-day closed a deal with H. H. Rutherford for his farm one and a half miles southeast of this place and containing about two hundred acres at \$120,828. The deed is made to the American Lime and Stone Company of which C. D. Elliott, Lyte L. Jones, J. Mentor Caldwell, H. M. Bleuse and H. R. McClure all of Parkersburg are the incorporators. C. D. Bumgarner is president and Blanchard E. Hyatt is treasurer. Mr. Rutherford bought the same land about six years ago for about \$30 per acre. It contains a large and rich deposit of high grade limestone which yields about 99 1/2 per cent. pure lime. The company expects to put in a large lime plant and to ship crushed stone for flaxing in the manufacture of steel.

MISS REID WILL NOT WED A NOBLEMAN.

Ambassador Says His Daughter is to Marry an American Citizen. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid were passengers on the Kronprinz Wilhelm that arrived here. They have come home for the Christmas holidays and will be absent six weeks from the Court of St. James.

Ambassador Reid said that he will go at once to Albany to attend a meeting of the State board of regents. He will go to Washington to attend a dinner given by Vice President Fairbanks to the Chief Executive on December 15. After that he will spend the remainder of his vacation with his family. Questioned about the report that his daughter, Jean, was engaged to a foreign nobleman, the Ambassador said: "I do not care to discuss such rumors as these, but I must say there is not a word of truth in it. My daughter, I hope, will remain with me at London throughout my stay there. Then she will come back to her home and marry an American."

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