

It is highly favored in its means of transportation. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal passes through the whole extent of its southern border, giving all necessary transportation to this section of the county and full intercourse with the Coal fields in Alleghany county. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad passes through its south-eastern border at the foot of Pleasant Valley. From Hagerstown, the county town, an excellent Railroad, the Franklin Railroad, connects with the road that passes through the Cumberland Valley to Harrisburg, and there connects with the Pennsylvania Central and the Northern Central Railroad. A road is in progress called the Washington County Railroad, which will connect the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Weaverton with the Franklin Railroad at Hagerstown, and the Western Maryland Railroad will soon be finished to Hagerstown, giving it a quick connection with Baltimore on the east, and supplying much needed facilities to a large part of the county.

It will be seen from the above that Hagerstown will soon be the point from which will diverge three Railroads, all going, by most direct routes, to the great centres of commerce of the Union, all passing through very fertile and highly cultivated sections of this county.

In turnpike roads this county is better provided than any other in the State. Some of its far-sighted and enterprising citizens having, a few years since, inaugurated a system which not only has given the county most admirable roads where they were most needed, but also has resulted in bringing from their tolls, large revenues into the county treasury. An example that could, and should be followed in every county in the State.

In each of the three last named counties there exists the numerous descendants of those who emigrated from Germany, and were the first settlers of this part of the State.

All of the solid virtues which characterize the German people wherever found, are well developed in this class of the inhabitants of the counties of Carroll, Frederick and Washington.

The Fatherland on the Rhine has no cause but for exultation in the character of her children on the Potomac.