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Items Of Local Interest

Quite a number of people are changing their residences this spring.

Miss Lillian Wampler is a visitor to the home of her sister, Mrs. G. H. Murray, in Hampstead.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Emory will meet April 2nd at the home of Mrs. Richard Harris.

Mr. Jack B. Leister returned to his home near this city, after spending the winter months with his son, John N. Leister, Hampstead.

Mr. A. Claude Allgire, of Willis street, this city, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Allgire, at Houcksville.

The Mount St. Joseph's College baseball club will play the Western Maryland College team in this city, on April 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Anders, of West Main street, this city, have returned home from Florida after a month's stay there.

Mr. Austin H. Geiselman, of Manchester, was a visitor to his parents on Pennsylvania avenue, this city, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. John M. Roberts, of this city, has been named by Senator John Walter Smith as Field Deputy, at a salary of $1,600 per year.

Sunday, the great evangelist, received an unanimous call from 142 ministers in Baltimore City to come there.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah W. Sellers, of York, Pa., were Sunday guests of Mrs. Sellers' sister, Miss Laura Burnes, of Manchester.

There will be preaching Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock at Baust's Emanuel Lutheran Church, by Rev. L. B. Hafer, of Taneytown.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mathias, of Reisterstown, spent Saturday evening and Sunday with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eichorn, of West Main street, this city, who had sale Saturday, moved yesterday to Baltimore, where they will make their future home.

The Rev. Dr. David L. Greenfield, pastor of the M. P. Church, this city, officiated at the funeral of Mr. Jarrett N. Gilbert, oldest member of the Chamber of Commerce in Baltimore, Monday at 11 A. M.

The firm of Geiselman & Frankforter, who have been operating a department store in Manchester have sold their business to Mr. Geo. M. Hoffman. Mr. Geiselman expects to remove from Manchester.

Mr. James M. Shellman, near Uniontown, who had been spending the winter in Union Bridge, was able to visit his sister, Mss Maray B. Shellman, of this city, on Monday. He is recovering from nearly a month's illness, of which he still feels some ill effects.

Nearly a hundred friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Switzer, of Roseville, near this city, Tuesday evening, March 17, to do honor to Mrs. Switzer on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. It was considered one of the largest and happiest crowds that has gathered in that neighborhood for some time.

The editor of the Sentinel had the pleasure of greeting Mr. Jacob H. Handley, secretary and treasurer of the Westminster Savings Bank, on Sunday, after they were mutually recovering from illness. It was the first Sunday they were able to attend the services of the church to which they belong for more than a month.

The State Superintendent of Education, Dr. M. Bates Stephens, has, as has been the custom for several years, arranged to have prominent speakers make addresses at the larger schools throughout the state on Maryland Day. The following have accepted assignments with the schools where they will speak: Mr. Charles O. Clemson, of this city, at Franklin High School, Reisterstown, and Rev. Dr. T. Fred Heisse, of Baltimore, at Mt. Airy High School, Mt. Airy.

It is just possible that the Westminster young man who is corresponding with Frederick persons for the purpose of enlisting their aid in finding a Frederick bride, as the Frederick News tells the story, may be "just" amusing himself. He must have some especial knowledge about Frederick girls, or he would scarcely put them in a class superior in beauty to the girls of Westminster. There are pretty girls everywhere and a young man need not go very far from home to find one of them for a wife.

Mr. Francis J. Yingling, of Dallas, Texas, in writing to the Sentinel to renew his subscription says building is brisk in that city and that everything is on the move in Texas. It would certainly be pleasant to go down there, at this time of the year, and enjoy the balmy breezes. He says Texas is going to try to elect a Prohibition man for Governor this year. Success to the effort. Mr. Yingling is a son of the late Jesse Yingling of this city. He went to Dallas, Texas, many years ago and is one of its worthy and good citizens.

Mr. Cleveland Upperco, of Dickinson College, is visiting his father, Mr. Jacob Upperco, of Emory.

Mrs. Saville Hewitt, of Berrett, spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Michael Glennan, of Sweet Air.

Mr. J. Howell Taylor, of Medford, spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, of Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hood, of Woodbine, were recent guests of their niece, Mrs. William Moore, of Sykesville.

Mrs. Walter Taylor and daughters, of Baltimore, were recent guests of Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. George W. Zepp, of Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Hoffman, of Manchester, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter Monday.

Messrs. Elmer Hood, of Woodbine, and Henry Cook, of Berrett, were Sunday guests of Mr. William Glennan, of Sweet Air.

Miss Fannie Leight, of Baltimore, was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leight, of Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, of Baltimore, were week end guests of Mrs. Graf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bond, of Emory.

Mrs. Nicholas Mummaugh and Mrs. Rebecca Caple, of Emory, were Sunday guests of their brother, Mr. Thomas Shilling, of Sandyville.

Master Richard and Frederick Klein, of Lancaster, Pa., spent the past week with their grandmother, Mrs. H. Wirt Shriver, of Union Mills.

Miss Naomi Renner, of Littlestown, Pa., spent a few days the past week with her sister, Mrs. Hollie Myers, of Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byers, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keefer, of Bloom, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Fannie Keefer, of Shipley.

Mrs. William Selby, who spent seven weeks with the family of Mr. F. J. Albaugh, East Main street, this city, returned Saturday to her home in Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Charles Ruthrauff, Miss Sadie Ruthrauff, and Master Harold Ruthrauff, of this city, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ruthrauff's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ruthrauff, of Union Bridge.

Mr. Horace Wilderson will move his family Monday from his farm near Finksburg, this county, to Nashville, Pa., where Mr. Wilderson is engaged in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnson, of Baltimore, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence Ewell, to Mr. Alva Sayrs Baker, of Baltimore. Mr. Baker was formerly of Woodbine, this county.

Mr. Ray Spencer, a member of the Dayton, Ohio, baseball club, left this city on Tuesday, 24th inst, to report to his club in Dayton. His wife and child will follow some time in April.

Miss Carrie M. Niner and friend, Miss Margaret A. Kroeger, both of Baltimore, who spent a delightful visit of ten days with Miss Niner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Niner, of Bird Hill, and other friends in this county, returned home Tuesday evening.

At a meeting of the athletic advisory board of Western Maryland College Lewis Candler Radford, 1916, of Monroe, Ga., was elected assistant manager of the 1914 football team. Robert Theodore Norment, 1915, of Baltimore, was elected manager of the basketball team for next season. Norment does not play, but is a veteran of the football and basketball teams. Norment's assistant will be Arthur B. Jacques, 1916, of Smithsburg, Md.

Mr. Uriah J. Babylon has sold his farm on the Taneytown road about three miles from this city, to Mr. John Harman. Mr. Babylon will have sale in the near future an account of which appears in another column of this paper and among other things he will sell will be a grandfather's clock about two hundred years old, in a mahogany case and in perfect running condition.

The local option bill for Carroll county passed the House of Delegates on Friday, practically without opposition, and now is in the Senate awaiting its regular order of procedure. Senator Snader can be depended upon to see that it gets fairplay in that body. There is hardly a probability that it will meet any opposition. The people of the county want it; their representatives want it and the Senate will, no doubt, back up the House of Delegates in passing it.

The County Commissioners of Frederick county Tuesday morning received a petition from Emmitsburg presented by Stoner and Weinberg and Vincent Sebold attorneys, asking that a bridge be constructed across Toms' Creek, at Wilhide's fording, on the road from Maxell's Mill to the joint bridge of Frederick and Carroll counties, over the Monocacy at Fool's Fording. The petition was signed by about 75 residents of Emmitsburg district, and was one of the most formidable petitions presented the Board for some time.

Mr. Howard Gosnell, of Washington, D. C., was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Mary Gosnell, of Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pickett, of Morgan, will move in the near future to a farm near this city.

Messrs. George Panebaker and George Everhart, of Bachman's Valley, are hauling wheat to this city.

Mr. Charles Lippy and son Calvin, of Millers, spent Tuesday in Hanover, Pa.

Mr. Jacob Zepp and daughter Minnie, of Millers, were in Baltimore on Saturday.

Mr. Jacob Zepp and daughter, of Millers, were visitors in Baltimore on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zahn, of Shipley, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elias Beaver, of Warfieldsburg.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Morgan will be entertained tomorrow at the home of Mrs. George Wolbert.

Mrs. Susan Williams, of Bloom, moved Tuesday to the Cunningham farm near Bird Hill.

Dr. D. O. Morrell, of Washington, D. C., has returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brown, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Niner, of Smallwood, were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder, of Shipley.

Mr. Leonard Freyman and daughter, of this city, spent Tuesday with Misses Elizabeth and Emma Williams, of Shipley.

Miss Lydia Schlosser, teacher of the public school at Shipley, is ill at the home of her parents at Spring Mills, near this city.

Mr. F. J. Albaugh, of East Main street, this city, who had been seriously ill is improving and is able to walk out on his porch.

Miss Cora Hoffacker, of Baltimore, and Mr. John Snyder, of Hampstead, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hare, of Millers.

Mrs. George Smith and family, of Manchester, spent several days the past week with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Leah Barber, of Millers.

Eight two-horse wagon loads of gypsies passed through this city on Wednesday afternoon going west of town to camp.

Mrs. George E. Matthews, of East Main street, this city, was a visitor to her father, Mr. David E. Stem, at Sams Creek, this week.

Services at the Church of God, Warfieldsburg, Sunday, will be: Sunday School at 1.30 and preaching at 2.30 P. M., by the Rev. V. K. Betts.

Miss Julia Dickensheets, of Wakefield, was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Winter, of Union Bridge.

Miss Fannie Thompson, of Baltimore, and Miss Ecker, of New Windsor, were Sunday guests of Mr. J. L. Englar and family, of Wakefield.

Miss Lottie Geiman, of this city, was a recent visitor to her friend, Miss Mildred Devilbiss, of Pleasant Valley.

The following pupils of Bethel school were present every day school was open in winter term: Martin Long, Chester Tayler, Kenneth Long, Sterling Taylor, Howard Schaeffer, Emory Evans, Irvin Evans, Ruby Taylor, Mary Green, Larlynne Taylor, Oliver Ebaugh, Jennie Hughes and Vernon Ebaugh. Samuel Hughes, Mildred Green and Nona Hughes missed but one day.

The following bills were introduced Monday in the House of Delegates:

By Mr. George, two bills amending the incorporation of Mount Airy, Md.

One of the bills introduced in the House of Delegates for the relief of Mr. J. D. Crowl from a portion of the tax paid by him for a license to sell liquor should never have been imposed. It was a license from the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, while Mr. Crowl's place of business is on Center street extended, outside of the city limits, a fact that both he and the corporate authorities overlooked. He will probably be only partially reimbursed for the unnecessary outlay.

Favorable reports from the committees were made in the House of Delegates on Tuesday on the following bills introduced by Mr. Sayers:

House Bill 490, to refund to J. D. Crowl $47.50 for liquor licenses paid erroneously.

House Bill 500, to refund to J. D. Crowl,$142.50 for licenses erroneously paid. This bill was referred to the Carroll county delegation.

House Bill 590, to release Salem Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., of this city, from the payment of taxes on its bonded indebtedness.

A House bill to pay David E. Walsh, this city, for road work, passed its third reading Monday in the Senate.

TEACHERS' MEETING

The first of the series of district teachers' meetings planned by the superintendent of public schools will be held at Union Mills on Wednesday, April 1. The others will follow in the order stated several weeks ago, except the one at Union Bridge which, on account of the regular meeting of the school board, has been changed from April 6th to April 17th.

The meetings will begin at 9.30 A. M.

Deaths

MRS. A. M. LOCKARD

Mrs. Annie M. Lockard wife of the late Mr. James Lockard and daughter of the late James W. and Matilda Ridgely Rhodes, died Sunday, 22nd inst., at her late residence, No. 1620 McCulloh street, Baltimore. The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock from her late residence and the interment was in Western Cemetery, Baltimore.

Mrs. Lockard's husband, the late James Lockard, was a distant relative of the late James W. Lockard, of this city.

MRS. AMELIA TUCKER

Mrs. Amelia Tucker, widow of James Tucker, died on Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emily Lilly, at Hollowfields, Md., of general debility, aged about 85 years. She is survived by two sons and one daughter, Joseph Tucker, of Baltimore; Charles Tucker, of Sykesville, and Mrs. Lilly, with whom she lived. She is also survived by a sister and two brothers, Mrs. Emily Long, of this county; Daniel Pickett, of Taylorsville, and Peter Pickett, of Frederick. The funeral took place on Saturday at 2 o'clock and interment was made at Jonestown. Mr. Peter Pickett, of Frederick, attended the funeral.

CHARLES E. KEENEY

Mr. Charles E. Keeney, of Baltimore died at the home of his father, Albert Keeney, near that city, Sunday night, of tuberculosis, aged 43 years, 7 months and 7 days. Mr. Keeney was formerly from this county and has many relatives in this section. He leaves a wife and two sons, Roy and Russell, and six sisters and three brothers.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning, leaving Asbestos, which is near Baltimore city, at 9.30 o'clock, arriving at Union Bridge about 10.15. Services were held at Rocky Hill Church, with interment in the cemetery adjoining. Putman and Barton, of Walkersville, were the undertakers.

From our Shipley correspondent.

C. H. SHIPLEY

Mr. Cornelius H. Shipley died on Saturday morning, 21st inst., at six o'clock, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Wagner, of Bloom, aged 84 years, 11 months and 24 days.

He was one of the oldest residents in the neighborhood. He was a pleasant gentleman and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Mr. Shipley is survived by the following children: Mr. Hazel Shipley, of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. D. M. McQuay, of Richmond county, Va.; Mrs. Francis Shipley, of Baltimore; Mrs. C. M. Wagner, of Bloom, and Mr. Grove J. Shipley, of Bird Hill, this county. He is also survived by a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Otto W. Brittingham, was held Tuesday morning (after a short service at his late residence) at Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, near Gist, at eleven o'clock, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. David McQuay, Francis Grimes, Lewis Freyman, Edward Conaway, Harry Knauff and Peyton Poole.

Mr. Frank C. Sharrer was the funeral director.

COL. J. R. ROUZER

Col. John R. Rouzer, known as the "grand old man" of Frederick county, at one time register of wills, four times a member of the legislature and prominent in Republican state politics, died suddenly at his home in Thurmont at 6 A. M. Wednesday. While his health had been failing for several years, Colonel Rouzer was able only one week ago to appear in Frederick at the head of a delegation of 80 to ask that Thurmont be given a new school building.

Two years ago last fall Colonel Rouzer was strongly urged by the Republican state leaders to be the party's candidate for state comptroller on the ticket with Governor Goldsborough, but said his health forbade him making the fight for election. Shortly afterward he underwent an operation on his eyes, with the hope of saving his sight. This operation was only partially successful.

Colonel Rouzer was born near Thurmont May 7, 1839, and attended the old Mechanicstown Academy in that town. At 18 he embarked on his own account in the harness-making business. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company D, Sixth Maryland Union Infantry, and before the close of the war was brevetted lieutenant colonel. He was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness and spent four months in prison, having been captured at Winchester.

After the war he resumed business in Thurmont. In 1869 he was appointed postmaster there. In 1873 he was elected register of wills for Frederick county; in 1887, 1894, 1896 and 1898 he was sent to the legislature. He was elected several times as a commissioner of Thurmont and also as school trustee. For many years he served as an officer of the Lutheran Sunday school and was a member of the Lutheran Church and also of the Grand Army of the Republic. He had been president of the Thurmont National Bank, resigning last January.

For several years, from 1900 he was deputy register of wills of the District of Columbia.

He was twice married, in 1866 to Miss Harriet E. Wilhide, who died two years later, and in 1871 to Miss Julia Wilhide, a sister of his first wife, who survives him, along with the following children: Mrs. Leister Armacost, Mrs. Harry Brown and Horace Rouzer, all of Thurmont.

FRANKLIN H. WILLETT

His Death the Result of Rail. road Accident

Fatally Injured at Wakefield Sunday Morning

Mr. Franklin Holloway Willet was fatally injured, about 7 o'clock, Sunday morning, at Medford Station, within sight of his house, which is only about two or three hundred yards from the scene of the accident. Mr. Willet was a dairy farmer and was in the daily habit of hauling milk to the milk train for Baltimore in the morning. He arrived at the station as the 7 o'clock passenger train was approaching it, but without perceiving it, as it was necessary to turn directly from behind a long building immediately upon the track. His horse crossed safely but his wagon was struck by the engine and shattered to pieces, while he was thrown in front of and rolled under the pilot a short distance, before the momentum of the train could be arrested and he could be extricated. For a short time he did not realize the extent of his injuries, but was at once taken to his home, physicians summoned and his condition discovered. He suffered severely during the day and breathed his last shortly before five o'clock in the afternoon. He had doubtless been injured internally. His hearing was defective and hence his failure to observe the approach of the train until too late.

Mr. Willet was a man of fine character and one of the most prosperous, reliable and highly respected residents of the neighborhood of Medford. He is survived by his wife and two daughters—Mrs. Leroy Selman, near Warfieldsburg and Miss Hattie Willet, at home. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. John Feeser, of Silver Run, and Mrs. Milton Myers, near Pleasant Valley. He was about 49 years old. He was a member of Winter's Lutheran Church, near New Windsor, where funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, and which it is said were attended by the largest concourse of citizens ever present there on a funeral occasion. Rev. William H. Hetrick, of Grace Lutheran Church, this city, preached the funeral sermon and conducted the burial service in the church cemetery. The active pallbearers were Messrs. Thomas Slingluff, Howard H. Devilbiss, James W. Beacham, Samuel Roser, Upton L. Gladhill and I. N. Stoner members of Medford Grange. Messrs. Chas. A. Peltz, Charles H. Sellman, Isaac Gilbert, Samuel Greenholtz, M. D. Reid and Isaac Smith, were honorary pallbearers on the part of Sulpher Spring Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Willet was a member. Messrs. H. Bankard and Son were funeral directors.

MRS. R. L. DORSEY DEAD

Was Descendant of One of Maryland's Oldest Families.

Mrs. R. L. Dorsey, widow of William H. Dorsey and a descendant of one of Maryland's oldest and most prominent families,died at her home, 1412 Eutaw Place Wednesday morning, following an illness of several months. Mrs. Dorsey was 80 years old, but despite her advanced age, was active until her illness a short time ago. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Her only survivor is a son (William H. Dorsey, Jr., of Bloomsbury avenue, Catonsville). Following her husband's death, 15 years ago, Mrs. Dorsey went to Baltimore where she lived until her death.

Mrs. Dorsey formerly lived at Woodlawn, Dorsey's Station, Howard county. Her husband was the great-grandson of Caleb Dorsey, of Belmont, who, in 1738, brought bricks from England in his own vessels, and built the historic house of Belmont, which was the home of two prominent Maryland families, the Dorseys and Hansons.

Caleb Dorsey's land extended from Curtis Creek to Ellicott City, and he owned all the territory now known as Catonsvile. He was the founder of Elk Ridge landing and was known to everyone as the "rich iron merchant." His ancestors took an active interest in politics during the seventeenth century and one of them Col. Edward Dorsey, was a personal friend of Lord Baltimore.

The funeral was held from the Eutaw Place home at 11 o'clock this morning. Interment was in Greenmount Cemetery.

A. M. LEPPO.

Mr. Adam M. Leppo, husband of Mrs. Mary Jane Leppo, died Tuesday, 24th inst., aged 78 years.

The funeral service was held this morning at seven o'clock from his late residence, 710 Carwell avenue, Baltimore, and the interment was made in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, this county.

DR. WHARTON WILL SPEAK TO THE MEN OF THE TOWN

WANTED—MEN

"God's Call For Men"

Meeting at the Opera House, 3.30 P. M., Sunday, March 29th. For Men Only.

Many have already attended the meetings conducted by Dr. Wharton at the Methodist Protestant Church, and know his ability as a speaker. The Adult Bible Classes of the town have arranged for this meeting to be held. This co-operation shows a broad and helpful spirit. Let every man in town come out. You cannot afford to miss hearing Dr. Wharton, a man of wide reputation and rich experiences.

Special music has been provided for this occasion. Selections will be given by the male quartette.

Owing to the shortage of Pullman cars the "unemployed" had to give up their plan of marching from California to Washington.

Disastrous Fire at Mt. Airy

Loss Estimated at More Than $80,000

The Town Without Proper Fire Protection

Vain Attempts of the Citizens Heretofore to Agree Upon a System for the Purpose

A Warning Which May Be Heeded

One of the most destructive fires in the history of the thriving and generally progressive business town of Mt. Airy swooped down upon the place on Wednesday near noon and swept away property estimated at $75,000 to well night $100,000. A full account of the disaster appeared in the Baltimore daily newspapers yesterday and about as terse and reliable a statement of the story was given in the Sun by a staff correspondent. Of course there were many incidents which the newspaper men failed to ascertain, but the unfortunate visitation need not be amplified. The Sun's report is as follows:

Mount Airy, Md., March 25.—An entire business block of this little town of 1,200 inhabitants including a mill, a bank, a lumber yard, an ice plant, three stores and a dwelling, was burned shortly after noon today. Two families were driven from their homes, losing all their furniture. The loss is about $86,000. The outbuildings of a farmer a quarter of a mile away were also destroyed.

While the fire raged a 50,000-gallon water tank on the hill above the scene of the fire stood empty and opposing bodies of citizens were before the Legislature fighting for and against a bill to give the town the right to issue bonds with which to build a water supply.

Until the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad got its engines to drawing water from a lake five miles up the track there was not a drop of water with which to fight the flames except that taken from pumps or wells by buckets. There are no volunteer firemen here and a call for help brought 40 men with two engines from Frederick.

An overheated flue in the milling company's plant is supposed to have started the flames.

LIST OF PROPERTY DESTROYED

A list of the property destroyed and of the amount of insurance carried in each case follows:

Farmers' Milling and Grain Company, damage to building and stock, $15,000; insurance, $10,000.

Watkins & Banks, general store, damage, $15,000; insurance, $9,000.

First National Bank, damage, $15,000; insurance, $8,000.

E. M. Molesworth, lumber and coal, damage about $15,000; insurance about $7,000.

Runkle and Wagner, ice plant, damage, $15,000; insurance about $9,000.

W. W. Baker, dwelling, damaged about $2,500; no insurance.

H. L. Runkle, hardware store, damage about $5,000; insurance about $3,000.

Arnold Fleming, barn and outbuildings, damage about $2,500, covered by insurance.

C. L. Skeggs', general store, damage, $1,500; insurance about $1,000.

GOT WATER FROM B. & O. ENGINES

The block wiped out was the west side of Main street, from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks north. Its location made it possible for the Frederick fire engines to take water from the Baltimore and Ohio locomotives.

For months the question of "water works or no water works" has been a political issue here. The Board of Trade, with A. W. Hall, vice-president of the First National Bank, at its head, organized the fight for water works, aided by the Women's Civic League, of which the wife of Dr. C. P. Gowan is president. Members of the Town Council are said to have opposed the plan. The advocates had an engineer make a report and estimate the cost last December. A bill was introduced into the Legislature and its backers and opponents went to Annapolis today to argue the matter out.

George Davis, fireman for the millings company,was shoveling coal into the furnaces when R. L. Runkle shouted the alarm of fire. He saw the flames behind the furnace and, releasing the water from his boilers, fled. W. W. Baker, the manager, saw that nothing could save the mill, and ran to his home, a frame building, 200 yards away. His wife and his 4-year-old daughter Carrie were there. They got the sewing machine, organ and some bedclothes out. The bedclothes burned as fast as they were removed, for the flames jumped to Molesworth lumber yard, between their home and the mill. W. O. Banks' home, above the Skeggs grocery, with every piece of furniture and every shred of clothing, was the next to burn.

$40,000 REMOVED TO FREDERICK

Milton G. Urner, president of the First National Bank, ordered the money there put into a trunk. Forty thousand dollars' worth of greenbacks and coing was dumped in and Mr. Hall in an automobile, with an armed guard on each side, carried the money to Frederick.

The whole street was alive with shouting men, almost frantic at their inability to cope with the fire. Excited calls for help were sent over the telephone to Frederick.

"Hurry" the Mount Airy people begged. "We can't do anything with this fire with buckets!"

When the Frederick firemen tumbled off the cars they were greeted with shouts. It had been feared that the flames would spread to the opposite side of the railroad to the big grain elevator of the Mount Airy Millings and Grain Company,holding several thousands of bushels of grain and many barrels of flour. The office of this company was scorched, but the firemen kept the fire within the block in which it started.

FARMER'S BARN FIRED BY EMBERS

Burning embers were carried by the wind to the barn of Arnold Fleming, a farmer, a quarter of a mile away. In 10 minutes it and the adjoining stable were destroyed. Mr. Fleming saved much of his corn which was stored in the barn.

Miss Bella Runkle, whose home and millinery shop stands on a hill on Main street, got all her hats and furniture out. Other persons emptied their dwellings. Half of Mount Airy had to move its furniture in from the front lawn tonight. When darkness fell the flames were still playing red over the ruins.

THIRD DISASTROUS FIRE

This is the third disastrous fire in the history of the town. Twenty years ago $100,000 worth of property on the site of today's fire was destroyed. Ten years ago a block on the south side of the railroad was destroyed, with a loss almost as great.

Some difficulty may arise in determining who will stand the loss on the Molesworth lumber yard. E. M. Molesworth sold this a week ago to the People's Lumber and Supply Company. He said yesterday that the papers had been signed, but that the money had not been paid over.

BURNED AREA TO BE REBUILT

Mayor Francis J. Leatherwood, while the ruins were still smoldering, declared that the burned area would be rebuilt as soon as possible. He said the city would take heed of the lesson taught and that he would favor the establishment of a fire department, or at least an efficient fire brigade, as well as proper water facilities.

One hundred prize chickens, belonging to C. A. Fleming, who lived back of the First National Bank, were hemmed in by the flames in their coops and slowly roasted to death.

Frank Miller, fire insurance agent, rushed to the J. W. Condon general merchandise store, where he frantically tried to reach Frederick over the telephone. After three attempts he finally succeeded in reaching W. L. Ransburg, of No. 3 United Fire Company, of Frederick.

"My God, we're doomed!" shouted Miller. "Send us assistance. The town's on fire again."

Five Baltimore and Ohio engines, with capacities of 9,500 gallons each, furnished the water supply and enabled the firemen to keep two steady streams on the property near the fire.—Sun.

MARYLAND DAY AT WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL.

In accordance with a custom instituted by the State Board of Education about ten years ago, last Wednesday, March 25, was celebrated as Maryland Day in all the high schools of the State. Each year a special topic is selected by the State Superintendent of Schools for study and discussion at the Maryland Day celebrations, and a speaker is appointed whose address is always the chief feature of the occasion. The topic selected for this year was "Our Historic Metropolis." At the Westminster High School exercises were held in the Assembly Hall, beginning at 2.00 P. M. All the pupils of the school from the fifth grade up were present at the exercises and a suitable program consisting of recitations and music was rendered by the students. The address was delivered by the Rev. W. L. Seabrook. Mr. Seabrook is thoroughly conversant with Maryland history and his instructive and inspiring address was listened to with great interest by both teachers and pupils. A picture, which each year is given by the principal to the room having the best attendance on Maryland Day, was awarded to the eighth grade, whose average attendance was 97 1/4 per cent.

The program follows: Singing, Maryland, My Maryland; Washington Monument, Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore, Reba Erb; The Twenty-fifth of March, Bernard C. Sterling, Byers Unger; Our Own Bold Chesapeake, Coleman Yellott, Elizabeth Gehr; Singing, Dixie; Baltimore, Charles Soran, Helen Miller; Light Street, Folger McKinsey, Mildred Royer; The Maryland Line, Thomas C. Harbaugh, Ruth Holmes; The Maryland Line, Esmeralda Boyle, Charles Stouch; Bonnie Baltimore, Daniel M. Henderson, Rhoda Yeiser; Singing, My Native Land; Address, Rev. W. L. Seabrook; Singing, The Star Spangled Banner,

CARROLL REFORMED CHARGE

St. Benjamin's, Sunday School 9 A. M.; divine service 10 A. M.

Jerusalem (Bachman's Valley,) divine service 2 P. M.

J. W. Reinecke, pastor.

Miss Hazel Zepp, of Emory, spent Friday with her brother, Mr. Wilson Zepp, of Sandyville.

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