



EDUCATOR SHOE. Have you ever noticed a child hopping along on the side of its foot...

C. C. JONES--The Shoe Man, Chestertown, Md. Chestertown Does Not Need Outside Financial Assistance.

Notwithstanding the staggering blow to our community whereby one-tenth of the entire assessable valuation of our town was wiped out by the fire of Monday night last, no call has been made for any outside financial assistance.

Very respectfully, THE THIRD NATIONAL BANK, OF CHESTERTOWN, Md.

Grand Tailoring Opening! HAVE YOUR SUIT OR OVERCOAT MADE TO FIT. IT WILL FIT YOU AND IS FIT FOR YOU. A Special Representative of Hopkins' Tailoring Company.

We are located for the present in the store room on Court street adjoining the law office of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., where we shall be pleased to see all of our friends. Our Tailoring Representative is located at HOTEL IMPERIAL where there is a fine line of samples of latest patterns. A fit guaranteed or your money back. Watch this space next week. VANSANT & NEWSOME, Tailors, Furnishers and Shoers, Chestertown, Maryland.

CHESTERTOWN'S GREATEST FIRE! WHOLE BUSINESS BLOCK IN THE HEART OF THE TOWN DESTROYED.

23 Buildings and Several Stables Destroyed. LOSS, \$97,000; INSURANCE, \$48,000. PEOPLE LOSE HOMES, CLOTHING AND STORE GOODS.

Volunteer Fire Company Proved Themselves Heroes. BURNT DISTRICT WILL BE REBUILT, BUT PROBABLY NOT BY ALL THE PRESENT OWNERS.

Merchants Burned Out in Temporary Quarters.

The most destructive fire in the history of Chestertown occurred on Monday night, September 26th, when 23 buildings and six or seven stables located in the heart of the town's business section were destroyed, causing a loss to our merchants and property owners estimated at \$97,000 with an insurance of \$48,000. The fire started from some unknown cause in the blacksmith shop of Davis & Satterfield corner of Cannon and Cross streets.

ESTIMATED LOSS AND AMOUNT OF INSURANCE. Table listing various businesses and their respective losses and insurance amounts.

The insurance covering the burnt property was placed as follows: Kent Mutual, \$4,900; L. Bates Russell's Agency, 7,100; J. J. W. Agency, 4,600; J. G. Beck's Agency, 7,425; J. J. W. Agency, 5,000; E. P. Beck's Agency, 2,000; W. F. Boy's Agency, 3,000; W. F. Boy's Agency, 2,000; Dover Mutual, 2,000; J. A. Bradley Agency, 2,000. Total, \$47,885.

NOTES OF THE CONFLAGRATION. A number of ladies headed by Misses Nellie Walters and Kate Wheatley, served sandwiches and coffee to the firemen during the big blaze. Mr. C. Norman Thorington, of Pocomoke City, general agent of the Maryland Mutual Aid Society, rendered most valuable service during the fire.

community for his push and great courtesy. A special force of workmen came in on the morning train on Tuesday and repaired the damage to lines and cables. By miraculous work on the part of the volunteer firemen, who had the flames under control before the Wilmington Fire Company arrived, the fire did not get beyond Mr. Moffett's Meat Market.

Some one said that she sent it to the home of Prof. Jones on College Hill for safekeeping. The reflection of the fire was seen as far away as Kent Island. James T. Earle, Esq., of the Centreville bar, was on Kent Island at the time the fire broke out, and he and a party of gentlemen came all the way to Chestertown in an automobile, reaching here at 10 o'clock.

One of the showmen lost a valuable watch during the fire. It was a present to him from the Knight's Templar and he valued it highly. He would be pleased if the finder would return it. Too much credit cannot be given the men of Robbins' Shows. When it was seen that there would be no night performance, and this was apparent almost from the start, the managers ran their fine horses into town from the circus grounds, brought their canvasmen and performers, even, and went to work to help.

Mr. J. Frank Davis came down from Wilmington on the special train which brought the Wilmington Fire Companies and did valuable service in assisting at the fire. His wife and Mrs. J. W. Flesh came in on the Tuesday train to view the fire ruins. Dr. Owen Smith, one of Baltimore's prominent druggists and a native of Chestertown, came over from Baltimore on Tuesday evening and remained until Thursday taking some interesting views of the ruins with his camera.

The next morning after the fire there were 3 1/2 feet of water in the reservoir and a good supply in both pools at the pump house. Chestertown has all the water it needs. What it sadly needs is PRESSURE at the beginning of a fire. The Town Commissioners have been busy cleaning the sidewalks along the burnt district and removing the ruined shade trees and burned telephone and electric light poles.

It has been erroneously stated that the new artesian well was called into service during the fire for an extra supply of water. This was impossible, as there is no connection by pipe between that well and the pump. Every drop of water used at the fire came from the pool, reservoir and mostly from the artesian well. No one had any idea of the capacity of the artesian well until this big fire, and had the pump had the necessary pressure, there would have been enough water in the artesian well to stop the fire at Davis & Satterfield's warehouse.

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had 35 dozen shirts before the fire and to-day he can find only five shirts. Large quantities of shoes were also taken as well as groceries and provisions. This is a shame, and the man or woman who would take advantage of an occasion like this to steal unfortunate people's property is none too good to do far worse acts if he had the chance.

Nearly all those who were burned out in the fire have secured temporary quarters, and those who have not yet been able to secure locations will do so as soon as possible. These are located. Davis & Satterfield's office is in the Town Commissioners office in Fireman's Hall. They have fixed up temporary working quarters at their big warehouse, near the new depot.

John S. Vandegrift, the barber shop man, has gone in Chapman & Lambert's office building on Cross street, directly across the street from his old stand. Mr. Vandegrift was a heavy loser in the fire, having no insurance. His policy ran out a month ago, and he states the company did not notify him that it was out.

Mr. M. A. Toulson has taken the room under the Voshell House for his drug business until he can rebuild his property. Mr. Warren Hurlock very generously gave up the use of the room to Mr. Toulson, and has placed his pianos and organs in different homes. McIntire & Hodgkin are in the sample room under the Voshell House, where they have secured temporary quarters.

Mr. Wm. A. Burk has rented one of Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort's dwellings, on High street and has removed his family there. He has secured temporary quarters in Mrs. A. J. Hyson's property on Cross street, opposite Sides' garage.

Mr. John E. Matthews, the expressman, has located his office in a part of the big warehouse belonging to Davis & Satterfield, near the depot. Mr. Matthews and family have taken quarters with his daughter, Mrs. Maxwell Blakely.

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Mr. Wm. A. Toulson has rented the house occupied by Mrs. C. R. Atkinson, on Queen street and will remove his family there at once. They have been the guests of relatives and friends since the fire.

Insurance adjusters have been here since Wednesday adjusting the claims of property owners, and so far as we have been able to learn, all claims are being adjusted satisfactorily. A number of claims have been paid.

The following insurance claims have been adjusted, as far as we have learned: JOSEPH N. WHEATLEY & CO'S. AGENCIES. Wm. L. Fowler, \$400 on furniture. A. W. Carmine, \$2500 on stock. John E. Matthews, \$500 on furniture. M. A. Toulson, \$1500 on building occupied by McIntire & Hodgkin. Mrs. Thos. D. Bowers, \$1200 on dwelling. Fire Building, \$58.