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The Second National Bank of Chestertown, Md.

Comparative statement of Deposits made to the Comptroller of the Currency in the April call of each year.

Deposits

APRIL 5, 1899.....$170,245.62
APRIL 26, 1900.....$215,016.45
APRIL 24, 1901.....$294,021.74
APRIL 30, 1902.....$310, 414.23
APRIL 9. 1903.....$468,269.37

An increase of $157,845 in one year.

Our increase in business is due very largely to the fact that everybody is treated alike.

We do not pay 3 per cent. to certain depositors and 4 per cent. to certain others—BUT 4 PER CENT. TO ALL SAVINGS DEPOSITORS.

Let us have your business.

W. B. COPPER, Cashier;
E. F. PERKINS, Teller,
H. T. DEAVER, Book-keeper,
Miss PALMER CARROLL,
Asst. Book-keeper.

Galena Bank
—OF—
Farmers' Trust,
Banking & Deposit Company,
GALENA, MD.

TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.

Interest Allowed on Deposits Subject to Check.

Interest Allowed on Savings Deposits.

SPECIAL RATES ON TIME DEPOSITS.

JOHN W. WOODLAND, President, Baltimore, Md.
WM. D. ALLEN, Secretary-Treasurer, Baltimore, Md.
EDWARD A. SCOTT, President Local Board, Galena, Md.
RICHARD S. WALLIS, Cashier, Galena, Md.

Special Auditor's Notice.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, Md.

JOHN C. DAVIS, late sheriff
vs.
WILLIAM H. PERKINS.

The Creditors of William H. Perkins deceased, are hereby notified to file their claims, duly authenticated, with the undersigned on or before the 20th day of Febuary 1904. And the heirs of the said William H Perkins, deceased, are hereby notified to be and appear before the undersigned on or before February 20th 1904; to make any objection they may have to any claims that may be filed and to prove their heirship. Provided that this notice be published for two successive weeks in some newspaper published in Kent county on or before the 2nd day of February 1904.

By order of the Court,
LEWIN W. WICKES,
Special Auditor.

WM. C. SUTTON,
SANITARY PLUMBING
HUBBARD BUILDING.
Y Chestertown, Md.

ALL MAKES OF SEWING MACHINES.
REPAIRED, RENTED, EXCHANGED
Have been in the business 20 years and satisfaction guaranteed.
Address,
A. H. SUPPLEE,
General Agent,
n21-3mo Betterton, Md.

POULTRY WANTED.
J. E. Merriken will buy POULTRY and pay HIGHEST CASH PRICES for it delivered at the Railroad Station.
J. E. MERRIKEN,
Kennedyville, Md.

Hotel Imperial
Anniversary Celebration.
TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 23.
A sumptuous TURKEY SUPPER will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock.
☞ TICKETS 50c.

"The District Schule."
The young ladies and gentlemen of Betterton will give the above play on
FEBRUARY 22,
IN CREW'S HALL.
Doors opened at.....7.00 P. M.
Curtain rising at.....8.00 P. M.
Admission, 15c.

SEED. SEED.
RED CLOVER, ALSIKE, ALFALFA and TIMOTHY SEED in large quantities. Prices right.
j30-tf SMITH & GRAHAM.

FOR SALE.
A good SORREL MARE, 5 years old. Fine driver and sound in every particular. For particulars apply to
j30-tf A. LEVINE, the jeweler.

NOTICE.
I have fitted up an office in the town of Kennedyville for the practice of my profession, and I solicit the patronage of all those who may be in need of the services of a dentist of long experience.
Respectfully,
D. A SPARKS, D. D.
Kennedyville, Md.
j2-tf Formerly of Centreville, Md.

HARRY L. BOYD,
GENERAL FIRE INSURANCE,
NEWS BUILDING.
Feb. 13, 1904-y. Chestertown, Md.

DO YOU WANT

all that you can possibly get for your money, and the very best that there is in Kent county, too? If so, our store is the one place that will supply your want. Dependable clothes, made to fit, that will reflect credit and give a hearty recognition from your friend, and at prices positively the lowest. This

REDUCTION SALE

goes on unabated, and we are giving many values in Winter Clothing that may never again be duplicated.

Furnishings—The best and largest assortments. Fifteen different styles of up-to-date linen collars at only 10c.

J. D. Lucas,
MEN AND BOYS' Outfitters,
OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.

FIRE INSURANCE.
We are in receipt of the following telegram:
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 9, 1904.
"JOSEPH N. WHEATLEY & Co., Chestertown, Md.:—Although Royal loses a considerable sum in Baltimore, such disasters are anticipated and stability of company would not be affected by many such loses now in process of adjustmdnt and payment. Give this widest publicity."
JOHN FENNY,
Manager.
And such is the report of the following companies, all of which we represent, viz: Pennsylvania, Phenix of Brooklyn, St Paul, North American and Glens Falls.
☞ Have your property insured at once in one of these strong companies.
f13 JOSEPH N. WHEATLEY & CO.

MARYLAND'S METROPOLIS DEVASTATED.

Business Section of Baltimore City Wiped Out by Appalling Conflagration.

Thousands of Buildings Destroyed.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF PROPERTY LOST AND THOUSANDS WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT--PROBABLY AMERICA'S GREATEST FIRE.

A Synopsis of the Conflagration.

The TRANSCRIPT this morning will not attempt anything more than to give a synopsis of the great calamity that has befallen the city of Baltimore. The terrible tale has been told and rehearsed many times since the catastrophe, and anything else that may be said cannot create any greater sympathy than already exists in the hearts of our people for the great city in its terrible loss. Suffice it to say that but one other fire in the United States is to be compared to the Baltimore fire—that of the city of Chicago in 1871, when 17,430 buildings were destroyed, covering a loss of $196,000,000. A most thrilling description of the Chicago fire may be found in E. P. Roe's "Barrier's Burned Away." No doubt the harrowing scenes as well as the many heroic deeds that were enacted in Baltimore will furnish a most excellent plot for the imagination. For the benefit of our readers we give a synopsis of the catastrophe, giving in detail the scope of the fire, the most important buildings destroyed, and the names of as many Kent county people who were effected immediately as can be ascertained from memory.

The fire started on Sunday at 10.40 o'clock in the large wholesale house of John E. Hurst & Co. Gotten under control at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

CAUSE.

Two theories: Spontaneous combustion due to leaking gas pipe; or explosion of gasoline in the cellar of the Hurst building.

EXTENT OF FIRE.

From Lexington on the north to Pratt on the South, and from Liberty on the West to John's Falls on the East. The fire ended at Bowley's wharf.

AREA COVERED.

75 blocks burned, including 2400 buildings, comprising nearly every wholesale house, large building and ware house within the burned territory.

LOSS.

Variously estimated from $70,000,000 to $200,000,000. A conservative estimate places the loss at $127,000,000. Insurance $92,000,000. The Insurance companies of New York suffered most by the fire. It is thought that many of the smaller companies will be driven to the wall.

BANKS DESTROYED.

The banks which have been either destroyed or damaged include the following:

Merchants' National.
The National Mechanics.
The Merchants and Farmers.
The Baltimore Savings Bank.
Wilson, Colston & Co.
The National Bank of Commerce.
The First National.
The National Bank of Baltimore.
The Third National.
The National Union.
The National Exchange.
Alexander Brown & Sons.
Hambleton & Co.
Townsend, Scott & Sons.
National Marine Bank.
J. William Middendorf & Co.
Richard D. Fisher & Sons.
Hopkins Place Savings Bank.
Savings Bank of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company.
St. James' Saving Fund of Baltimore City.
The Savings Bank of Baltimore.
The Maryland Savings Bank.
The Chamber of Commerce Building, the Rialto Building, in which was the Board of Trade, and the Stock Exchange Building, as well as the Merchants' Club, also went down before the fire.

THE TRUST COMPANIES.

Among the larger trust and casualty companies that have been destroyed or damaged are the following:

International Trust Company.
Union Trust Company.
Colonial Trust Company.
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.
Maryland Trust Company.
Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company.
Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company.
American Bonding and Trust Company.
Maryland and Casualty Company.
Safe Deposit and Trust Company.
Continential Trust Company.
The Custom House.
The Board of Trade.

NEWSPAPERS,

The Sun.
The American.
The Herald.
The Baltimore City News.
The Daily Record.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

In this summary we can give only those best known to the people of Kent county:

John E. Hurst & Co.
Dixon, Bartlett Co.
Cohen-Allen Shoe Co.
R. M. Sutton & Co.
Strauss Brothers.
Baltimore Rubber Co.
Morton Stout.
McDonald & Fisher.
Kohler Manufacturing Co.
Oehm's Acme Hall.
Armstrong, Cator & Co.
Flodora Tag Company.
McCadden & McElwee.
John Tumbull, Jr., & Co.
Douglass Shoe Co.
Likes, Berwanger & Co.
The Hub.
The Globe.
New York Clothing House.
J. S. McDonald & Co.
Hennegan, Bates & Co.
Cushing & Co.
Murphy & Co.
J. W. McPherson.
W. J. C. Dulaney Co.
Schwarzt's Toy Store.
Schlessinger's,
J. H. Armiger Co.
Hall, Headington & Co.
J. H. McAllister.
J. W. Putts & Co.
Lohmeger & Co.
Sanders & Stayman.
Knabe Piano Co.
Hess & Bro. Shoe Store.
Remington Typewriter Co.
Every store on Baltimore street from Liberty to Jones' Falls.

HOTELS.

The Carrollton.
Yunker's Hotel.
Maltby House.
Shehan's, Now Mullin's.
All restaurants in burned territory.

COLLEGES.

Bryant and Stratton's Business.
Eaton & Burnett's Business.
Strayer's Business.
The Baltimore Business.

CHURCHES.

Church of Messiah, Rev. Peregrin Wroth, pastor.

KENT COUNTIANS AFFECTED.

James W. Chapman, Jr., office in Maryland Trust Building, Law books, furniture and some papers lost. Amount $500. Mrs. Chapman very bravely rescued several very important papers by going to her husband's office on the 9th floor of the building in company with a friend. Mr. Chapman was sick at the time.

Robert J. Nicholson—Office fixtures destroyed. No other loss save trial typewriters in other offices in the city. He handles the Blickensderfer machine.

John T. Morris—Office in Union Trust Building, corner of Fayette and Charles, contents destroyed.

Isaac Robinson Company—Offices and fertilizer factory burned. Loss $50,000.

Charles B. Dodd, employed with Bridges Printing Company.

Edward Newsome and Robert Young, employed with the New York Clothing House.

Charles Rolph, with the Hub.

Frank Roeder, with Likes, Berwanger & Co.

The daughters of Mrs. Cornelius Brown.

Robert Hill, Lexington Street near O'Neils. Loss $1500.

Stewart Fruit Company of which Robert G. Nicholson is a stockholder. Loss unknown.

Quite a number of Kent countians were attending the business schools, including Miss Adelaide Howard, of Chestertown.

Hubbard Fertilizer offices and factory Wilbur W. Hubbard, of Chestertown, is one of the directors. Loss, furniture and office fixtures. Mr. Hubbard was in the city this week, and in company with the other owners and directors visited the office, opened the vault and found everything intact. Mr. Hubbard showed us a dollar bill and some postage stamps taken from their vault; the gum on the stamps was not even damaged.

So far as is known none of the commission houses with which Kent's farmers do business are destroyed except the Stewart Fruit Co. A letter from Stevens Bros. state that they are saved and doing business at the old stand.

RESULTS OF THE FIRE.

Commercial interest of the city seriously crippled. Business practically at a stand still.

50,000 people out of employment.

Many inhabitants of the district known as the Ghetto rendered homeless.

Notwithstanding the immensity of the disaster and the imminent danger from flying debris and falling walls, not one person is reported to have been killed.

50 or more firemen and spectators injured.

Burned district guarded by police force and State militia.

Gov. Warfield issues proclamation declaring a holiday until Feb. 16, in order that business may adjust itself to at least a normal degree. Baltimore firemen demonstrate their ability as fire-fighters.

Buildings erected to be fire-proof demonstrated to be anything else in the group of such a catastrophe.

Legislature and Congress appropriate money for the immediate relief of the city.

City refuses outside aid for the present.

Bank vaults containing millions of dollars are intact.

Court House, Postoffice, City Hall saved after heroic efforts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.

The work of clearing away the debris in the burned district has begun.

25,000 men to be employed in rebuilding.

There will rise up out of the ashes of the ruined city a new and better Baltimore, whose structures will be built upon the most approved methods and will be more imposing than those that have been destroyed.

No probability that failures will result from the catastrophe.

INCIDENTS.

Mayor McLane worked assiduously during the fire, and sounded the Riot Call from city hall, calling out State militia.

Judge Harlan, of the Supreme Court, did much to save the handsome court house.

Firemen from New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Wilmington, Chester, Washington, York and Annapolis worked valliantly to save the city. New York and Atlantic City firemen put out the fire.

Baltimore fireman worked until they fell exhausted in their tracks in their efforts to save their beloved city.

MR. HURST'S STATEMENT AS TO FIRE'S ORIGIN.

Henry S. Hurst, of the firm of John E. Hurst & Co., said that there was no gasoline in the building and that the fire did not have its origin in an explosion of this liquid in the Hurst building. This statement was subsequently corroborated by a signed statement issued by S. W. T. Hopper & Sons, insurance agents and brokers, who said that after a careful inspection by deputies of their firm and of the fire underwriters' association, they were satisfied that there was no gasoline in the building.

Mr. Hurst said that he and Charles George, a trusted employe, were the last persons to leave the building at 5.30 P. M. Saturday, and that all the electric lights were turned off by a switch. It is not denied that the fire originated in the Hurst building, but how it strarted is yet to be learned.

The most intense interest in the great disaster was manifested by the people throughout the entire county, and the arrival of each mail has been followed by a rush to the post office in order to secure a paper.

The first Baltimore paper to reach Chestertown after the disaster was the Baltimore *Sun*, which was printed in Washington. This was followed by the *American* and *Herald* and now these papers are coming in regularly.

The explosion of dynamite was distinctly heard in town. The reflection from the fire was briliant and crowds viewed the sight until late at night.

Burned embers and bits of paper were found at Rock Hall. Several pieces of paper bearing the name of J. W. Putts & Co., evidently that firm's burnt bill heads, were found along the roadside.

STILL PURSUED BY FIRE.

It was in the big establishment of John E. Hurst & Co. that the fire broke out which devasted Baltimore. The family of the deceased merchant seems to be pursued by some fate, for on Wednesday afternoon a blaze broke out in the Hurst residence at No. 704 Cathedral street. For a time it caused great consternation in the neighborhood. It broke out in the library chimney, but upon the arival of the Fire Department it was extinguished with little damage to the house.

Interesting Tomato Suit.

Justice Wilard Melvin heard an interesting suit on Saturday involving charges for freight on tomatoes carried to Baltimore in the summer. The fruit was owned by Mr. Richard Groves, at first conveyed to the vessel of Capt. Fletcher, of Broad Neck for freighting, and finally delivered in Baltimore by Capt. Stoops, of Broad Neck, who worked in conjunction with Capt. Fletcher. The particulars in the case are as follows: Capt. Fletcher received a consignment of five loads of tomatoes from Mr. Groves to be freighted at a contract price. Capt. Fletcher at the time had loaded his vessel and was unable to carry the consignment. He entrusted three loads of the fruit to Capt. Stoops for one trip, and the remaining two loads for a second trip, with instructions that freight charges at the contract price should be collected by Capt Stoops upon delivery to Mr. Groves. Capt. Stoops received freight charges for the three loads, but upon delivery of the remainder his boat was grounded and Mr. Groves refused to pay the freight. Capt. Stoops brought suit against Capt. Fletcher to recover the freight on the two loads of tomatoes. Justice Melvin rendered a verdict in favor of Capt. Fletcher, claiming that there was no evidence to show that Capt. Fletcher was responsible for the non-payment of the freight charges.

Arrested for Theft.

Deputy Sheriff Startt arrested John Walley on Tuesday night at twelve o'clock at his home in Sandy Bottom, charged with the theft of a pocket book containing $30 in money, a deposit receipt for $25 from the Chestertown National Bank, and several tickets of value, all the property of Mr. Wm. H. Bonwill, of near Kennedyville. On Tuesday afternoon Miss Sophie Miller came to town to purchase some goods for Mrs. Bonwill, and upon leaving town her horse became frightened in front of Mr. Samuel Vannort's residence, causing a bundle to fall out of the carriage. Miss Miller returned, alighted to pick up the bundle, and in doing so dropped her pocket book. A colored man supposed to be Walley came along in a team, saw the pocket book lying in the road and picked it up. Miss Miller did not notice that her pocket book had been lost until she reached Mr. W. C. A. Thompson's store. She at once drove down town in search of the pocket book but not finding it returned to Mr. Bonwill's home. Mr. Bonwill and Miss Miller immediately drove to town, and secured the deputy sheriff, who in company with Mr. Bonwill went to Walley's house in Sandy Bottom and placed him under arrest. The man protested in his innocence, although $17.50 was found in his pockets. He accounted for the money by stating that he had received a check from School Examiner Peterson which he had had cashed at the Second National Bank. Prof. Peterson stated that he had given Walley a check on Feb. 2 in payment for the rent of a church building for use as a colored school, and of which Walley is a trustee. Trial was held before Police Justice France on Wednesday afternoon, and after hearing all the evidence in the case the Justice dismissed the accused because of insufficient evidence.

A Fine Entertainment.

The entertainment given in Stam's Hall on Thursday evening by the De-Barre Gill Harp Company was one of the finest entertainments ever given in Chestertown. The audience, small though representative, was given the opportunity to hear the sweet tone of beautiful harps, and to listen to recitals from master pieces of fiction, impersonations of child life and humor, such as have rarely been heard upon a stage in Chestertown. Mrs. Johstone's harp selections were charming, evidencing a strong touch and skillful technique and while not of a deeply classical nature were of such a character as are generally pleasing. Mrs. Gill is surely an accomplished entertainer. In one selection she carried her audience to the lofty heights of classic lore, and in another delights it with the innocent impersonations of childhood or gives it a dash of pleasing wit and humor. Her recitals of "The Chariot Race" from "Ben Hur" and the "Bull Fight in the Arena" from "Quo Vadis" were powerful and of the very highest form of elocutionary art.

Mrs. Gill also possesses a rich contralto voice and her solo "Suwanee River" with harp accompaniment, touched a reponsive chord in the hearts of an appreciate audience. The entire entertainment was of a most refined and dignified character, and it is so much to be regretted that such entertainments draw such small audiences in Chestertown. The next entertainment will be given on Monday evening, Feb. 29th, when the celebrated "Wesleyan Male Quartette," the finest and most expensive quartette on the road, surpassing in excellence, it is said, the celebrated Schubert Quartette, will appear in Stam's Hall. This quartette is from Boston, and that's enough.

WEDDING BELLS.

HILL—WALLIS.

A pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Annie S. Wallis, in Kennedyville, on Wednesday, when her daughter, Miss Henrietta, became the bride of Mr. Walter E. Hill, son of Capt. Daniel Hill, of Kennedyville. The parlor was beautifully decorated with plants and cedars. The bride was attired in a becoming traveling costume, and was unattended. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. K. M. Bull in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom. A wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will make their future home in Baltimore, where the groom is engaged in a lucrative business. Mr. Hill is also assistant secretary of the Baltimore Fire Department.

Cecil County Finances.—William B. Hohn, County Treasurer of Cecil county, has completed his semiannual statement, showing the receipts for the first six months of the fiscal year ending December 31st, to have been $115,986.85; expenses, $103,820.25, leaving a cash balance of $12,169.60.

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