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Baltimore's Great Fire.

Kent county extends to Baltimore her heart-felt sympathy and is ready to give practical demonstration of same. Baltimore is an important part of our beloved Maryland and when our metropolis is hurt we feel the blow. The loss of property will amount to millions and can be repaired, but there is one redeeming feature—there were no lives lost. This fact is indeed wonderful when the risks incurred by the firemen is known and the danger from the falling walls is considered. Baltimore is a great city, which has pursued its course quietly and is much more important than is supposed. Its trade with the South is large, and it ranks high as a manufacturing centre. The loss seems to have fallen heaviest in the wholesale and jobbing districts, where it can be most easily recouped, but in any event the sacrifice is immense and cannot be adequately expressed in words.

There is, however, a gleam of comfort in the thought that fire is not the worst of disasters. It is quite possible that, like the fabled phoenix, Baltimore will rise from its ashes more prosperous than before. The section destroyed is for the most part the oldest in the city, and many of the building had become antiquated before consigned to the devouring flames. There is one thing that fire cannot destroy, and that is the energy of the human race. Chicago more than thirty years ago was laid in ashes, and today that incident is almost forgotten, except as a demonstration of the recuperative power of the city. Boston also had its terrible visitation, but it quickly recovered, and today the loss is but a memory.

The loss is actual, but it can be recouped if there be in Baltimore, as we trust and believe, that indomitable spirit of courage which will not be cast down by disaster. Even as Chicago and Boston became richer and greater after the flames, so may Baltimore rise from the ashes with better things to exhibit to the world than those which have unfortunately been consumed. In commercial circles there will be extended such help in the way of business as the situation requires. From the whole country will come that sympathy which is worth more than gold. But it is hoped that Baltimore will not stop at the mere matter of buildings. She should by all means seize the opportunity it presents for widening streets where necessary, and, if possible, for making one or more open spaces where the permanent advantage of the city will evidently be served by such a step. Light street above all others should be widened.

Japan-Russian War.

The public have become interested in the contest now raging between Japan and Russia, the cause of the war being given in a nutshell in this column.

The people of Kent county are in sympathy with the little Japs, and the news that they had put over 40 per cent. of the Czar's fleet out of action in two days was received here with rejoicing.

Korea is the bone of contention between Russia and Japan. But the real causes of the war are twofold—on the part of the Japanese revenge and of the Russians an ice-free outlet for the extension of their commerce. Ambitious Japan has long sought to gain foothold on the mainland of Asia by securing possession of Korea, and after conquering China in 1894 thought she had secured what she wished. Russia, however, backed by France and Germany, forced Japan to give up not only Korea, but Manchuria, which later fell into Russia's hands. Since then Japan has been prepairing to avenge herself upon her powerful neighbor.

Russia agreed to vacate Manchuria the 8th of last October, but failed to do so, and steadily encroached upon Japan's influence in Korea. Mikado demanded that the Czar carry out his pledge and recognize Korea as a Japanese sphere of influence, and spurned offers of compromise. Japan was strengthened in her position by an alliance with Great Britian, made in 1902, but declared she was ready to fight for her rights unaided. Russia has made several offers, but these have apparently been only to gain time to prepare for the inevitable conflict.

THE Baltimore Sun in some criticisms on Gen. Riggs, says "the people can do without the soldiers better than they can do without the reporters." That's so. The people do not half appreciate the reporters who are hourly risking life and limb to tell us the news.

WE sincerely sympathize with our great metropolitan dailies who suffered such loss in the great fire. But we are glad to know that they are leading the van in recuperating. The splendid buildings of the Sun, the American, the Herald and the News will soon be replaced with even better.

DON'T be too hard on Gen. Riggs. It is a difficult job to boss such a "burned out district" as Baltimore now has.

THE PUBLIC AWED BY THE HORROR!

Street Scenes and Incidents Incident to the Fire—Matchless Daring of the Firemen Unavailing Against the Cruel Flames—Contrast Between the Fire in the Business Section and the Flames in the Humbler Portion.

Men, gaunt and fierce, met the fire enemy and were hurled back, crushed and defeated, only to make another stand and be beaten back again. When the fire began in the Hurst building the wind was southwest, and the conflagration took a northeasterly direction. In less than an hour the south side of Baltimore street was a mass of flames that were with eager tongues licking toward the north side. Awnings began to smoulder and window frames to smoke, and the firefighters made heroic attacks that seemed to meet success. On the roofs of Wise Bros., Oppenheimer, Oberndorf & Co., Hall, Heddington & Co., Schneider's German Cafe, Putts and Reddlemosher buildings volunteers used bucket-hose and the contents of great tanks vainly trying to saturate everything in sight.

Judge Martin says he watched the fire brigade cover the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Building, the Bank of Baltimore Building and the small houses on St. Paul Street, but in vain. Firemen took daring risks on cornices, awnings and signs, but the fire made such giant strides as to mock at them.

Huge tarpaulins were stretched by the salvage corps members, and volunteers, but with little result. This was at the early states of the fire and before the more desperate blasting had been used. Then came the time of chaos, when the fire got out of hand and leaving all barriers went to the total devastation of everything in its path.

In the Eastern Section.

When the people of the southeastern section of the city saw the great billows of flame devouring the great structures and reflected that the wind, northwest and blowing a gale, would sweep their property from them, they began to get busy with the frantic energy of fear. The catching of the Maryland Institute was the signal that set East Baltimore in panic, and in a way it was a torch of mercy, for it held aloft its awful object lesson of what was in store. From Frederick street, south of Lexington, east, there ensued scenes of excitement so wild as to beggar description. Everything on wheels was brought into use, from the push carts of the Greek pedlars of fruits to the great passenger coaches of Kinnear. Goods and chattels of all sorts were packed for hurried transit, and big men and little children, men and women, boys and girls, all struggled together vainly, to avert a disaster that concerned all.

Despair of the Poor.

While the property of the great financial magnates was being swept out of existence in the business sections, the humble belongings of the tenant dwellers of High, Albemarle, Exeter, Pratt, Lombard and other streets were threatened and were indeed consumed. Some were paralyzed and awoke to action too late, when every vehicle was in requisition and every avenue of escape, for aught save life, caught off. These paid the penalty with the total loss of the pitiful things that made up their homes. Their grief was more pathetic, because more volatile than that of the business men of the centre of the city. All were dumb with despair and could find no words to fittingly express the appalling sense of disaster that overcame them. Men for generations had worked and schemed to build up that which was utterly wiped out in an hour. The ambitions of a lifetime were swept away, and rich and poor alike felt the sting of it.

The provident and improvident alike suffered, and in the frantic excitement there was no class or creed. Men of all races and colors struggled together in the cause that made all men akin.

Vessels Were Saved.

Tugboat smokestacks poured black smoke, and owners of sailing vessels cast off their wharf lines, hoisted their jibs and bore away under the fair wind for down the river and to the haven of safety miles away. This prompt action saved millions of dollars' worth of floating property that would have fallen prey to the flames that raged around the northern side of the water front.

Those along the water front and to leeward of the conflagration had many exciting experiences. At first there was a general rush to the roofs where impromptu bucket brigades were organized, and frantic enorts made to stop the thousands of small blazes that sprung up from the embers that blazed opening in a hundred directions.

The saving of the Holliday Street theatre, Reilly's Hotel, and the Hotel Lexington, was one of the miracles of the fire.

When it was seen that the court house and City Hall would stand the test of fire, it was apparent that the point of the tired fire-fighters was to save the block consisting of the Lexington, Reily's and Holiday st. theatre. On these roofs the fireman gathered, and, by a deluge of water saved that comparatively small section of valuable property. While Zion church was menanced the old bell ringer climbed into the belfry and tolled the great bell in a most dismal way. Just then some one did the same thing to the city hall bell, so that while the flames roared and the buildings crashed, the tolling of the bells was like the knell of the hopes that were dying, of the struggles that had been in vain, and of their putting to sleep of many things that men consider the joy of life.

The daring of the saloonkeepers was notable. Until their buildings were destroyed they reaped a harvest. There was no law and intoxicants were sold openly and bought eagerly by the half crazed men many of whom scarcely knew what they did. In several of the saloons the intoxicants gave out and men were forced to take what was offered and what they asked.

But there came the time when these sellers of the cup were forced to flee and leave behind them all they could not carry.

LITTLE LOCALS.....

FIRE was discovered in the home of Mr John Evans, at Rolph's wharf, on Wednesday night, but fortunately in time to prevent loss.

G. F. DERICKSON, of Elizabeth City, N. C., has purchased the little race horse Free Silver, 2.18¼, of H. B. Windsor, Milford, Del. The price paid was $500.

THE Canning & Mercantile Co., are contracting for sugar corn to be raised for the Chestertown cannery.

THE fire plugs in town were tested by Officer Cooper Tuesday and they are in good condition.

AMONG the local appointments expected to be made in a few weeks are the following: School Commissioners, W. B. Copper, and I. R. Leaverton; Police Justice, Samuel Hicks; Justices T. Waters Russell, Robert Calder, Sam'l Burgess, Robert Jewell, Jos Duver; Supervisors of election, Harry Cannon, W. J. Tarbutton, J. C. Davis; notary public, Charles Estes; police captain, Wm. T. Durding; examiner, Joseph Peterson.

SEVERAL negroes in a dearborn were seen to pick up a pocket-book on High street, Chestertown, on Tuesday and proceed on their journey home. The book containing $30 proved to belong to Mrs. W. H Bonwill and had been dropped by Miss Sophia Miller. Sheriff Keyser has been unable to locate the men who picked up the money but it is hoped they will prove their honesty by surrendering same.

AMONG the well-known places burned were the following: The Sun building, American building, Evening News, The Herald, Continental Trust building, Maryland Trust building, International Trust, Mechanics Bank, Chamber of Commerck, Baltimore Stock Exchange, the Hub, Carrolton Hotel, Merchants Bank building, Maryland Institute, Mullin's Hotel, Adams Express, National Bank Commerce, Maltby House, Likes, Berwanger & Co., Armstrong, Cator & Co., Business College, big jewelry stores, wholesale drug houses in which hundreds of barrels of liquor was destroyed, Knabe & Co., B. & O. R. R., Oehm's Stieff's Lanahan's, and scores of seed houses, farming supplies, wharves, warehouses, etc., etc., etc.

Large Sale

—OF—

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PERSONALTY

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale at her residence near Warwick, Md., on

THURSDAY, February 25, 1904

at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property of the late GEORGE W. LOCKWOOD, deceased:

5 HEAD HORSES and COLTS

1—MISS SWAIN, bay mare, 6 years old, one of the finest drivers in the country. Stylish, toppy, indefatigable. Not entirely fearless of steam or trolley cars. No ugly traits—hard to find a more showy or excellent animal.
2—NIXEY, light bay colt, 4 years old, unbroken. Full sister to No. 1.
3—MADELINE, bay mare, 9 years old. Excellent driver.
4—MAG, bay mare, 15 years old. Good driver and one of the best all around farm horses to be found. Safe, reliable, strong and enduring.
5—WHISPER, light bay horse, 10 years old. A good driver, stylish carriage; good work horse.

FIVE HEAD OF MULES.

1 JACK AND JILL, two fine young mules coming 4 years old. These are of unusual value, well matched and broken.
2—PETE AND POLLY, two old dark bay mules. Plenty of work in them yet.
3—ROSE, large white mule, 11 years old. Thoroughly good, strong and reliable. Few mules equal this one.

15 HEAD OF FINE COWS.

Among which are many registered in the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Others are entitled to registry. FOUR HOLSTEIN BULLS, 1 JERSEY COW.

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These sheep are famous. Progenitors of this flock were imported from England for exhibition at the Centennial. Can be surpassed by none in America.

5 HOGS, averaging 100 lbs.

FARM IMPLEMENTS, Etc.:

5 Farm Wagons, 2 Hay Riggings, 1 McCormick Binder 1 Pennsylvania Drill, 11 spouts, used two seasons; 1 Deering Mower, 1 Deering Horse Rake, 1 Steel Roller, 1 U. S. Corn Planter, with phosphate attachment, in perfect order; 1 Sied Corn Cutter, 1 Randall Harrow, 3 Hand Cultivators, 3 Orchard Cultivator, 2 Sulkey Cultivators, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Grain Fan, 4 Plows, 1 Ward one-horse Plow, 3 Peach Beds, with springs; 1 Cut-under Orchard Wagon, 1 Twin Iron Harrow, 1 York Carriage; 1 Runabout, 1 Dearborn, 1 Hay Knife, 4 Ice Hooks, 1 pair Ice Tongs (horse), 1 Seed Sower, 8 Horse Collars, 8 Work Bridles, 6 Good Collar Pads, 2 Sets Wagon Harness, 8 Sets Plow Harness, 2 Cross-cut Saws, 4 Grubbing Hoes, 3 Sets Pulleys (blocks), Beam and Pea, 1 Steel Set Blocks and Falls, one half inch rope; 4 Dearborn Bed, 1 Extra Large Auger (one half inch with 3 ft. shank), Corn Knives, Hedge Knives, Cow Chains, 1 Post Hole Digger, Double Trees, Single Trees, 7 Horse Blankets, Grain Bags, Peach Ladders, Hog Trough, etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of $20 and under, cash; all sums over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser. Interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

ADELAIDE MORTON LOCKWOOD.

Feb. 6, 1904—ts.

THE GREAT FIRE.

Buildings destroyed and damaged, 2400.
Dry goods, 42.
Banks, 22.
Trust companies, 11.
Shoes, 34.
Clothing and underwear, 59.
Notions and trimmings, 31.
Shirts, 14.
Harness, 3.
Neckwear, 7.
Coal, 5.
Saloons, 5.
Newspapers, 4.
Jewelers, 9.
Drugs and druggists' supplies, 7
Churches, 2.
Toys, 4.
Books, 9.
These represent wholesale houses and minor businesses. All others not classified.
Loss, $150,000,000.
Insurance, $80,000,000.
No Loss of Life.
35,000 Employees Idle.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Miss Helen Rasin is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Wm. Jones is spending the week in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Mattie Mallalieu is visiting relatives in Centreville.

Mr. George Jones is spending the week with Philadelphia friends.

Mr. B. F. Vansant and son, Price, were in Philadelphia last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. B. F. Vansant spent several days with her sister, Mrs. D. R. Hartt, near Sudlersville.

Master Irving Roberts spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents at Mt. Pleasant, Del.

Miss Nora Armstrong, of Middletown, Del., was the guest of Miss Ollie Vansant this week.

Dr. T. J. McWhorter and Mr. R. M. Catts, of Philadelphia, were in town Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C Bradford Dudley and daughter, Anna, spent last Sunday with relatives in Church Hill.

Messrs. H. H. Benneman and J. H. Vansant went to Baltimore on Monday afternoon to see the ruins made by the fire.

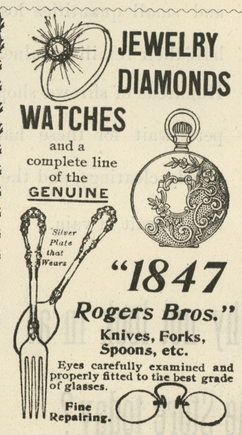
Miss May Green returned to her home in Holmesburg, Pa., after spending a pleasant two weeks with friends in and near town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hurlock and Miss Evelyn Cochran attended the wedding of Miss Etta Wallace to Mr. Walter Hill, at Kennedyville, last Wednesday.

Several of our young men attended the social Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Hettie Hicks, Galena. All report a very pleasant time and speak well of Galena's sociability.

Mr. W. J. Porter, who has been living in Townsend, Del., for the past year, has moved his family back to town again. We are glad to have Mr. Porter back with us again. He will follow his old trade—shoemaking.

J. H. SIDES, JEWELER.



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Boys' and Children's Underwear were 25c, now.....12½c
Boys' Pants, were 50c, now.....19c

SHOES { 100 pairs Ladies', Boys' and Children's were $1, $1.50 Now Your Choice for 50c pair.

GROCERIES

Levering's Coffee, lb.....	11c	Hominy.....	1½c pint
Sea Gull Yeast Powder.....	3½c	Good Rice.....	4c pound
Philadelphia Olene Soap.....	4c	Bright Cal. Peaches, 10c kind, now ...	8c
Octagon Soap.....	4c	5c Axle Grease.....	2 for 5c

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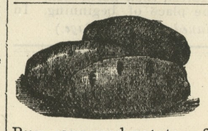

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