

Saint Mary's Beacon.

COUNTY NEWS.

Localwise and Otherwise.

The Adams' Express office at Leonardtown has been closed.

The snow is all gone except in shady and protected places.

The Wrought Iron Range salesman left Monday last.

There will be Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Mrs. John A. Evans, of the Second District, is in Baltimore on a visit to her sisters, that city.

Mrs. and Miss Johnson, of Rose Bank, paid the Beacon Office an appreciated call last Thursday.

Benjamin Carroll Knight and not Benjamin F. Knight was drawn on the jury. Our typo made a mistake in the names.

Owing to the unusually cold weather tobacco planters have been considerably backed in making their plant beds.

A Farmers' Institute is to be held in Leonardtown, on Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23 instant.

The steamer Calvert made a trip as far up the Potomac as Rock Point last Saturday, lay over Sunday at Leonardtown and returned to Baltimore Monday morning.

The Leonardtown Minstrel Troupe will give a performance Monday night, February 15, for the benefit of St. Aloysius' Church, this town. Don't fail to attend.

J. Harry Yates who has been on a week's visit to relatives in this county left by train Saturday for his home in Suffolk, Va. We hope he will soon visit our county again.

George C. Booth, who for a long time has been suffering from cancer of the face, died near Compton last Saturday. J. Perry Abell has attended to the unfortunate man for some months past.

The School Board was in session last Tuesday and was engaged in auditing Teachers' Reports, for the term just ended.

During the recent snow, Walter Green, of Patuxent district, tracked a coon to a hollow tree. Green got his ax, cut the tree down and captured eight coons.

L. J. Sterling, Cashier, desires to announce that the First National Bank of St. Mary's at Leonardtown, Md., is in no way affected by the great destruction by fire of the banking establishments of Baltimore.

Because of the great Baltimore fire of Sunday and Monday last there were no Baltimore papers received here Monday. The Washington Post reports that the Sun will be issued from the Evening Star office Washington.

Harry B. deWaal, Mrs. Ethelbert Raley and Mrs. Lucy Spalding left Monday last for Washington where Mrs. Raley will keep house. Mr. deWaal is expected home Thursday. Mr. Spalding is to remain for some time with her sister.

Dr. Robert Sherman, has been summoned to the bedside of his sister, Miss Helen Sherman, who is ill of appendicitis.

Friday, January 29th, ultimo, while on a visit to his daughters in Baltimore, Robert J. Bean, of Valley Lee district, slipped on the pavement and falling broke his hip. Mr. Bean died on Wednesday, February 3, of a stroke of apoplexy.

He was about 70 years old and was one of the most respected and esteemed citizens of the county. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the Second district.

Michael Kelly, of Hillville, was found on the main road near the entrance to his mill about 11 o'clock on the night of Monday last under his buggy and with the reins around his neck.

When found the horse was standing but there was evidence that the body had been dragged some distance. When discovered it was still warm.

Messrs. Geo. Morgan, Ollie Cusic and Dr. Joseph O. King carried the body home. Information of the accident was brought to Justice Morgan, Leonardtown, Tuesday morning, but the Justice did not deem an inquest necessary and the body was ordered to be buried.

Kelly was an orphan, brought here from New York, and was raised in the family of John Sinclair. He was about 38 years of age.

Dr. Jos. E. Heard, of Baltimore, sends us the Baltimore World, issued just after the fire, and the only daily paper printed in Baltimore. Dr. Heard writes: "Every resident in my vicinity remained up all night. Witnessed one of the grandest and most frightful and sad sights. The entire south and west was a solid sheet of flame, and but for the change of wind from S. W. to N. W. we would have been swept before the flames. God grant that I may never witness such a sight nor experience such a night. The city east of Liberty street, north of Pratt, south of Baltimore and West of Jones' Falls, and along the water front to Broadway, is laid in ashes. West of Gay to Liberty, and all the buildings south of Fayette street, are destroyed, including 12 banks and 4 Trust buildings, with B. & O. and Pennsylvania Ticket offices, Baltimore and Calvert streets.

ST. INIGO'S ITEMS.

From Our Regular Correspondent. Soft, balmy winds from the South and genial weather greets this section. The mercury keeps within the neighborhood of 50 and 55 degrees. Thanks to the slave of Mexico who discovered Mercury; for if he had elected to take a different route up the mountain thermometer and barometers of the present time would perhaps be unknown.

Roads sloppy and there are a few holes to be seen. The winds will dry them in time; that is, barring foul weather. The possibility is a mysterious bird always hovering above us, and it may be possible in the near future to have the places mentioned properly filled.

Colds are general. Every person, old and young, is more or less hoarse and coughs. The vicissitudes of the weather and our neurotic organization are responsible for colds, influenza, etc., say the doctors. Few grumblers, and these want their sunshine warm. The other class are satisfied with its being sunshine.

The spirit that controls both is plainly mirrored in their several countenances. What a monotonous appearance deciduous trees give us. Do they not remind one of old age and death? The right about face, and the scene changes. Hollies. There they stand, graceful in stems and foliage and clusters of crimson berries. How beautiful! How grateful to the eyes of men! No photograph can serve to illustrate their magnificence; and to the writer they remain the despair of Sylvan description.

Blacksmiths did much work at their shops to do. It is the trade that pays down here. The ring of the anvil recalls to our mind the various uses of iron and impresses it that since its discovery civilization has rapidly advanced. This valuable metal marked the latest period of primeval development.

My! How some vehicles incline from side to side. Their construction is unique. The carriage of the Car Peter was so constructed that it appeared about to overturn at every moment; but it traveled onward for all that.

Mr. John Bradburn, of St. Jerome's Neck, says that wheat has an unhealthy appearance. It is as evident as demonstration can make truth appear that snow is a nonconductor of heat. It is an important agent in the economy of nature. There has been much snow the current season and the roots of wheat, rye, etc., received the benefit of protection from severe frost. There is no cause of despair. Wheat of the Neck and other localities will begin to grow and present a pleasing appearance in due time. In saying this much we do not regard farmers as children pleased with rattles, tickled with straw.

Daily papers are read. Men keep posted of events. It seems that the mental activities of the current age are far beyond all previous examples. It is not an age of marvel wonder? Verily it is an age which even hastens on in the accelerating ratio of its headlong speed. Maybe the gentleman of St. Inigo's who is an advocate of perpetual motion may live to see the construction of a machine that will overcome friction, which at this date ultimately exhausts the power of machinery and brings the motion to rest. The motto of the ingenious mind is onward!

ABELL—WILKINSON. (Correspondence of the Beacon.) A pretty church wedding which took place Monday, February 1, 1904, was that of Miss Lela Catherine Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. William T. Wilkinson and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkinson of Washington, to Mr. Claude George Abell. The ceremony was performed at six o'clock at St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Hollywood, Maryland, by Rev. C. S. Lancaster, S. J. Mrs. A. V. Thompson rendered the wedding march.

The bride entered the church with her father, by whom she was given away. She wore a gown of silk and satin, prettily trimmed with silk madonnas and a large, black picture hat, and carried a bouquet of bridesroses. The bridesmaids were Misses Anna Wilkinson, a sister of the bride, and Amanda Wilkinson, a cousin of the bride. They wore white gowns with blue collars and girdles, and carried bouquets of carnations. Mr. Andrew Martiny was best man.

The bride received many handsome and useful presents. A reception followed the ceremony at the bride's home. In spite of the inclement weather, many friends and relatives of both bride and groom were present.

THE CHRISTIAN churches at Constantinople, Turkey, and Yokohama, Japan, have long used the Longman & Martinez Paints for painting their churches.

Liberal contributions of L. & M. Paints will be given for such purpose wherever a church is located.

F. M. Scofield, Harris Springs, S. C., writes, "I painted our old home aged with L. & M. twenty-six years ago. Not painted since; looks better than houses painted in the last four years."

W. B. Barr, Charleston, W. Va., writes, "Painted Frankenburg Block with L. & M. shows better than any buildings here have ever done; stands out as though varnished, and actual cost of paint was less than \$1.20 per gallon. Wears and covers like gold."

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A Cure for Eczema. My baby had Eczema so bad that its head was a solid mass of scabs, and its hair all came out. I tried many remedies but none seemed to do any permanent good until I used De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. The Eczema is cured, the scabs are gone and the little one's scalp is perfectly clean and healthy, and its hair is growing beautifully again. I cannot give too much praise to De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve.—Frank Farmer, Bluff City, Ky. In buying Witch Hazel Salve look out for counterfeits.

De Witt's is the original and the only one containing pure Witch Hazel. The name E. C. De Witt & Co. is on every box. Sold by Loker & de Waal, Leonardtown.

Just Ahead of The Fire. L. A. Jones & Son received by the last two trips of steamer from Baltimore their Spring supply of White Goods, Organdies, Piques, Fancy Waistings, A. F. C. Gingshams, New Brocades, Mercerized Linens, Lawns, Calicoes, Cottons, Percales, Lace and Embroideries, Fancy Trimmings and a pretty assortment of Men's Shirts. Our stock is complete. Don't wait until they are picked over as goods will be scarce and higher.

BALTIMORE IN RUINS

Business Section of the City Almost Wiped Out.

Wholesale Houses, Banks and Newspaper Offices in Ashes.

High Winds fan Flames into Fury.

Baltimore is in ruins. The conflagration is still spreading. The very heart of the city has been eaten out by flames which have raged furiously for hours. Job buildings, another has fallen, until whole blocks are now but smoldering debris.

Shifting winds carried the fire in one direction and another. Buildings which earlier in the day were regarded as safely out of harm's way, later fell under the destroying elements, and at an early hour this morning so widespread is the loss that an aggregate estimate approximated in only the vaguest manner.

Dynamite was resorted to in an effort to check the avalanche of fire, and several costly attempts were made with little effect. It is feared that portions of the residence section are doomed. The militia has been called out and placed on guard in the devastated area.

An aggregate estimate of \$25,000,000 property loss late in the day—then known to be far below the actual damage. Probably \$50,000,000 or even \$75,000,000 may be nearer the truth when the actual figures are reached.

Rumors regarding the loss of life have not been verified. At 7 o'clock last night Commissioner Macfarland had assurance that none of the Washington firemen had been injured.

At 4:30 in the afternoon, when The Post's war editor was in Washington, he understood the press bulletin so stating—that the fire was under control, but later the flames burst out afresh in different quarters, and with greater fury than before among the buildings of the city.

Mayor McLane, and two more fire companies, making four in all, were hurried to Baltimore from Washington. The first train carrying assistance to Baltimore from Washington was a special train, reaching the former city in 31 minutes.

Before 10 o'clock telegraphic communication with Baltimore was cut off. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices in that city had fallen prey to the flames. The last news preceding the collapse of the wire service was that the news and Herald newspaper buildings had been destroyed, and the Sun plant would have to be dynamited to prevent a spread of the fire in that direction.

The last message from the Sun office, which was in the city, was that its force was leaving for Washington to issue its paper from the Star plant here. Arrangements to this end had been made when the danger to the Sun appeared imminent, and the staff had reached Washington, where it issued its paper this morning.

Branch offices of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph in Baltimore handled press dispatches after 11 o'clock under difficulties.

Where the Fire Began. Baltimore, Feb. 7.—Baltimore's greatest fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock this morning in the business section, the store of John E. Hurst & Co., on Hopkins place, in the heart of the business district, with a series of loud explosions, which were heard in various parts of the city, and spread with fearful rapidity.

In a half hour there were a dozen big warehouses in the wholesale dry goods and notions district burning fiercely. The entire city developed into a block of fire, but was utterly powerless to check the spread of the flames, which were aided by high winds, and by noon there were savage fires in at least thirty big warehouses, and the conflagration was spreading its way into successive blocks east, north, west, and south. Building after building fell a prey to the flames, and apparently there was no check to the onward sweep of destruction.

On Baltimore street the block between Liberty and Sharp was soon ablaze; then came the next block east to Hanover, and after that the block on the south side to Charles street broke into flames, the Consolidated Gas Company's building and Oehm's Acme Hall burning fiercely.

Spread in All Directions. Meanwhile there were stores north of Baltimore street, being similarly consumed. Mullin's Hotel caught and other buildings near it. The block on the south side of Baltimore, the block was doomed, and the big Baltimore Bargain House also caught. Down in Hopkins place, where the conflagration started, Hurst's building and other wholesale houses on both sides of the street crumbled and fell.

The big dry goods houses of Daniel Miller & Sons and J. M. Sutton & Co., were swept into flames, and on the west side, west from the Hurst Building there were a dozen buildings burning and scores more threatened. The spectacle of ruin and destruction from any point in the doomed blocks was something appalling.

Mass & Kemper's big wholesale store on Baltimore street quickly succumbed to the flames, and the walls fell with a crash which was heard in various parts of the city. The Hurst Building was utterly destroyed, not even a wall ten feet high being left standing, and was apparently the center of the conflagration, from whence the flames radiated over the doomed neighborhood.

Firemen's Efforts Futile. On Hopkins place the Hopkins Savings Bank and the Continental Exchange Bank were gutted by flames, and the fire streams of water that the firemen were able to turn on them proving utterly ineffectual to even halt the destruction. Across the street were the ruins of John E. Hurst & Co., and next to it S. Hecht, Jr., & Sons were in flames. Adjoining was the large building owned by the William Koch Importing Company, which was also quickly destroyed.

Opposite the Stanley & Brown Drug Company Building was quickly in ruins, while fronting on the Baltimore street side of this block were the Liberty Rye Distilling Company, the building occupied by Silberman & Todes, the house of Allen Sons & Co., which has hardly been completed, and the building occupied by Messrs. Sugar & Shear, and several other smaller concerns. All of these were swallowed up in the fire, and the whole block was nothing but a cauldron of fire.—Monday's Washington Post.

DEVASTATING FIRE IS STOPPED AT LAST. Declared Under Control at 5 P. M., After Raging 30 Hours.

After 30 hours' defiance of all human agencies, the fire which began at 11 o'clock Sunday morning was officially declared under control at 5 o'clock tonight. In the burned district extending from Liberty, on the west, to Philpot street, on the east, and from Pratt street, on the south, to Lexington street, on the north, small islands of fire continue in a

desolate waste, but they have ceased to smolder.

Up to last night the loss was conservatively estimated by Mr. Alexander Brown and various prominent real estate and insurance men at from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000. Former estimates are, of course, rough and not intended to be accurate, for there is as yet no way of arriving at a definite estimate.

It is impossible for the human mind to conceive the magnitude of the disaster, and it is utterly beyond the power of man to approximately depict the extent of the ruin and the far-reaching and disastrous consequences.

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Insurance Notice. J. Wesley Freeman, of Great Mills, has been appointed St. Mary's county agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, the strongest life insurance Company in the world, having a surplus of \$75,000,000, and \$360,000,000 assets. It will be to your interest to consult Mr. Freeman before securing a life insurance policy.

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Escaped the Fire. Mr. Harry M. Jones is in receipt of a letter from the commission firm of J. D. Costen & Co., Baltimore, Md., saying they had been destroyed by the great destruction and the great number of people now in Baltimore, they have a large demand for Poultry, Eggs, Vegetables, etc., and urge shipment to them at once.

Real Estate For Sale.

The following described farms and timber lands, situated on the St. Mary's River, St. Mary's county, Md., formerly the property of the late Dr. John M. Brome, are offered for sale on reasonable terms:

SNOW HILL, 300 acres. YELLOW BANK, 260 acres. EAST ST. MARY'S, 236 acres. ST. MARY'S MANOR, or any part thereof, 1717 acres. WHEATLEY'S, 100 acres. LEIGH or NORRIS, 200 acres.

These lands are admirably located on the St. Mary's River, close to shipping points. 1500 acres are first-class timber land.

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Drury & Saunders, June 25, 1904.

1904 WINTER ARRANGEMENT. Weems' Steamboat Co.

PATUXENT RIVER ROUTE. On and after Saturday, December 3, Steamer St. Mary's will leave Pier 3, Light Street, every Saturday and Wednesday at 4:30 a. m. for Fair Haven, Plum Point, Daro's, Governor's Run and Patuxent River, as far as Benedict. Leaving Benedict at 7 a. m. Monday for Bristol. Will leave Bristol at 12 m. Monday, going as far as Benedict that day. Will leave Benedict every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 a. m. Saturday at 8 a. m. Milstone Landing at 10 a. m. Pearson's Bluff at 12 m. Governor's Run at 12 m. Plum Point at 1 p. m. Fair Haven at 2:30 p. m. for Baltimore.

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