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## STORM DAMAGE

### WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD THE GREATEST SUFFERER

#### Farmers Have Their Crops and Fences Washed Away

The continuous rains the latter part of last week and the first of the present week did considerable damage. Growing vegetation was beaten to the ground by whole fields of potatoes were washed out. All of the streams overflowed their banks, submerging meadows, inundating roads, and doing some damage to fences and bridges.

The storm that did most to cripple the Western Maryland was the terrific downpour from 6 to 8 o'clock Monday morning in the neighborhood of Glyndon.

The mile of track east of Glyndon and west of Gwynnbrook was so washed as to put a stop to all traffic on that line for four or five hours. The track in question is that at St. George's Station. The damage was discovered shortly before 8 o'clock in the morning by a track walker, and the news was sent up the line to Glyndon and Emory Grove and down the road as far as Owings Mills in time to warn the train crews and thereby prevent possible wrecks and loss of life.

A great deal of the roadbed of the Western Maryland, between Gwynnbrook and Glyndon, is newly made because of the recent double-tracking of the line. Because of its newness this ground was not especially well settled, and the earth beneath the ties and the rails washed completely away, leaving the track in some places suspended, and in others in mid-air. After almost a week's efforts of between four and five hours the workmen got the track in good enough shape to allow the passage of trains. The last mail was the only up-train to reach Westminister on Monday until 6.30 in the evening.

Train was made up at Emory Grove and the passengers and baggage was transferred from the trains below St. George's which started about 10.30 a. m. for Hagerstown, but when the train reached Glen Falls a washout had occurred some time during the morning and the train was delayed until 11 o'clock in the afternoon before the necessary repairs could be made.

The power house of the United Railways and Electric Company at Owings Mills was flooded about three feet deep, extinguishing the fires under the boilers and putting a stop to traffic. A large culvert near Glyndon to a depth of 10 or 15 feet. The machinery was seriously damaged.

The grocery store of Mr. W. T. Cocker, on Gwynns Falls, between Glyndon and Timber Grove, was flooded to a depth of four feet and quantities of his merchandise were washed away. A large culvert near Glyndon on the Western Maryland Railroad, was washed away, as were several foot bridges. The rain was so heavy at the Emory Grove Camp grounds that it beat through some of the tents and the occupants had to seek shelter in the tabernacle.

The wing wall of the new bridge over Little Pipe Creek on the road from Uniontown to New Windsor, just north of the latter place, was partly washed away by Monday's storm. The damage is about \$50. Walsh Bros. are the contractors, and they will at once repair the damage. When this is done, it will be ready to receive the superstructure.

Lightning struck the barn of Elias K. Reed, of Reese, about 8.45 p. m. 24th instant, tearing one end out of the barn. The bolt went through the barn, but did no further damage.

About 2.45 p. m. Saturday, lightning struck the dwelling house of John Sharp, foreman of McGinniss distillery, about one mile east of Tannery. The bolt struck the house on both sides, tearing the weatherboarding off, knocking down the chimney, and setting fire to the house and some furniture belonging to Mr. Duffy that was stored in the dwelling. But for the prompt arrival of neighbors and the employees of the distillery the house would have been consumed.

The recently-constructed dwelling of John W. Weaver, about 5 miles from Westminister on the Manchester road, was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon, and some of the weatherboarding torn off. It was unoccupied, the inside not being quite finished.

John Conway, of Gamber, had a call Friday afternoon. He was on his way home from Finkburg station with a 4-mile team, and he was striking one of the mules. Lightning knocked all four mules to the ground, and killed the one Mr. Conway was riding. He was not even stunned. After some effort he got the other three mules on their feet. An examination of the dead mule disclosed a small hole in the body near the left hind leg.

Friday night lightning struck the residence of Jacob Marker, near Frizzenburg, damaging the building and slightly injuring Mr. and Mrs. Marker.

## FARMERS' REUNION

### LARGE CROWD PRESENT AND PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM

#### Interesting and Instructive Addresses on a Variety of Topics.

The 11th annual Farmer's Reunion was held in Ohler's grove, near Taneytown, on July 23, 24 and 25, under the auspices of Taneytown Grange No. 184, P. of H.

The reunion was opened on Thursday by E. O. Garner, who presented William A. Goulden, of Pittsburg, Pa., formerly of Taneytown, who delivered the address of welcome in place of Hon. Joseph A. Goulden, M. C., who was unavoidably absent. Every man, woman and child felt at home after receiving the warm and generous welcome from the outstretched arms of the Pittsburg attorney.

The response to the address of welcome was delivered by Michael E. Walsh, of the Westminister bar, lecturer of the county grange.

Prof. Willis, of the Department of Forestry of the United States, delivered a very instructive illustrated lecture on the growth, destruction and preservation of forests and timber.

On Friday Prof. Norton of the Maryland Agricultural College, delivered an eloquent address on the subject, "Noxious Weeds, Their Destruction," dodder, Canada thistle, horse nettle, etc.

On Saturday Governor Crothers addressed a large number of Maryland and Pennsylvania farmers on the subject of "Manhood and Womanhood." His excellency was at his best and held his audience spellbound in the face of a thunder storm which had presented itself in full view over the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains.

Hon. J. F. C. Talbot, M. C., addressed the vast crowd on the subject of "Organization." With his address a heavy rain and thunder storm closed the public speaking for the day, although several other gentlemen were to deliver addresses.

Quite a pleasant feature of the reunion was the reception to His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, together with Hon. J. F. C. Talbot, M. C., Hon. E. F. Crouse, State Insurance Commissioner and Harry B. Hoffacker, deputy Register of Wills of Carroll County. They went from Westminister to the entrance to the grove by the reception committee and the Taneytown band, led by Jas. N. O. Smith, and escorted to the pavilion through probably the largest mass of humanity ever assembled in this county on such an occasion.

At the conclusion of the addresses the Governor and party returned to Westminister, where they took dinner with Insurance Commissioner Crouse, after which they left on the 6.17 train for Baltimore.

The many exhibits of farm machinery, utensils, household goods, harness, etc., gave the occasion the appearance of a county fair. The merry-go-round attracted the children. Each day the Taneytown band rendered elegant selections of music.

The ladies of Taneytown Grange are to be congratulated because of the elegant dinner they served.

The Granger's Picnic at Taneytown is growing. The promoters of it should be encouraged, and it is to be regretted that the farmers in the vicinity of the county seat are not imbued with the same spirit.

Among the gentlemen who were active in the management and contributed to the success of the reunion were E. O. Garner, Edmund F. Smith, John E. Davidson, Milton Ohler, Wm. K. Ecker and Oliver Hiner.

The attendance on the first two days was about 4000 persons in all, but on Saturday, when Governor Crothers was billed to make an address, the attendance was estimated between 8000 and 10,000.

Chapter of Accidents.

Edward Leppo, aged 15 years, son of Joseph Leppo, of Patapsco, while taking a mule to the stable struck the mule with an ear of corn for the purpose of accelerating his movements. Although fond of corn, the mule evidently did not like it served to him in this manner and he showed his displeasure in the usual way. His hind feet landed upon Edward's chest in such a forced manner as to necessitate the attendance of a physician. Injuries not serious.

Mrs. George Crase, near Carrollton Station, July 28, while leaning over a large box, lost her footing and fell across the box, fracturing one of the ribs of the right side.

Louis Lee, near Warfieldsburg, on July 25, was pointing rails when his ax glanced off and struck the top of his right foot, inflicting a cut one inch in length.

Wesley Pickett, of Patapsco, was overcome by the heat on Wednesday, July 29, causing a sun stroke.

Dr. M. L. Bott, of Westminister, rendered the proper surgical and medical aid in all these cases.

## THE TRUST AND THE WHISTLE.

### A NEW INCENTIVE FOR CALLING THE WORKMEN BACK TO THE MILLS.



—Do Mar in Philadelphia Record.

## CARROLL'S S. S. CONVENTION.

### One Thousand Persons Have Interesting Out-Door Exercises.

An enthusiastic Sunday school convention and reunion was held under the auspices of the Carroll County Sunday School Association in a beautiful grove near Union Mills Thursday, July 23.

The Pleasant Valley and Union Mills bands were very generous with their music while delegates and friends were arriving from all parts of the county.

The convention was opened with an impressive prayer and praise service, which was followed by most earnest remarks by the county president, Geo. W. Yeiser, of Union Mills. He reviewed the work and presented plans for extending and improving Sunday schools in Carroll.

Dr. Charles Roads, the field superintendent of the Sunday School, spoke on "The Educational Development of the Sunday School." He compared the public schools with the Sunday schools as to educational effectiveness. The advance in general culture and the high standard of efficiency in the public schools and colleges call for better Sunday school teaching. There is nothing more helpful to its progress than a public sentiment which will stimulate it to more noble work.

Is it not inspiring to see such a large congregation of Sunday school workers (the crowd was estimated at about a thousand) breaking down denominational prejudices and moving shoulder to shoulder in a campaign for the best methods and the best results.

At 12 m. the picnic basket was much in evidence. The social hours rapidly passed and promptly at 2.30 p. m. the convention was called to order. Charles Eckert, of Baltimore, led the assembly in singing the special songs which were printed on the program. One entitled "The King's Business," contained the keynote of the convention. We are ambassadors on business for our King.

Reports of various committees followed. Dr. J. W. Hering, of Westminister, occupied the chair during the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, George Yeiser. Vice president, George Mather. Secretary and treasurer, Miss Adda L. Trump. Superintendent adult class, Dr. D. L. Greenfield. Superintendent cradle roll, Miss Lizzie Herr.

Superintendent home department, F. Dieffenbach. Superintendent teacher training, Jesse Garner.

A quartette of male voices from Pleasant Valley rendered a beautiful selection in a very pleasing manner.

Dr. Charles Roads' theme for the afternoon session was the "Adult Class Movement." This new class movement must be conducted with the same business force and spiritual power and discernment that are injected into any enterprise, and when we awaken our workers to the consciousness of such conditions and their value then we shall accomplish results for the Master's service that will be telling in the lives of many. Dr. Roads spoke of several particular classes in Maryland now numbering over 100, telling how such results were accomplished. What has been done in Hagerstown and elsewhere can be done in Carroll.

The Manchester Sunday school choir gave a fine anthem, which was much enjoyed. Mr. Polston, the assistant of the State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and gave a heart-to-heart talk upon this great question, which is rapidly becoming a live issue in the heart of every true Sunday school worker, in the church, and in the nation.

ADDA L. TRUMP, Sec'y.

Senator Foraker was in Bar Harbor when Mr. Taft was notified of his nomination. He was asked to attend the ceremony, but Maine is as near Cincinnati as he cared to be on that occasion, and as far away as it was convenient for him to go. He could keep a good deal cooler at Bar Harbor than he could in Cincinnati just at that time.

## W. M. R. R. IN NEW DEAL.

### Fidelity Warehouse Co. To Act As Terminal Agent.

An important contract is now pending between the Western Maryland Railroad Company and the Baltimore Fidelity Warehouse Company by which the latter named is practically to become the terminal agent of the railroad for the storage and handling of general merchandise. The two interests have been in conference on the subject for weeks and have reached a satisfactory agreement so far as the handling of merchandise centering on the water front is concerned. The contracts are prepared, ready to be signed, and as they have been passed upon by both parties, the signing of them is said to be a more or less perfunctory act over which no hitch is likely to occur. The charge for storage and handling, it is asserted, will give the private warehouse company a satisfactory profit on the business of the railroad, while the latter named will be relieved of the necessity and expense of providing warehouses and piers and a sufficient force of superintendents and clerks to look after the business, which is expected to expand as trade again reaches its normal and the freight of the railroad company increases.

The contract has nothing to do with the business of the Western Maryland handled at Port Covington. This tide-water facility it already owns and has operated with a well-organized force since the road was completed to that point about four years ago. At the pier coal and lumber are the chief articles handled, coal going there in large volumes from the West Virginia mines owned by the railroad when the demand is active. There is also considerable freight of a general character hauled by the road to the terminal, where it is transferred to vessels for foreign or coastwise shipment. This business the railroad will retain.

The miscellaneous traffic and all requiring dry house room will be turned over to the Fidelity Warehouse Company under the new contract.

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