

THE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE.

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DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION

Swept the Business Section of our City at an Early Hour Last Sunday Morning.

Loss Will Probably Exceed \$40,000. With Very Little Insurance

Will be Rebuilt in Brick in Near Future. Larger and Better Business Houses For Barbourville.

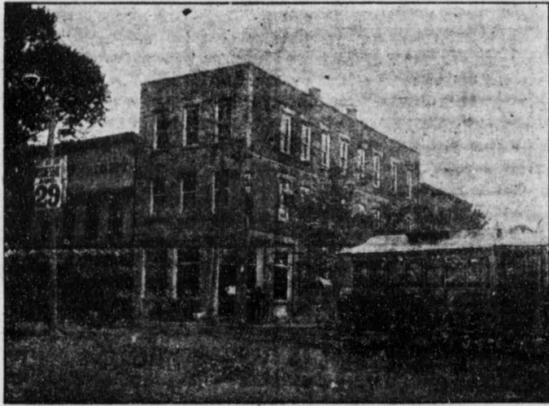
The worst fire that has visited this city, perhaps in its history, broke out about one o'clock Sunday morning in the restaurant of W. C. Lockhart, on Knox street, next door to the postoffice, and spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings.

In a very short time the entire block was a roaring, seething mass of flames that licked up the light frame buildings like so much tinder.

The building occupied by the Parker Grocery Company was the next to catch on fire, and by the time the citizens were aroused from their slumbers and reached the scene the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save scarcely anything from the burning buildings while the next buildings kindled and burned so rapidly that only a small amount of goods could be secured from

the old Knox hotel had been left standing until this fire it would have burned in spite of all that could have been done and that would have wiped out the entire block and no one can tell where it would have stopped. Much credit is due to the enterprising spirit of W. M. Jones for undertaking the erecting of the handsome new hotel which is now rapidly nearing completion for what he has done for our town, for without his efforts today the entire business part of the town would have been in ashes. The new building being of concrete blocks the fire had no effect on it and thus the greatest loss was saved.

Men and women worked heroically while the fire raged and all was saved that it was possible to save but the loss falls heavy upon many who were not able to bear it as it represented all they



FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

The only building left standing in the district that was visited by the disastrous fire Sunday morning. The buildings shown at the side and rear were all consumed.

any of them before they were enveloped in flames.

For three hours the flames roared and leaped licking out their fiery tongues reaching for every thing that was combustible, while the old First National Bank stood with the fires roaring on two sides at the same time, but unable to conquer the massive 18 inch walls that protected it.

The millinery store of Mrs. Carrie Dickinson was guarded with wet blankets, carpets and water, and by heroic work the fire was checked at that point without the building taking fire. If it had burned all the South Side of the Public Square would have been swept away.

The flames leaped across the street and burned the coal house of Mayer R. W. Cole, and two or three times his house was in flames, but heroic work upon the part of citizens extinguished it and the building was saved.

On the opposite side of Knox street the store front of the J. R. Jones building was burned out, all the glass melted and the building considerably damaged, but as the building was of brick, it was saved.

The new hotel that is now being erected was damaged some by the heat and the window frames considerably charred. If

had and they had no insurance scarcely on any of the property lost.

The burned district has long been considered a fire-trap and no one was much surprised to learn that the fire had broken out in it.

This is another strong argument in favor of the water works, for had the plant been installed a large per cent of this great loss could have been averted, but we will soon have the water works in operation and now that these old buildings have been burned may we hope that this fire, like the burning of Union College, will only be a blessing in disguise to the city?

We learn that all the owners of the property are contemplating re-building at once with substantial brick instead of frame houses, when this is done our citizens will feel that while the fire was a great calamity to us, that it was an individual loss, and a public benefit.

We hope to see new houses rise out of the ashes of the old ones that will be a credit to any city.

The following is a list of the losses by the conflagration that swept the business district of our town Sunday morning.

Mrs. Hattie Black, two story business house, occupied as a

drug-store, \$2,000 loss with \$700 insurance.

J. S. Hignite, two story business house, occupied as a grocery store, loss \$2,000 with no insurance.

F. D. Sampson, one-story business house occupied as a restaurant, loss \$800 with no insurance.

C. N. Sampson, one two-story frame, occupied as postoffice, loss \$1,500, also one-story frame, just vacated the day before, had been occupied an armory, loss \$500, with no insurance on either building.

J. O. Gibson, two-story frame, occupied as dry goods store, loss \$3,000, with no insurance.

A. J. Cole, two-story residence, value, \$2,500 with \$1,500 insurance.

R. W. Cole, coal house and kindling, value \$100, no insurance.

Dr. B. F. Herndon, druggist, \$4,000 stock of goods almost total loss. No insurance.

Dr. J. B. Westerfield, office in second story, library and instruments valued at \$500 total loss and no insurance.

Dr. J. R. Smythe, dentist office, on second floor, loss \$400 with no insurance.

Lee Scaff, barber shop second floor, \$600 loss with no insurance.

M. J. Shannon, jeweler's shop, loss, \$200 with no insurance.

Parker Grocery Co., \$3,500 loss. No insurance.

W. C. Lockhart, restaurant fixtures and stock of groceries, \$600 loss, no insurance.

J. D. Tuggle, post office fixtures, loss \$1,000, no insurance.

Mrs. Mildred Parrott, household goods and stock of goods over postoffice, \$400 loss with no insurance.

J. O. Gibson, stock of clothing, dry goods, etc., loss \$8,000 with no insurance.

Mrs. L. V. Hudson, household goods over Gibson's store, loss \$300 with no insurance.

A. J. Cole, household goods, loss \$600 with no insurance.

The J. R. Jones business block on the north side of Knox street was damaged \$800, but it was covered by insurance.

The residence of R. W. Cole was damaged slightly but no insurance.

The First National Bank building stood the heroic test with the flames on two sides enveloping it at the same time. It was damaged perhaps five hundred dollars, but fully covered by insurance.

The Camp Ground Telephone Co., damaged by cables and wires perhaps \$500 with no insurance.

The Barbourville Electric Light Co., loses \$50 by wires being burned. No insurance.

Barbourville Gas Co., burning gas meters and fixtures, loss \$100 and no insurance.

Dr. A. L. Parker, Miss Sallie Hoskins, A. W. Hopper and others who moved a large removed a large amount of their stock, fearing it was in danger lost considerable by damage.

The total loss will reach perhaps \$30,000, with only \$2,000 insurance.

Seen on the Side.

There was a hot time in the old town Sunday morning.

The old saying—every body

works but father—don't go any more, "Pap" worked like a hero at the big fire.

When the water works is completed the Barbourville fire crew can put out a volcano.

Let's all be thankful that it was no worse.

Charley Davis tried to kick a 1000 pound dental chair out of his way consequently he "am a limpin" just. Later, he and Dr. Smyth carried the chair down stairs.

The women, Lord bless their sweet faces—and sour ones too—they worked like Trojans.

Had the big livery stable ignited it would have been good bye Barbourville, Queen of the Cumberland Valley.

Al Sowards, M. P., (master of printery,) ran from his home on the lower end of Main street to the fire in just 1 minute, and he staid to the finish.

When the burnt district is rebuilt it will be the business part of the city.

It will take a long time to replace the pretty shade trees on Knox street.

Capt. Ike Golden and his Pullman car are greatly missed at Costello's corner. They stop now at Bowman's jewelry establishment, where Uncle Sam is doing business at present.

An Old Paper.

Judge J. H. Wilson handed to us this week the original petition asking the Legislature to incorporate the town of Barbourville, and giving the names of the signers which we publish, thinking that it will prove of interest to our readers.

The petition was as follows:

The undersigned citizens of Knox county, Ky., do hereby respectfully petition the Legislature of Kentucky, now in session, to pass a bill incorporating the town of Barbourville, in said county, and providing for the election of a Police Judge and Marshal with power and jurisdiction similar to those conferred upon them by a bill lately reported to the Senate from the House of Representatives. They believe that the passage of said bill would be greatly to the interest of the county, and they humbly request their Senator and Representative to use all of their influence to secure the same. Jan. 26, 1854.

G. M. Adams, Benjamin Eve, Rich Herndon, A. G. Pogue, A. Anderson, Wm. Tuggle, R. T. Tuggle, C. M. Francis, John M. Dickinson, Thomas J. Pitzer, G. W. Taylor, Wm. Tuggle, Jr., B. W. Anderson, John B. Coleman, J. L. Mitchell, John G. Eve, H. K. Wilson, Benj. E. Dickinson, H. B. Jones, Milton E. Baker, M. L. Rice, N. Adams, John Dishman, John W. Anderson, Wm. B. Anderson, Hiram Sexton, Wm. C. Jones, T. J. Braughman, Francis Catron, Aswell Jones, Smith Whitemore, Wm. Jones, Daniel Marcum, G. B. Deatheridge, J. W. Slatton, Wm. Matthews, J. W. Ridgel, Thos. W. Sawyers, Thos. C. Woods, J. R. Jones.

G. A. R. Speaking.

On Saturday, October 29th, at the courthouse in this city, Gen. LeVant Dodge will deliver an address to the G. A. R. Post of this city. General LeVant, as a speaker, has a National reputation. Everybody cordially invited to attend. The speaking will begin at 9.30 o'clock a. m.

J. F. Hawn is putting down a new concrete sidewalk in front of his residence on Wall street.



REV. CHARLES K. DICKEY,

Pastor of the Southern Methodist Church of Middlesborough, and Past Sachem of Idaho Tribe, No 81, of Pineville, Ky. Who will deliver the Memorial Address at the Baptist Church in this city next Sunday morning. Don't fail to hear him.

PROGRAM

Of Memorial Services of Improved Order of Redmen.

Sunday October 25, 1908.

Tchoupitoulas Tribe No. 111, I. O. R. M., have arranged to hold their annual memorial services on October 25, at eleven o'clock at the Baptist church in this city.

All sister tribes are most cordially invited to join in the service, and the public is invited to be present and witness the exercises.

At 10:30 a. m., sharp, a line of march will be formed at the Hall and all the members of the Tribe and all visiting members will march in a body to the church headed by the Red Men's Band where the Red Men will be seated in a body.

1st. Music—Opening Ode, by entire Tribe.

2nd. Introductory remarks by Sachem, followed by invocation by Prophet.

3rd. Roll call of departed Chiefs by Chief of Records.

4th. Ritualistic service by Sr. Sagamore, Jr. Sagamore and 1st Sanape.

5th. Scripture lesson and prayer by Dr. J. H. Hitchcock.

Solo—Holy City—Rev. L. B. Arvin.

Address—Rev. C. K. Dicky.

Doxology and Benediction.

Line of march will again be formed and return to Hall where Council fire will be quenched in due form.

"Possum" in Town.

Some folks go to the woods after "possum" but right here in the city of Barbourville, last Tuesday in broad daylight one of our citizens, while out in his garden was agreeably surprised to see a big fat "possum" helping himself. Without further-to-do the said citizen, did, then and there, confiscate the said "possum" and gently assisted him to a place of safety until he could be "salted down." The citizen alluded to is Mr. Joseph Berry, of Manchester street.

Lay-Hodge.

Mr. W. C. Lay, of Bryant Store, and Miss Lizzie Hodge, of Grays, were, married at the home of the bride yesterday.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Knox Circuit Court.

J D Farris, plff

vs

J D Main, dft

I, D H Williams, Sheriff of Knox county, or one of my deputies, will by virtue of execution No 2095, issued from the Clerk's office of the Knox Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in favor of J D Farris, plaintiff, against the said J D Main, defendant, on OCTOBER 26, 1908, between the hours of 10 o'clock a m and 4 o'clock p m, sell to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of three months, a sufficiency of the following described land, to make the sum of \$607 50 with interest, and cost in said action at the Courthouse door in Barbourville, Ky

1 All the title and interest of J D Main, in the lands conveyed to him on December 26, 1903, by Toney Item, and said deed is of record in County Court Clerk's office of Knox Co., in deed book No 7, at 584, and said record is referred to for further description and for boundary. Said tract of land embraces five tracts, and lie on the waters of Poplar creek, in Knox and Whitley counties

2 All the undivide interest of J D Main, in the tract of land conveyed to him, by the heirs of F P Wilson, and a part of which was conveyed by the said J D Main to J D Farris, on March 15, 1905. The said deed of conveyance from said Wilson heirs to said J D Main is of record in the County Court Clerk's office in Knox county, in deed book No 8 at page 78, and same is referred to for boundary

Also the one-half undivided interest of J D Main, in a tract of land, supposed to contain 16 3/4 acres on the waters of Golden creek, in Knox county, Ky. It being the tract of land surveyed in the name of W F Golden, and patented in the name of J D Main, assignee of said Golden on December 19, 1890. Said survey and patent are referred to for boundary.

Dan H Williams, Sheriff Knox County.

WANTED.—Party to furnish capital to patent good invention. One-third interest in proceeds of same when sold or manufactured. If interested, address,

Box 705, jun 12 Barbourville, Ky.

This office has turned out in the past ten days 85,000 candidate cards, besides thousands and thousands of posters for candidates.