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TEN CENTS A WEEK

BIG FIRE

Did Ten Thousand Dollars Damage at Parkersburg.

Special to the Leader.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 27.—A disastrous fire occurred on lower Juliana street early this morning which had its origin in a room on the second floor of the building owned by J. M. Ruth, 119 Juliana street, where he conducted a restaurant. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock by an employe of Varley's livery stable which is located in the rear of the burned buildings.

An alarm was sent in by telephone and the department responded promptly, but when they arrived the upper part of the Ruth building was a seething mass of flames and it was apparent that the fire would be difficult to subdue, and such proved to be the case.

The flames soon spread to the two-story brick building adjoining, on the north, owned by Mrs. Maggie Lavin and Mike McCoy, and to the building on the south occupied by Mrs. Anna E. Gallagher as a restaurant. By hard work the fire was confined to these buildings, but not until after three hours of hard work on the part of the fire department.

The cause of the fire is unknown and will probably never be known, but it was first discovered in a back upstairs

room in the Ruth building. The spread of the fire was so rapid that there were several narrow escapes. When Mrs. Lavin was awakened she ran to the room occupied by her sons Don and Charles. The window of the rooms they were occupying had burned out and the flames were within a few feet of them when pulled out of bed.

L. E. Davidson and William Hopkins, who were occupying a room over the Buckeye restaurant where the fire originated, had narrow escape. When awakened the flames had eaten their way into the room and they had barely time to save themselves by jumping out a second story window.

It was owing only to the splendid work of the fire department that the entire block south of the Ruth building was not destroyed.

The losses are as follows:
J. M. Ruth, owner of the building where the fire started, loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$4,500.

J. A. Coe, furniture dealer, loss, \$750; insurance, \$1,000.
Mrs. Maggie Lavin, brick building and contents, loss \$3,000; partially insured.

Mike McCoy, brick building, loss \$500; fully insured.
Mrs. Anna E. Gallagher, loss, \$1,500; partially covered by insurance.

BROOM

Factory to be Built in Williamstown.

Williamstown, our enterprising and progressive neighbor, just across the Ohio river, is enjoying a substantial growth, which is in every way characteristic of its up-to-date population. New additions are being laid out, town lots are selling rapidly and at largely increased figures, new houses are being erected, new stores are being opened and everything indicates that the thriving little city will continue to grow in importance.

A late move on the part of the people of Williamstown is the one for the establishment of a broom factory there, which is now a certainty. Some of the live people have donated a site of about thirty lots in a new addition

of the town and in return are to get the factory, which is to be of brick, 60x120 feet, three stories high, and with a capacity for the employment of a hundred workmen. It will be completed and ready for operation within the next eight weeks.

Geological Survey Station.

Special to the Leader.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 27.—Sledge Tatum, of the United States Geological Survey Corps, who has been here for a few days, has been taking measurements in this vicinity. Yesterday he placed a stone tablet on the top of the hill on the S. W. Goff farm on the Elizabeth Pike showing that that point is 350 feet above the level of the Ohio. A small frame station, with a white banner, 8x12 feet, floating from the top, was built over the stone.

Weather Forecast.

Ohio—Fair Saturday, warmer in northern portion. Sunday fair.

SAMPSON

Asked to Have a Counsel in the Court of Inquiry.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 27.—In the Schley Court of Inquiry today a letter was presented from Sampson, asking to be allowed to be represented in the Court by a counsel, but the Court refused on the ground that the "Court does not at this time regard you as a party to the case."

The principal witnesses of the day were Lieut. John Hood, who commanded the dispatch boat The Hawk during the Spanish war, and Capt. Bowman H. McCalla, Commander of the Marblehead. The testimony of both of these officers dealt with the delivery of dispatches from Sampson to Schley.

McCalla testified that he first came into contact with the Flying Squadron on May 19th, 1898. When he was proceeding from Cuba to Key West he met the squadron on its way to Cuba. He said that he had not been asked to board the Brooklyn and make a report on conditions in Cuba, but that he made a full report to Capt. Chadwick, Sampson's Chief of Staff, when he arrived at Key West. On this point he said "In addition to the written reports or dispatches which I carried, I explained to the Chief of Staff the secret code which I had established with the Cubans near Cienfuegos. That was not done until I heard that

Schley was proceeding to Cienfuegos." Speaking of the code the witness said, "on the 15th and 16th of May, 1898 I had been in communication with Cuban Officers and two Privates on the Marblehead and I arranged with Lieutenant Lavarez a system of signals in case they wished to communicate with the Marblehead or with my force. There were to be three horizontal lights at night and three horses in line by day."

He said that he had only communicated the secret code to Capt. Chadwick, Chief of the Staff, when he arrived at Key West and when the Flying Squadron had been directed to Cienfuegos.

McCalla next told of his return to Cienfuegos on the twenty-fourth of May with dispatches for Schley. He said: "It was reported authoritatively in Key West when I sailed on the 21st of May that the Spanish squadron was still at a Santiago." He said that Schley had told him that he thought that the Spanish squadron was at Cienfuegos, that he had received newspapers from the Steamer Adula some days previous which contained a cable dispatch from Santiago and from that he gathered that the Spanish force under Cervera might have sailed from Santiago in time to reach Cienfuegos just before the arrival of the force under his com-

mand. "I said that I had brought arms, ammunition and dynamite for the Cuban camp to the westward and that if he let me go I would find out at once whether they were in Cienfuegos. He immediately assented." He then related how he had gone ashore near Cienfuegos and found the Cubans drawn up in line. He gave them food and ammunition. "We found," he added, "that Cervera was not inside the harbor and that the situation in Cienfuegos was exactly as when we left it on the 16th of the same month. McCalla said that he had sent information to Schley by Eagle, followed with Marblehead.

They reached the Brooklyn between three and four o'clock, somewhat behind the Eagle. He said that they went aboard the Brooklyn and confirmed the fact that Cervera's fleet was not in Cienfuegos. "I saw then for the first time that there were a set of instructions for Schley. The Commodore asked me to read the instructions and after I had read them he asked me what I thought he had better do. Previous to this he said he could not coal off Santiago, that the English had demonstrated that ships could not coal at sea. He also said that if he returned to Key West he would be court martialed. It was after this that he handed me the orders,

which I read. After reading them I said: 'Commodore, I think you must return to Santiago even if you do not stay there.'"

"The Admiral then said: 'This matter I shall have to decide myself, you may return to your ship.'"

He said the Commodore did not say anything to him at that time to indicate whether his intention was to go on that evening or on the next day. McCalla said that no effort was made while he was with the Flying Squadron off Cienfuegos to prevent the Spaniards from constructing earthworks, which he had been ordered to do. He said that the squadron had not proceeded with "all dispatch to Santiago."

After telling of the cruise from Cienfuegos to Santiago, of the arrival off that city, and of the retrograde movement toward the west, the witness was asked if the Marblehead could have coaled on the afternoon and evening of May 26th, when the Flying Squadron arrived off Santiago. He replied in the affirmative but said that the vessel was not in need of coal. Next he related briefly the bombardment of the Cristobal Colon on May 27th when asked what had been left undone to accomplish the destruction of that vessel, he replied, "Schley failed to use his entire force in making the attack." The Court then adjourned.

MARRIAGE

Of a Marysville Couple is Tinged with Romance.

A pretty romance culminated late Friday evening in the happy marriage in our city of Mr. Charles Mac Lewis and Miss Mary D. Kirby, popular and favorably known young people of Marysville, O.

Miss Kirby is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kirby, of Marysville, while Mr. MacLewis is one of the leading dry goods merchants of that place. Miss Kirby has for several weeks been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Williamson, of Washington street. Their wedding was set for some time in our city of Mrs. Charles MacLewis arrived unexpectedly in the city. After spending the afternoon pleasantly Mr. MacLewis sprang a surprise by asking Mr. Williamson to direct him

to the office where marriage licenses are issued. The happy young couple had decided that January was too long to wait and agreed that their wedding should take place at once.

The necessary document was procured, and at the Presbyterian parsonage, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Williamson and Mrs. W. E. Roe, the pretty ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. E. Roe.

After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. MacLewis spent the evening in calling on relatives in the city, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirby, of Second street, and Mrs. R. K. Moore, of the West Side.

They leave this morning to call on friends in Parkersburg from which place they start on their wedding tour through the East.

HENDERSHOT

Belt Extends into Wirt County, West Virginia.

Special to the Leader.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 27.—Some time ago Dore Casto made a trip through the Tucker Creek region in Wirt county and leased about 4,000 acres of wild cat territory in a deal with Glenn and Schlemaker, of Sistersville. He bound the firm down to drill two wells on the tract within a specified time. One rig is up and the first well will be started immediately on the Casto farm, a tract of 600 acres forming a part of the 4,000 acre lease. Twice previously, the Hendershot belt has been surveyed through the Casto farm and although the territory is wild there is every reason to believe that a strike will be made.

KU KLUX

Gang Charged with Murder and Other Crimes.

By Associated Press.

Pineville, Ky., Sept. 27.—The alleged Ku Klux gang of outlaws captured in Letcher county a few days ago, and brought to this place, owing to the intense feeling against them in that county, are now on trial. They are charged with murder, highway robbery and attempting to wreck trains. Thirteen will be tried and the first case called will be that of Manswright. The gang is alleged to be composed of the Reynolds and White factions, and has been operating in Letcher and Bell counties for several years. East, a members of the alleged gang and Morgan Reynolds, are still at large.

MIRACULOUS

Escape From Death of Passengers on a Wrecked Train.

By Associated Press.

Omaha, Sept. 27.—A through passenger train from St. Louis to Omaha, on the Wabash, was wrecked near Council Bluffs, the entire train consisting of mail and baggage cars, two day coaches, a chair and a pullman rolled down an eighteen foot embankment and turned side up. The train carried nearly a hundred passengers and it is a miracle that none were killed. Three were perhaps fatally injured, 16 seriously hurt and a

score of others received minor bruises. The badly hurt are: Conductor Arthur F. Wilson, Council Bluffs, may not recover; Mrs. George Rue, Silver City, Io., internal injuries and hip crushed; infant daughter of A. H. Wilson, Tekamah, Neb., head badly crushed, will probably die. At the time of the wreck the train was running 30 miles per hour and Engineer Rodgers says it was caused by spreading rails in the curve where the wreck occurred.

McKINLEY'S

Will Expresses His Great Concern for His Wife and Mother.

By Associated Press.

Canton, O., Sept. 27.—Secretary Cortelyou came here today to assist Mrs. McKinley in disposing of matters connected with the late President's estate.

After meeting Mrs. McKinley the question of filing the McKinley will was taken up. The trying task of reading it to her was undertaken by the Secretary. Mrs. McKinley made a heroic effort to bear up and succeeded in doing so. All the legal formalities necessary for her to subscribe to were disposed of. In the afternoon Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou went to the probate judge and offered the will for probate. They carried with them the following: "I, Ida S. McKinley, widow of William McKinley, deceased, hereby declines the administration of his estate and recommend the appointment of William R. Day and George B. Cortelyou as administrators of the will annexed." This recommendation bears the date of Sept. 27, 1901.

Following is the text of the will: "Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.—

"I publish the following as my latest will and testament and hereby revoking all former wills. To my beloved wife, Ida S. McKinley, I bequeath all my real estate, whatever situated, and the income of any personal property of which I may be possessed at my death, during her natural life. I make the following charge upon all of my property, both real and personal: To my mother during her life a thousand dollars a year and at her death said sum is to be paid my sister, Helen McKinley. If my income from the property be insufficient to keep my wife in great comfort and pay the annuity above provided, then I direct that such of my property be sold so as to make the sum adequate for both purposes. Whatever property remains at the death of my wife I give to my brother and sisters, share and share alike. My chief concern is that my wife, from my estate, shall have all she requires for her comfort and pleasure and that my mother shall be provided with whatever money she requires to make her old age comfortable and happy. Witness my hand and seal, this 22nd day of October 1897,

"WILLIAM McKINLEY."

The will is witnessed and signed

DRANK

Laudanum for the Purpose of Suicide.

About 11 o'clock last night Besse Lee, an inmate of Lizzie White's house, on Church street, attempted to take her life by swallowing a dose of laudanum. She had been out walking with her lover, Thorne Ayers early in the evening and he told her that he was going to leave her and go away from the city. She did not want him to go unless she could go with him, but to this he would not consent, so she went into the house and picked up a bottle of laudanum, which she had bought in the afternoon, and drank the contents. Dr. Bales was called and worked with her for several hours before bringing her to.

This is the second time that she has attempted to take her life within the last year. During the last flood she jumped out of a second story window of a house on Ohio street and was going down for the third time when she was rescued.

New Electric Line.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 27.—The Indianapolis, Shelbyville and South-eastern Traction Company, capital \$600,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The road will be 25 miles long and will extend from this city to Shelbyville. At that place it will make connections with another traction line to Cincinnati.

TWENTY BILLS

Of Indictment are Returned by the Grand Jury.

The Washington County grand jury for the September term reported on Friday, as follows:

GRAND JURY REPORT.

To Hon. D. W. Jones, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Washington County, Ohio.

The grand jury of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of the September term, 1901, beg leave to report that they have been in session four days, and herewith return to the Court the indictments presented by said jury. We have carefully examined into such matters as have legitimately come to our notice, having examined over one hundred witnesses, covering twenty-six cases, and presented twenty bills, and ignored five cases considered by us. The business has been transacted in as expeditious a manner as possible. The case of Frederick Moser was passed for consideration by the next grand jury. During our session we have visited the County jail and made a complete examination thereof, and find that the rules prescribed by the Court for the care thereof, and for the government of its inmates have been carried out and properly enforced. We find that the license of Scott Riggs, at Riggs Landing for ferry has expired and has not been renewed.

(Signed.) MURRAY McMILLAN, Foreman.
INDICTMENTS RETURNED.
Emerson Richey, forgery.
John Baker, rape.
Frank C. Wilson, pocket picking.
Wm. McBride, non-support.
Arthur L. Singer and Alonzo Chidester, burglary and larceny.
Kali Sadi and Abraham Halleck, receiving stolen goods.
James Miller and Leslie Bucklin, shooting at with intent to kill.
Leslie Bucklin, carrying concealed weapons.
James Miller, carrying concealed weapons.
Harry W. Clark, assault and battery.
Ernest C. S. Holmboe, assault and battery.
Edward B. Van Gieson, assault and battery.
James D. Mason, threatening assault and battery.
George Frazier, petit larceny.
Martin Williams, John Littleton and Frank Littleton, house breaking.
Ida Carter, slander.
Frederick Lozier, assault and battery.
Cyril Nelson, Louis Chapin, James Dyer, assault and battery.
William W. Ritchie, assault and battery.
John D. Dick, assault.