

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

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HEART DISEASE THE CAUSE

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WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU. (Bell Telephone 64.) 229 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., March 30.—John F. Tackett, sixty years old, prominent and well known, dropped dead in the yard of his home, 211 South St. Asaph street, about 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Several passers-by saw Tackett fall and carried him into his home. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause of his sudden death.

The deceased had been in ill health for some time past.

Tackett is survived by his father, John E. Tackett, and his wife and two daughters. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

The deceased was engaged in the dry goods brokerage business. For about a quarter of a century he was associated with his father in the dry goods business, which was conducted under the firm name of Tackett & Marshall, at the northeast corner of King and Pitt streets. Several years ago he relinquished business here and became engaged in business in Norfolk and Richmond.

A meeting of the town council of the recently incorporated town of Potomac was held to-night at the Del Ray schoolhouse. Mayor J. E. Supple presiding. Rules of order were read and adopted, and several committees were appointed. Announcement was made that regular meetings of the council will be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The clerk was directed to advertise for bids for the electric light franchise.

John McCuen was sentenced this afternoon in the Corporation Court, to one year in the penitentiary, on a charge of grand larceny. McCuen was charged with stealing machinery from a barge at the coal wharf of W. A. Smoot & Co.

John, alias "Nep" Penn and Frank C. Wilkins, indicted for a similar offense, entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced to one year each. The three men were arrested several weeks ago by W. A. Smoot, as they were about to decamp from the barge.

For violating the Byrd liquor law, Richard Jackson and Walter Smith, both colored, were fined \$50 each in the Police Court this morning. Willis Thompson, colored, charged with a similar offense, was acquitted. Smith admitted having given away liquor on Sunday, and the fine was accordingly imposed. Jackson told the court that the liquid refreshments at his home were for the members of a club numbering five. His mother, however, admitted having given away some beer to friends who paid a visit. The evidence against Thompson was insufficient, and he was accordingly acquitted.

One of the largest meetings ever held in the history of Alexandria Lodge, No. 753, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was held to-night. The following officers were elected: Judge L. C. Barley, exalted ruler; D. E. Robery, esteemed leading knight; Howard W. Smith, esteemed loyal knight; H. B. Quinn, esteemed lecturing knight; W. M. Donnelly, secretary; Charles J. Getchell, treasurer; L. E. Shuman, trustee; Harry Fleischman, delegate to the grand lodge; Joseph Brill, alternate.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Lucy E. Kelly, who died Saturday morning, took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from her home, 519 South Patrick street. Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, conducted the services, and the interment was in the Presbyterian cemetery.

Rev. G. I. Humphries, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, and J. H. Trimyer, delegate, and Harry Hammond, alternate, will leave to-morrow morning for Snow Hill, Md., to attend the annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The annual meeting of the Old Dominion Boat Club will be held Wednesday

night at the chamber of commerce. Officers will be chosen.

Announcement is made that a called meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, at Lee Camp Hall. All members are requested to be present.

It was said to-day that Capt. R. F. Knox, who is spoken of in connection with the majority contest, will to-morrow announce whether or not he will enter the contest.

Twenty-three members were baptized at the Del Ray Baptist Church last night.

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Retired Army Officer's Body Brought to Arlington Cemetery.

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The body was conveyed to Washington and buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The pallbearers were Rear Admiral Francis Cook, U. S. N., retired; Commander William S. Benson, commander of the Naval Academy; President Fell, of St. John's College; Dr. W. Clark Claude, and Messrs. Luther H. Gadd and C. C. Dugan, of Annapolis.

The body bearers were eight students of St. John's College. Maj. Thompson was commander of cadets at that institution for ten years, and the college battalion formed the military escort from the church to the railway station.

One must give praise to Mr. Walter for his clever dramatic construction and for the closeness with which he sticks to the classical model—even in a melodrama. The action of the play is all crammed to one day. It begins in the morning and it ends that same night.

It might be said that the author has strained a point in his favor in calling "The Wolf" a melodrama. It is true, there is some shooting and an exciting moment or two, notably in the last act, but there is really no need to make a melodrama out of it. A melodrama—if we are to stick to the text of things—is a drama with musical accompaniment, and the "soft music" which the play has is not music, but a stylized "chills and fever" music, rather than helps the action of the play. It really cheapens it, and renders it less dignified than it should be.

The story of the play deals with Hilda MacDonald and her father, who are living alone in a cabin in the heart of the Canadian woods. The father is a Scotch Presbyterian; he has the blood of the Covenanters in his veins; austere, grimly religious, blindly cruel. He tells her he married a Swede woman, who deceived him and ran away with another man; therefore he hates all Swedes. The only legacy his wife left him was Hilda, and he hates her because she has taken her father's Scandinavian mother, and his lightest word for her is a child of the devil.

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Uncle Sam's Navy will stay several weeks on the coast of California. The big fleet will stop at San Diego, Los Angeles port, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and San Francisco—reaching San Diego about the middle of April. At San Diego there will be a grand water pageant on the Bay, also illumination of bay and city at night. Los Angeles has arranged for a wild-west show, Spanish barbecue and athletic sports. The Santa Barbara entertainment will include a battle of flowers, aquatic sports and grand naval ball at Hotel Potter, with old Spanish dances in costume. San Francisco announces boat races, military and naval parade, fireworks and athletic sports, ending with reception and ball at the Fairmont.

Go there on the Luxurious California Limited. Also three other daily Santa Fe trains to California. Fred Harvey meals—look signals for safety—only line under one management, Chicago to California—visit Grand Canyon of Arizona en route.

The chorus goes through the songs and ensembles with a vim and dash that was refreshing. The olio contained efforts by Rose and Ellis and Libby Handell.

The story of the play tells of the love of Gyp, the cowboy girl, for Frank Baurteiner, prospector, and their joint efforts to rescue Miss Miller from the persecutions of a rascally husband who has deserted her in the East and who is intent on robbing Gyp of the Lost Dolores, a gold mine, the property of the girl's long-lost father; how Frank and Wahvillie, a friendly Indian chief, discover that Miss Miller's husband has killed Gyp's father in his efforts to gain possession of the gold mine, and how the guilty man is brought to justice, and finally, fairly like, all ends happily in the reunion of the lovers, the restoration of happiness to Miss Miller, freed from her villainous husband, and the return to their Eastern homes of the young ladies known as the Boston Tourist Girls.

A number of show girls introduced into the action of the play to act as chorus to Miss Marie Flynn, who is the featured star, is a charming young lady, who won her audience before she had reached half of her first scene.

Chase's Polite Vaudeville. Chase has a good bill this week. It opens with Paul La Croix, a skilled juggler of hats, rubber balls, cigars, matches, &c. He injects a lot of humor into the situation. Lillian Shaw, billed as "The Broadway Vaudeville Vogue," comes next on the scene, with various dialect songs, some of which will pass. Lambert, the third number, is an exceptionally good mimic, so far as a present-day audience can judge of impersonations of famous musicians of the past.

The Bessie Valere troupe of six pony cyclists, did some marvellous stunts on wheels. Walter C. Kelly, the best monologist seen in many a day, gave a court-room scene in a small Virginia town—being the whole show, judge and prisoners of many nationalities. He brought out considerable new "dope" and easily got away with more merriment than any other part of the show.

The "Stunning Graduated" gave a good act, in which Miss Louise Toner and Maude Corbett are featured. The act consists of songs, marches, and a realistic bit of fencing. Miss Toner, who formerly had a prominent part in "Woodland," sings in very good voice, and Miss Corbett is pleasing in a "child" song.

The Lucy and Lucier company present a comical skit, entitled "The Fool's Errand," in which the fun is exceedingly well made and enjoyable. The vignettes consisted of "His First Row" and "Lost, Strayed, or Stolen."

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