

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA
Effort Will Be Made to Deprive Mayor of Salary.
MEASURE WILL BE OPPOSED
Office Now Pays \$800 a Year, and Duties Are So Onerous as to Express No One Will Be Willing to Do Work Gratis—Masons Will Give Banquet Tuesday Night.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, (Herald Telephone 674.)
529 King Street.
Alexandria, Va., April 3.—At the next regular meeting of the city council it is expected that a resolution will be offered having for its object the elimination of a salary for mayor of this city.

The following bill has been presented by Councilman Hellmuth for that purpose:
"Whereas, owing to the creation of the police court justice for this city, whereby the mayor is relieved of the major portion of the duties heretofore performed by him, and with a desire to relieve the taxpayers of the additional burden; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, beginning with the next term of the office of mayor of the city of Alexandria, the salary of that office shall be abolished, the position in the future to be purely one of honor."
At the present time there is only one candidate in the field for the office, and by many it is believed that should such an ordinance be passed the city would experience more or less difficulty in securing a mayor. In the opinion of many members of the council there is but little danger that such a measure will pass.

Marlett Leandros, William Litch, and George Wilson, colored, who claim to have come to this city from Charlottesville, Va., were charged in the police court this morning with being suspicious characters. The police, in searching Wilson, found a pair of opera glasses in his possession. The glasses were a King identified by George Ayers, a well-known street merchant, as having been stolen from his store Monday night.

The remains of Patrick H. Desmond, who died this morning at his home, 216 North Patrick street, were this afternoon forwarded to Lynchburg, Va., at which place the interment will be made. The deceased was forty-two years of age, and his wife, is survived by two children. Mr. Desmond at the time of death held a position as chief train dispatcher in the office of the Southern Railway Company in this city.

Arrangements are being made by Mount Vernon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, for a big banquet in Armory Hall Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. This will be the first time in the history of the organization that a ladies' night has been held.

Robert L. Downing, the converted actor, will deliver an address before a men's meeting, which will be held Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, in the Young People's Building of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He will tell the story of his conversion, relating how he left the stage for the pulpit. Selections will be rendered by the Masonic Quartet. Arrangements are being made for a ladies' night at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday night.

The city school board has decided to accept the use of Armory Hall, at charge, for temporary school quarters for boys, and they have also decided to rent a building on Prince street, between St. Asaph and Pitt streets, for temporary quarters for girls. The rental for three months will be \$100. The board has advertised for bids for the sale of the Peabody school building, recently condemned by a grand jury. It is expected arrangements will shortly be made for the erection of a new school for white girls.

Gordon Thomas has sold to James R. Mansfield a house and lot situated on the west side of Pitt street. W. A. Moore, Jr., has purchased from the Alexandria Funeral Building Association the house at 21 South Pitt street.

A plat of the Shooters Hill section of the proposed George Washington Park has just been completed by Engineer D. J. Howell. Three hundred and twenty-nine lots are contained in the section, and it is the desire of the association to retain eighty lots for enlarging the park. The Fort Belvoir section of the proposed park will also be reserved.

FUNERAL OF JAMES M. MAHON.
Baltimore Man Victim of W. F. Harig Is Laid to Rest.
Baltimore, April 3.—James M. Mahon, who was shot and killed last Tuesday night by William F. Harig, was buried today. Services, including a high mass of requiem, were held at St. Philip and James' Church, Charles and Twenty-seventh streets, and interment was in Bonnie Bras Cemetery.

DAMAGING FIRE AT LYNCHBURG
Loss of Quarter Million Dollars Chiefly to Tobacco Interests.
Sixty-five Girls Trown Out of Employment by Destruction of Overall Factory.

Lynchburg, Va., April 3.—Lynchburg experienced her worst fire this morning in twenty years, if not her history. Four factory buildings and four small negro buildings being destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at \$250,000. The aggregating insurance is \$195,000.

The origin of the blaze is a mystery, but everything seems to indicate that it was the work of an incendiary. A belief has been expressed by some that the fire was kindled by a representative of night riders from Kentucky, as more than half of the loss was sustained by W. G. Dunnington, of Farmville, who is a heavy tobacco buyer in Kentucky for the American and Italian export trade. This fear, however, is discredited by many. The police are at work on the fire-bug theory.

The burned plants include three large factory buildings used by Dunnington for tobacco purposes and for preparing leaf tobacco for export. More than a million pounds were lost in these, on which there was insurance for \$150,000.

Two of the buildings belonged to Mrs. W. F. McDaniel, and the third to Mrs. John W. Carroll. The plant of the Norfolk and Western Overall Company was gutted, entailing a loss of \$25,000, and throwing sixty-five girls out of employment.

A number of small losses were sustained by other property owners, and for a time it was feared the Lynchburg Lounge Company, where six floors were filled with inflammable materials, could not be saved. Only the shifting of the wind which was blowing twenty miles an hour saved the building.

The firemen were unable to successfully cope with the blaze, because of its great height when discovered, and limited water supply. For an hour burning embers rained over one of the most thickly settled portions of the city, and numerous incipient fires were extinguished by property owners.

DEBATE ON CURRENCY.
North Carolina Speakers Win from Representatives of Virginia.
Richmond, Va., April 3.—Carolina was awarded the decision of the judges tonight in the annual debating contest between the University of Virginia and North Carolina. One judge voted for the Virginians.

The debate lasted nearly two hours, each of the four contestants being allowed fifteen minutes in opening and ten minutes in rebuttal. North Carolina was represented by John W. Hester and John T. Johnson, the latter being easily the star debater of the quartet. The Virginia debaters were George W. Fry and S. Clay Williams.

The question for debate was "Resolved That national banks should be permitted to issue, subject to tax and governmental supervision, notes based on their general assets." The depth of the debate probably accounted for the small audience, as scarcely more than 200 persons were present. Many prominent bankers of this city listened to the debaters.

ARMY MEN PLEASED
Veterans Indorse Washington Herald Editorial.
RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED
Legislation Advocated to Prevent Wearing Uniform by Any but Enlisted Men—Purchase by Dealers Should Be Stopped—Twentieth Anniversary to Be Observed April 9.

The editorial comments published in the Washington Herald yesterday, entitled "Beggers in Uniform," were taken up at a largely attended meeting of the Army and Navy Union, held last night in G. A. R. Hall, under the auspices of Admiral David D. Porter Garrison.

Resolutions Adopted.
The following resolutions were adopted:
Whereas the appropriate editorial comment respecting the uniform of our navy is indeed to the point, and we highly commend the Washington Herald for its patriotic utterance;
We believe that a law should be enacted by Congress which would prevent the desertion of our soldiers, sailors, and marines' uniforms;
We further believe that the uniform, like the flag, should be accorded the highest respect, and that Congress should take up this question and pass laws which would prevent the wearing of the American enlisted man's uniform by any person other than the genuine soldier, sailor, and marine;
We further deplore the custom of any set of men wearing either the soldier's or officer's uniform other than those entitled to wear the same.

John S. Gray Dead.
Washington County Will Probably Not Instruct Its Delegates.
Special to The Washington Herald.
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FOR GRAND JURY.
Patrol's Occupation Gone.
Commissioners Revoke Commission of Eck McDearmon.
At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia held on April 2, the decision of February 23, revoking the commission of Eck McDearmon as special policeman, was sustained.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.
Washington, Friday, April 3, 1908—8 p. m.
SPECIAL RIVER BULLETIN.
The Ohio River is above flood stage from the mouth of the river to the mouth of the Scioto River. The stage at Cincinnati tonight was 28.5 feet, with a crest stage being at 30 feet indicated during Saturday; at Louisville the stage was 29.5 feet, with a crest of 32 and 33 feet indicated by Sunday night. Road stage being at 28 feet, at Evansville and Mount Vernon, Ind., a stage of at least 30 feet is indicated in about five days. Road stage being at 33 feet.

BUG CUT IN OIL PRICES.
John W. Gates Begins Fight on the Waters-Pierce Company.
Austin, April 3.—The Texas Company, the oil producing and refining concern in which John W. Gates owns a controlling interest, has inaugurated a campaign of competition to drive the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, a Standard Oil concern, out of business in Texas.

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MILITIA BILL NEXT
New Measure May Come into House Next Week.
WILL SHOW SOME CHANGES
Will Differ from the One Now on the Calendar—Men Win Out in Objection to Proposal to Do Away with Elections of Officers—Other Changes of Importance.

Militiamen of the District have arisen and have protested vociferously to the change contemplated in the District militia bill whereby the old custom of having company officers selected by vote was to have been changed to the appointment system.

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Anarchist Not Implicated in Silverstein's Bomb Throwing.
New York, April 3.—Alexander Berkman, the treasurer of the Anarchist Federation of America, who was arrested on suspicion of having a hand in the bomb explosion in Union Square on Saturday last, and who was subsequently released on \$500 bail, was discharged by Magistrate Drooge, in the Jefferson Market Court, this afternoon.

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TICKETS IN LAUREL
Independent Citizens and Law and Order Have Candidates in Field.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Laurel, Md., April 2.—At a meeting of the Independent Citizens' League, of Laurel, the following citizens were nominated for mayor and councilmen, the election to take place April 20:

WILL IMPROVE THE TOWN.
Residents of Gaithersburg, Md., Form an Association.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Boyd's, Md., April 3.—The residents of Gaithersburg have formed an improvement association, and have elected officers as follows: President, J. Frank Tazear; secretary, Venron Goldsborough Owens; treasurer, Carson Ward.

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