

REEDIES ON TOAST

WINTER WINDS

Gunning Season on Marshes About Washington Opens Wednesday.

ALL THE LOCAL EXPERTS PREDICT GOOD SEASON

Fine Crop of Oats in the Feeding Grounds, Is the General Report.

"Reedbirds on toast." Long before noon next Wednesday, September 1—the opening day of the gunning season on the marshes—the foregoing sign will be displayed in many of the restaurants and cafes. It is certain to appear, it is stated, because birds promise to be fairly plentiful and an early morning attack upon them is assured. Gunners have visited the marshes the past week to get an idea of the condition of the oats and to ascertain something of the prospects for sport.

Many sportsmen discussed the conditions yesterday and suggested a possibility that the cool and rainy weather would drive the "reedies" away, but boatmen about the marshes were confident the weather had not interfered with the birds. Ortolan, it is stated, are particularly plentiful on the marshes about this city, but reedbirds are probably not as numerous as they will be September 1.

Practically every boat that is small enough to use in a marsh has been engaged. There is practically no demand for pushers, however, few gunners being willing to pay the price charged for a tide. In Maryland a non-resident, even if he pays his license tax, is not permitted to shoot without paying a licensed pusher, and the law fixes the pay at \$2 a tide.

Predicts Good Season.

Will Reynolds, one of the older gunners, who has done shooting on every marsh within many miles of the city, said he thought this season would be a good one. Ortolan are on the marsh back of Anolatan Island in large numbers, he said, but the oats are so thick that it will be difficult to get boats through them Wednesday morning.

Large quantities of sand have been dumped on the marsh, and this will make it next to impossible to get boats through the oats, especially early in the morning, when there will not be a high tide.

"In the afternoon," in his opinion, there ought to be good ortolan shooting, for by that time the oats will be trampled down enough to enable gunners to make their way through them. John A. Rupert was on the Patuxent river, near the big marshes, the latter part of the week. The oats, he said, are ripe, but not ripe and until the feeding grounds improve the birds will not show a great increase.

"Birds travel at night," he explained, "so that they may be scarce one afternoon and plentiful the next morning. Two days that I was on the Patuxent the birds were very numerous, but Friday night they came in large numbers and were very much in evidence Saturday morning."

Crop of Oats Large.

It is said that there is the largest crop of oats in the marshes that has been seen in many years.

"A large growth of oats," said W. T. Bailey, one of the best known gunners in this city, "is suggestive of a large number of birds, and I believe we will have the best shooting this season that we have had in a long time."

Gunners have polished their guns and put in supplies of ammunition to be in readiness the morning of the opening day. Most of the sportsmen probably will go to the Eastern branch marshes, although many will visit the Little river and along the river shore as far as Four Mile run. Some of the more enthusiastic sportsmen will camp about the boathouses or elsewhere along the shore in order to be on hand at the break of day to begin the slaughter. Others will go later in the morning, while still others will go for the afternoon shooting.

Warning Signs at Protected Areas.

Lieut. R. A. Dean of the harbor precinct will have members of his force go on the river tomorrow and erect warning signs 200 yards on either side of the several bridges to advise gunners of the protected areas.

"When the gunning is in full blast it seems as if thousands of birds understand the meaning of the signs and keep between them and the bridges," remarked one of the officers.

It is thought that dealers will get \$1 a dozen for reedbirds, \$1.25 for ortolan and about 40 cents a dozen for blackbirds the opening day of the season.

RETAILERS TO ARRANGE FALL WINDOW UNVEILING

Meeting Called for 1:30 Tomorrow to Consider Ceremonial Opening of Season's Buying.

A special meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association has been called by Vice President M. A. Leese, acting in the absence of President R. P. Andrews, for 1:30 o'clock tomorrow to discuss plans for an official opening of the fall buying season in Washington, to be preceded the night before by a window unveiling ceremonial. In event a date is selected at tomorrow's meeting the association will proceed with a general advertising of the event, both in and out of Washington. Inasmuch as the date chosen will follow the auto trade boosting trip of the Washington boosters through Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia and merchants will require at least two weeks' preparation, the meeting tomorrow was deemed expedient.

Secretary Columbus announced yesterday that the association would be glad to receive date suggestions by mail from merchants who are unable to attend tomorrow's meeting.

Windows Specially Dressed.

The window unveiling ceremonial as planned is expected to be a novel occasion. On the evening before the date of the official opening the show windows of Washington will be specially dressed with latest thoughts in every line for fall use. Shades will be drawn, the windows darkened and draped at 8 o'clock at a given signal the windows will be unveiled and lights will flash.

"Everybody in Washington will be excited by such a movement as this," said Secretary Andrews. "I believe that it is only right and proper that a season which promises so much should have an auspicious beginning."

"Everywhere that one goes nowadays he finds a crystallization of opinion that 'business is going to be mighty good this fall.' So it is up to every body in Washington to get in line and be a booster."

VALLEY OF VIRGINIA.

Special Correspondence of The Star.
WINCHESTER, Va., August 28.—Officers and members of the various military companies in this section of the state have forwarded to the adjutant general in Richmond itemized lists of all government and state property of a military character now on hand, as well as a complete list of names and addresses of officers and enlisted men. Since the military spirit has become somewhat more popular and the subject of daily talk than formerly, many of the companies of the citizen soldiery of the state have manifested a more lively interest in arms and ammunition, and quite a number of companies here in the Shenandoah valley—where many years ago "Stonewall" Jackson obtained the "flower" of his immortal brigade, the military companies of today are being recruited up to their full strength with the sons and grandsons of men who served in Jackson's army. It is stated that these requests were received from the War Department at Washington.

Wins Bid for Dormitory Addition.

Bids were opened a day or two ago at Shepherdstown, Va., for the erection of another large dormitory in addition to Shepherd College, a state institution, and in view of the fact that Glazie & Brother of Winchester were the lowest bidders complying with the terms it is expected they will be given the contract, their bid being \$12,984. Benjamin Brooke Kern, forty-three years old, son of former Postmaster and Mrs. Bentley Kern of Winchester, and prominently engaged in the apple business here, died unexpectedly a few days since in Ellensburg, Wash., where he was visiting his brother, Francis Asbury Kern, whose wedding he expected to attend September 1. Instead of leading a bride to the altar next week young Mr. Kern is now bringing the body of his brother home, accompanied by his sister, Miss Katherine Kern, who was in Ellensburg at the time of her brother's death. Young Mr. Kern was killed in Washington in a short time and his marriage will take place quietly. Mr. Kern was named in his grandfather's will as Benjamin Brooke, a noted minister of the First Church, who afterward became a minister of the F. E. Church. He leaves his parents, four brothers and three sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. Alexander Kinney of Washington, D. C.

Annual Fair Has Fine Promise.

The forty-sixth annual exhibition of the Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society at the Winchester fair grounds, September 7-11, is already assured of being the most imposing affair in the history of the association. A five-day fair has never been attempted before, but the great success of last year's exhibition induced the directors to extend it another day this year and to hold night carnivals. One of the chief attractions will be the racing events each day, except Tuesday. Although all the Berkeley county (W. Va.) farms on which cattle infected with the foot and mouth disease were discovered last fall have not been placed in the free area by the federal and state veterinarians, who are still watching the situation daily, with the hope of raising the quarantine in the near future, some of the farmers living in the restricted area have been given the privilege of restocking their farms with cattle, sheep and swine, provided the same are examined and tested by the proper authorities. About nine large farms will be allowed to be restocked between September 1 and 19. The republican executive committee of Winchester and the counties of Frederick and Shenandoah held a meeting in this city yesterday, and unanimously selected for the party of Frederick county as the party's candidate for the state senate from this district.

Injured in Fall From Mount.

Dr. Archibald C. Randolph of Millwood, Clarke county, who was thrown violently while riding his horse Clinker in the light weight harness class at the Warrenton horse show Thursday, was injured more severely than at first thought, but it was reported today that his condition is improved and he is expected to be home entirely in a short time. Dr. Randolph won the championship harness class with Clinker at the recently held Berryville show.

The Beuchler farm, of 124 acres, two miles north of Leesburg, has been sold to two traders, Col. C. E. Mead of White Post, Va., and A. H. Buell of Herndon, Va. Col. Mead, who is a reputed auctioneer, will be in charge of the sale at once on his portion, which will include the erection of a fine residence.

The annual convention of the Sunday School Association of Winchester and Frederick county is to be held here September 17-18, and it is expected prominent speakers from other sections will participate. A monster street parade will be one of the features.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT.

Arrivals.

Schooner S. T. White, cord wood from Maryland point, at 10th street wharf for L. A. Clarke & Son; schooners G. and S. Post and Stephen A. Douglas, watermelons from a bay point at 11th street wharf for the market here; powerboat Owen Taylor, from a Chesapeake bay point, at 9th street wharf; schooner Bush, at Alexandria with pulp wood for shipment to West Virginia; schooner Mary Francis, at Alexandria with railroad ties for Washington dealers; steamer Northland, from Norfolk and Old Point to the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company; steamer W. I. Davis, from Mattawoman creek and river landings to the People's line; schooner Fannie, at Alexandria, with railroad ties for shipment to Boston.

Departures.

Schooner Carrie Revel, light, for a Maryland landing after lumber or cordwood for the dealers here; schooner Mary Ann Shea, light, for Aquia creek to load back to this city; schooners Ida and Tuttle Dayton, light, for Chesapeake bay points after watermelons for the market here; barge Appomattox, light, from Georgetown for Blacks creek to load railroad ties for New York; powerboat Daisy, from Alexandria, in merchandise for Farmington, Md.; steamer Southland, for Old Point and Norfolk; steamer Northumberland, for landings in the mouth of the river and Baltimore.

Tugs and Tows.

Tug M. M. Davis is on her way to Baltimore with two loaded schooners from Rio Janeiro; District tug Louise arrived with brick-laden lighters from Occoquan; tug Captain Toby arrived at Georgetown with coal boats for canal points; tug Jeff arrived in the Eastern branch with lighters from Broad creek; tug S. O. Co., No. 12 is reported due here with oil-laden barge from Baltimore; tug M. H. Jones is at Georgetown with lighters; tug Herbert arrived with lighters at District sand wharf and left with light scoops for sand-digging grounds opposite Alexandria; tug John Miller arrived in the Eastern branch with clay-laden lighters for the brick-making plants.

Memoranda.

Schooner Henry S. Little, with laths from Restigouche, N. B., sailed the 27th from Vinard Haven for this city; barge W. L. Donohue is due at Alexandria to load railroad ties for Boston; barge Lucretia is chartered to load railroad ties at High Point, Va., for Philadelphia; barge W. L. Day has arrived at Maryland point from this city to load cord wood to return; schooner Silver Star reported on her way to Alexandria with lumber for the dealer; schooner Oakland is at Maryland point from this city to load cord wood to return.

Where Nature Is Remiss.

From the Boston Transcript.
Too bad that our wisdom teeth do not warn us when we are eating indigestible

WORK OF RED CROSS PRAISED BY MR. TAFT

Former President Pleads for Increase in Contributions and "Neutrality in Giving."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 28.—William Howard Taft, former President, today pleaded the cause of the American Red Cross at exercises celebrating Red Cross day at the Panama-Pacific exposition. He urged a membership of millions, more funds and neutrality in giving. He praised Americans for their ready response to calls for relief when the European war began, but deprecated the fact that two-thirds of the funds given were disbursed by relief bodies, organized on the spur of the moment, while the Red Cross stood ready with a trained organization to do the work.

Deprecates Division of Forces.

Mr. Taft said he did not undervalue the sweets of publicity and popular applause in promoting good work. But he thought the desire on the part of donors for publicity was harmful when it led to a division of forces and an increase of unnecessary expense. He recounted the work of the Red Cross in the present war and its distribution in money, supplies and paid expert service of \$2,000,000. "More funds," he said, "should be urged, but our people are not as active in giving as they were in the past."

TIME LIMIT EXTENDED.

Examinations for Free Scholarship, St. John's College, September 15.

The time limit of the examinations for the St. John's College free scholarship has been extended to September 15. Those eligible for the scholarship are boys between the ages of eleven and sixteen who have been students in any of the private, public or parochial schools of Washington or the local suburban places of Maryland and Virginia. Examinations will cover the ordinary school branches, including reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, and are to be held at 9 o'clock every morning at the college, 1225 Vermont avenue.

JAPANESE SHIPS GRAB PACIFIC SHIPPING TRADE

Take Place of American Line, Driven Out by New Seaman's Legislation.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 28.—The Toyo Kisen Kaisha, which, with the retirement of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, becomes the only steamship line carrying passengers between this port and the orient, will seize the opportunity for expansion offered by the sale of the rival carriers to the Atlantic Transport Company. A statement to this effect was made here today by Soichiro Asano, president of the Japanese line, who said: "Our recent purchase from the Pacific Mail Company of the liner Persia was the first step in the enlargement of our fleet. As soon as possible we will build two or three new liners, and until they are completed two of our vessels in the South America trade—the Kiyo Maru and the Seiyo Maru, both passenger liners—will call regularly at this port.

Accident, Md., Man Tells of Good Remedy

A. J. Alexander Says Treatment Did More for Him Than Any Other.

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PLEASURE CRAFT IN PORT.

Nasty Weather Keeps Yachts From Week-End Trips.

Rain and generally cool weather had a depressing effect on pleasure craft owners. As a consequence most of the fleet of pleasure craft which each Saturday evening or Sunday morning have left for cruises to the lower river may be found this morning at their berthing places. Passengers on the excursion steamers yesterday and last night did not overcrowd them. The excursion season on the Potomac is rapidly drawing to a close, only nine days remaining of the season, which ends Labor day.

Excursion managers all say that no matter how hot the weather may be after Labor day no one who has ever tried running excursions after the first week in September has ever succeeded in paying expenses.

ELKS ARE REMINDED OF ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

Outing to Be Held September 12 Down the River—Games Will Be Enjoyed.

Illustrated circulars outlining the good time which is in store for them Sunday, September 12, when their fifth annual clambake is to be held down the river, have been forwarded to members of Washington Lodge of Elks.

Under the direction of Fred J. Mersheimer, a committee is hard at work on the details. The steamer St. Johns has been chartered, and will leave the wharf on Water street at 10 o'clock and proceed down the river. As soon as the boat is well under way breakfast will be served. Gus Brähler will have charge.

A Review

This August Sale of Furniture has won quite an army of new patrons for the Palais Royal—and linked old friends with renewed confidence and appreciation.

Cholera on Rivers Oder and Spree.

BERLIN, via London, August 28.—

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Palais Royal

G & Eleventh Streets

Two Days Monday and Tuesday Half Price

The August Sale ends Tuesday evening—odd pieces remaining are to be sold at half price—beginning tomorrow morning. Such furniture is not quoted in detail in this announcement because your wanted piece might be sold when you called, and because no visitor is more difficult to cater to than the disappointed one. The invitation to call tomorrow is coupled with the assurance of half price for choice of over 100 different pieces and the privilege of deferred payments. See Mr. Young, in office on third floor.



\$16.50

\$25.00 Value.

\$25 Outfit for \$15.85

Guaranteed Brass Bed, any size, with bright or satin finish. Guaranteed National Link Spring and 40-pound Felt Mattress. All for \$15.85. Fourth floor.

Guaranteed Drop Side Couch, \$2.29

This Couch, with Rome-link Spring, standard at \$4.00, is guaranteed. As safe as the cheap couches are dangerous. Fourth floor—6 elevators.

Blankets, \$3.75 Value, \$2.98 Pair

These Fleece-Wool Blankets look worth \$5.00 pair—though claimed only \$3.75 value. Some in plaids and novelties, works of art in pink, blue, tan and black; others look like California wool blankets, white, with borders in pink and blue. Judged by weight, quality and size, these blankets, at \$2.98 pair, are the best bargains of this August Sale.

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| 75c for \$1.00 Spreads—and Other Bargains | Crochet Bedspreads, Marseille designs, double beds, cut corners and woven. \$1.00 75c value | Extra Large Crochet Bedspreads, for double beds, cut corners and scalloped. \$2.25 \$1.75 value |
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Dining Tables and Table Linens

Twenty-two of these particular tables have been sold—only two remain. Solid oak and massive, standard at \$14.50, in this August Sale \$7.95 at.

Silklike Mercerized Table Linen, 64 inches wide; 59c a yard 49c value.

Genuine Scotch Linen, satin finish, 70 inches wide; 75c a yard 59c value.

Genuine Belfast Linen, extra heavy pure linen, 72 inches wide. \$1.39 a yard \$1.00 value.

Axminster Rugs, \$17.50

Sizes to 9x12 Feet; Values to \$30.

First quality—long, close-pile, medallion and all-over patterns in shade to harmonize with any color scheme. Sizes 8,3x10.6 feet and 9x12 feet. Values up to \$30.00. At only \$17.50 for choice. Small rugs, 27x54 inches, are only \$1.39.

Royal Wilton Rugs, Samples, \$1.69

Samples of Wilton Carpets, standard at \$3.75 per yard, have been made into rugs 27x54 inches, bound at each end. \$1.69 for such rugs is a nominal price. Also see the three following lots.

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| Wool and Fiber Rugs, blue, tan, red, brown and green color schemes; all new desirable patterns. Regular price, \$7.50. \$4.98 | Japanese Rugs, plain centers, with band and Walls of Troy borders; in all colorings; size 8x12 feet. \$2.98 value. \$1.98 | Japanese Grass Rugs, u.s. Walls of Troy border; blue and tan colorings; size 8x10 feet; standard at \$6.00. \$2.98 |
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\$3.60 for \$5.48 Size Ice Chests

Also Refrigerators—Note Reduced Prices Are Again Reduced.

Side Icer or Three-door Refrigerator; white enamel lined; 32 inches wide, 19 1/2 inches deep, 45 inches high; 100 lbs. ice capacity. Reduced to \$17.25 now.

Side Icer or Three-door Refrigerator; porcelain lined; 32 inches wide; 19 1/2 inches deep, 45 inches high; 100 lbs ice capacity. Reduced to \$27.00; now \$21.75.

Top-lift Refrigerator, white enamel lined; 27 1/4 inches wide, 19 inches deep; 45 inches high; 90 lbs. ice capacity. Reduced to \$12.95 \$16.00; now \$12.95.

Top-lift Refrigerator; 25 1/2 inches wide, 18 1/2 inches deep, 43 inches high; 75 lbs. ice capacity. \$9.75 Reduced to \$12.50; now \$9.75.

Basement Store.

Queen Quality SHOE DEPT

Once a Year \$1.00

Ending the summer season with this final sale of broken lots of "Queen Quality" Shoes—the world's best at \$3.50 to \$5.

\$1.00

Beginning tomorrow morning, in the "Queen Quality" Shoe Parlor, on Second Floor.

The Palais Royal

A. Lisner. G and Eleventh Streets.

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Constant evidence of this fact is given by many satisfied Star Lost ad patrons. Nine times out of ten a Lost ad in The Star will restore a lost article (when found) to its owner.

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Guaranteed Brass Bed, any size, with bright or satin finish. Guaranteed National Link Spring and 40-pound Felt Mattress. All for \$15.85. Fourth floor.

\$3.85 for this full size guaranteed Bed, enameled in white.

\$2.98 for this Foster "Ideal" Crib, fitted with National Link Spring.

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