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RELONGS TO VIRGINIA. District Attorney's Investigation of Alexander Island. It is now believed that the Attorney General's office and the United States Attorney of the District have become convinced that Alexander Island does not and always did belong to Virginia. It was intended at one time that the District Attorney's office should make an examination of the subject and present all the facts to the Department of Justice, and that then Mr. Dickinson, one of the Assistant Attorneys General, would prepare a bill on behalf of the United States against the State of Virginia to settle the southwest boundary line of the District of Columbia and file the same in the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is believed that such examination of the subject so far has not convinced the authorities which have charge of the subject that Alexander Island is a portion of the District of Columbia. The salient fact that all the land titles of the island come from Virginia patents, and that the inhabitants of the island paid Virginia taxes before and subsequent to the Declaration of Independence, and still pay them, is said to be regarded as conclusive of the subject. No movement has yet been made looking to the acquisition of the island by the United States "in full and absolute right and jurisdiction, as well as of soil as of persons residing or to reside therein," by a cession from the State of Virginia to the United States. It is believed that such a cession would be very popular in the country of Alexandria, and it is certain that it would be very advantageous for the District of Columbia, as since the improvement of the Potomac flats the city of Washington has extended to within a few hundred yards of Alexander's Island, and it would be especially important for the District to have jurisdiction of the land on both sides of the main channel of the Potomac opposite the seat of Government.

Catholic Knights' Excursion. The Catholic Knights of America gave their second annual excursion yesterday to River View. An exhibition drill was given by Companies A and B of the Gonzaga College Cadets. This was followed by an individual prize drill, in which thirty-five members of A company took part. The prizes were a \$10 and \$5 gold piece offered by the Catholic Knights for the best and next best drilled member of the company. The first was won by Serg. Ed. H. Hayes, Company A, and the second by Corp. Thomas B. Cook, Company B. Vincent Coughlan, winner of the individual ticket selling contest, was the recipient of a watch.

Mrs. Harmon Not Guilty. The jury in the case of Mrs. Mary Harmon on trial at Fairfax Court House for killing her husband, R. Harmon, on the 20th of June last, brought in a verdict of not guilty yesterday after deliberating ten minutes. The spectators in the court cheered when the verdict was announced, and the Commonwealth's attorney expressed his satisfaction, and said that his duty as attorney for the prosecution had been a painful one, as he did not desire to see the accused sent to prison.

Died at Ninety-three. James Murray, an old resident of Georgetown, died Wednesday evening of general debility, aged ninety-three years. He had lived here seventy-one years, being engaged in business as a painter, a considerable portion of the time. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Meem, and two sons, Mr. Richard Murray, of Baltimore, and Mr. J. C. Murray, at whose home he lived. The funeral services were this morning held at 10 o'clock in Trinity Catholic Church, and the remains were interred at Holy Rood Cemetery.

Died in Search of Health. Trinidad, Col., Aug. 23.—When the express train for California reached the summit of Eaton Mountain yesterday, Miss Birdie Coates, whose home was in Alameda, Ont., died of consumption. She was going West for her health.

Judge Fleming in Charge. In the absence of Supervising Architect Aiken in the West and of Chief Executive Officer Kemper in Atlanta, Judge W. B. Fleming is in charge of the architect's office.

ROUGH EDGES SMOOTHED

District Republicans Say Harmony Is Assured.

Views of Some Leaders

Union Club Will Steer Clear of the Color Question and Work for the General Good—Efforts on Foot to Arouse a Better Class of Men to the Situation Before Them.

The efforts toward harmony among the Republican clubs of the District appear to be meeting with good results. Republican leaders emphatically declare that when the time arrives for active work all differences will be laid aside and the task of harmonizing completed. Col. W. A. Cook, who has been in line for many years in politics in this city, and is now a member of the Union Republican Club, said to-day that the determination of his club is not to interfere with local matters so far as the national convention is concerned, and that it does not intend to tolerate or allow the question of color to come in at all in political affairs.

TOO MUCH TALK. Ferry Carson, who was also seen, said: "Let those men who are howling about mob and negro rule take an interest in political affairs here and all the trouble will be averted. Harmony is bound to come, and when the time arrives for meeting it will be found that all will be willing to pull together."

Andrew Gleason said to a Times reporter that the article in The Evening Times of Saturday relating to the question of harmony was the keynote toward better feeling. The question as to the duty of Republicans is plain, he said, and if they would take part in the meetings and not leave matters to the element that has heretofore controlled political affairs a better class of men would be selected to represent the party at conventions.

REINING OUT LITERATURE. The Union Republican Club through its public document committee, Maj. C. H. Lawrence, chairman, is preparing to distribute several thousand speeches of prominent Republican Congressmen. At the club's headquarters there is an air of activity, and already communications regarding political literature are received from different portions of the country. The club is receiving also the rosters of similar clubs in the different States, which will put them in touch with the principal organizations and facilitate the distribution of campaign literature.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE has begun its labors and a plan of operations laid out. AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS. Mrs. Mayhew Finds Her Husband in St. Elizabeth's.

After a separation of twenty-seven years Mrs. Levi M. Mayhew, matron of the Cincinnati English Orphan Asylum, was yesterday reunited to her husband, who is at present confined in the Government Hospital for the Insane.

The couple were married in Hamilton, Ohio, after Mr. Mayhew's return from the war, and lived happily until some time in 1868 when the husband suddenly disappeared. Every effort to discover his whereabouts was unavailing until a year ago when Mrs. Mayhew applied for a pension and was informed that an application had been received from Oswatomie, Kan., in 1862, under the same name.

Upon making inquiries it was learned that Mr. Mayhew was confined in the asylum at that place as incurably insane. The wife, being unable to care for him, had him transferred to the Government Hospital here. Dr. Godding says the man is never violent, but suffers from incurable paralytic insanity. He did not at first recognize his wife and can remember nothing during the twenty-seven years of his absence.

Mrs. Mayhew will make every possible effort to obtain a pension for her husband, and if successful, will take him home with her and care for him. Good Will Lodge, I. O. G. T. The musical and literary entertainment given under the auspices of Goodwill Lodge, No. 7, I. O. G. T., at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Eighth street southeast, Wednesday evening, proved an immense success and the proceeds added a neat sum to the treasury of the lodge. A large crowd was present and a carefully selected programme, including many interesting and amusing numbers, was rendered. This was the first entertainment ever given by Goodwill Lodge and it was so great a success it is the intention of the members to repeat it next month.

He Was Prof. Wiley's Father. The death of Preston P. Wiley, father of Prof. Harvey Wiley, of the Agricultural Department, at his late home in Marion, Ind., was announced in this city yesterday. Mr. Wiley was 85 years old, and a native of Ohio, being prominently connected with the early history of the State.

Old Guard Entertainment. The Old Guard will give an entertainment this evening at the National Rifle Army for the purpose of raising money to defray the expenses of the Mount Pleasant Drum Corps to the G. A. R. encampment. A well-selected programme has been prepared.

Maryland Republicans. A well-attended meeting of the Association of Republican Voters of Maryland living in Washington was held at the Philadelphia House last night, and eighteen new members enrolled. Mr. Joseph B. Queen presided.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY LINE

Denial of the Report That England Is Taking Independent Action. Gen. Duffield, superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, said yesterday afternoon that he placed but little credence in the report that England had a surveying party running a line of her own to determine the boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

"It was only a few days ago—August 10, to be exact"—said Gen. Duffield, "that I met Mr. King, the Canadian boundary commissioner, by appointment in Rochester, for the purpose of conferring about this boundary survey and arranging our plans for the future."

"I know that Mr. King has not been in Alaska during the present year, and he informed me that none of his party was in the field. For that reason I am confident no surveys are now at work on the line, but even if they were it would make little difference."

"The boundary line is fixed by treaties between this country and Great Britain and between Russia and Great Britain. The work of the surveyors is to definitely mark the lines laid down by those treaties. We have an engineering party engaged in that labor and so have the English, and the surveys are being made as rapidly as the appropriations and the seasons will permit."

"When the work is completed a report will be made to the respective governments. Mr. King and myself will visit the scene of the work in October, but when the surveys will be completed is a question that cannot be answered."

NEW STEP IN BOUNTY CASE. Senator Manderson Moves to Refer the Matter to Secretary Carlisle. Ex-Senator Manderson yesterday telegraphed Controller of the Treasury Bowler that he had forwarded a motion to refer the whole question of the payment of the sugar bounty appropriation to the Secretary of the Treasury on account of the peculiar language of the appropriation, which, he claims, takes the matter out of hands of the regular accounting officers of the government. The language upon which the motion is based is as follows:

"The bounty herein authorized to be paid shall be paid upon production of such proof of manufacture and production as shall be required in each case by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

"And for the payment of such sugar bounty the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to draw warrants on the Treasury of the United States for such sums as shall be necessary, which sums shall be certified to him by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, by whom the bounty shall be disbursed, and no bounty shall be allowed or paid to any person as aforesaid upon any quantity of sugar less than 500 pounds."

If Mr. Manderson's motion prevails, it will take the question of the bounty payment entirely out of Mr. Bowler's hands. While the language of the act seems to give color to the motion, the Secretary of the Treasury should issue warrants directly on the certificates of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, it is pointed out that the language of this appropriation is identical with that of the original McKinley bounty, which language was not treated either by the last or the present administration as taking those disbursements out of the hands of the regular accounting officers of the government.

OLD NAME STANDS. Catholic Union Adjourned Without Changing It. The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union closed last night after three days' session. The question of changing the name of the organization by dropping the word "Irish," caused heated remarks, but owing to the lack of the required two-thirds majority, the name remained unchanged.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, D. W. Lynch, of Delaware; first vice president, John J. Moran, of Rhode Island; treasurer, Mr. DeBoer, of Pennsylvania; secretary, Augustus H. Boyle, of Pennsylvania.

After the installation of the new officers the union adjourned to meet at Wilmington, Del., August next. Unable to Turn in a Box Alarm. About 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning flames burst forth from house No. 322 N. street southwest, occupied by Thomas Kleinberg. Policemen Bowie and Anderson were unable to turn in an alarm, as all the boxes in that vicinity were burned out by a live electric light wire, which crossed the fire wires several nights ago. Owing to the early hour the officers were compelled to run a long distance and experience a vexatious delay before a local alarm could be turned in over a telephone. In the meantime the premises had been damaged to the extent of \$500. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is covered by insurance.

Young People's Society. The quarterly mass-meeting of the young people's society of Baptist churches of the District will be held to-night at the Anacostia Baptist Church. Rev. George R. Reed, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, will speak upon the subject of "How to Become a Pillar." Speakers from all the Baptist churches in the District will be present.

\$5.00 Weekly Excursion. Every Friday and Saturday until August 31 inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell for the 10 a. m. and 11 a. m. trains excursion tickets to Cape May, Atlantic City and Sea Isle City, at the rate of \$5, good returning until following Tuesday.

AMONG THE LABOR UNIONS

Street Railway Men Hold a Jollification Meeting.

District Assembly Places Butcher Auth on the Unfair List—Other Matters of Interest.

The Protective Street Railway Union held its regular meeting at Bunch's Hall, on Eighth street, last night, and indulged in a mild form of jollification over the successful termination of the late railway difficulties. President Thomas J. Lawrence presided over the deliberations.

The union expressed by a vote of thanks its appreciation of the prompt action of Mr. C. G. Conn, of The Washington Times, in extending a helping hand to William Haner, the union employe of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company who was discharged from the service of the railway on account of his affiliation with organized labor.

The committee that had charge of the union's interests in the recent railway troubles was tendered a unanimous indorsement and the thanks of the organization for the successful management of affairs. The committee consisted of President T. J. Lawrence and Messrs. James Trainer, M. Casey, J. C. Redding and F. M. Dent.

A resolution was adopted expressing the gratitude of the union to other labor fraternities for their prompt and expressed sympathy in the matter of placing the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company on the unfair list.

The desire was expressed by many to have a means provided for the creation of an honorary membership list. This was due to the fact that the members desired to give some practical expression of their appreciation of the cooperation of Anacostia citizens and others assisting in the late strike on the Anacostia Street Railway. To accomplish this an amendment to the constitution was adopted which permits officers besides railway men and members of union organizations to be elected as honorary members of the Railway Protective Union.

The railway men propose to have a street railway car in the procession on Labor Day if one can be procured for the purpose. The weekly meeting of District Assembly No. 66, K. of L., was held last night at Plasterers' Hall, there being a large number of delegates in attendance. Master Workman W. H. G. Simmons presided.

The local district assembly elected its delegate to the convention last night. Master Workman Simmons having been chosen, with Mr. E. F. Pywell as alternate. A report was had from the executive committee on the trouble between Mr. Gladstone, Assn. of the Union, and his employees. The latter have non-union men employed, this being the cause of the dispute.

The butchers declined to comply with the request that only union men be employed. The unionists in the past have had to wait orders from the boss butchers' association, and if any member violates the orders he will forfeit a \$300 deposit. This excuse was not satisfactory to the executive committee, which decided that Mr. A. H. placed on the unfair list.

The delegates to the District Assembly were therefore requested, in accordance with this action, to declare the decision of the executive committee before the local assemblies, and to bring it prominently to their attention. The delegates from the Executive Association of Engineers called the attention of the assembly to the excursion proposed to be given on Labor Day for the benefit of the widows of the cork-workers whose death occurred about an accident in June last. Batcher's Assembly, No. 6,341, reported through its delegates last night that they will turn out in full force on Labor Day. They will be followed in the parade by the members of the Batcher's Assembly, No. 6,341, who will carry with them a pair of sausages crossed. A rose will complete this unique boutonniere.

The Washington Branch, Granite Cutters, had its regular monthly meeting last night. The committee appointed at the last special meeting to see Grand Marshal McHugh with reference to a matter connected with the Labor Day parade, reported that Mr. McHugh had positively refused to accede to their request. The Granite Cutters then unanimously decided not to participate in the parade.

Before adjourning the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That the Washington Branch of the Granite Cutters' National Union solicit the press to co-operate with the workmen in the District in their efforts to secure a repeal of the contract law, and the passage of a bill looking to the construction of public buildings by day's work, at the maximum rates of wages prevailing in the respective trades in the District."

The National Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers, local branch, No. 10, met last night at the hall, No. 1314 E street northwest. It was decided that the ends of the trade would be better met if the helpers were to be organized into a separate and distinct organization, and that the members of the association should help together last night and an organization of the helpers was perfected. Joseph Mockabee was elected president and Martin McGarvey secretary.

Communications were sent by the Steam Fitters' Union, No. 10, and by the New York, contractors for the heating apparatus in the new Corcoran Art Gallery, stating that non-union men are being employed on the work and asking that the matter be attended to. The repairs being made at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum are, it is claimed, being done partly by non-union labor and the authorities were notified. There is some doubt as to the staffing of certain men on the Heurich Brewery, and an investigation will be asked for.

The Carpenters' Council met in their hall, No. 627 Massachusetts avenue, last evening with President R. E. Rhode in the chair and a large number of delegates present. Credentials were received from the Amalgamated Society in favor of W. E. Brunger and William Bowen and from Local Union, No. 1748, K. of L., in favor of W. E. Carr and these members were duly elected to the Executive Council. The organization committee reported that Mr. Charles Baum is having work done by non-union labor and the committee were instructed to have him sign an agreement to employ only union men in the future. If he does not consent to this proposition the matter will be reported to the Federation of Labor.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to visit House & Hermand reported that they found Mr. Prescott, the old in charge, willing to employ union labor and to comply with union rules and therefore no further trouble is anticipated. The committee appointed to see Chris. Xander reported that he has demanded union labor.

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Field and James Rooney. President Chamberlain acted as chairman.

The Fresco Painters met last night at their hall, No. 1230 Seventh street northwest. The anniversary of the organization of the union, which will take place on the first Monday in September, was thoroughly discussed, several plans of procedure proposed, but none decided upon.

The Labor Day arrangements were perfected and the Fresco Painters will be found in line on that day and very much in evidence. At the regular meeting last night of the Painters' Laborers' Union, No. 1, the delegates to the Labor Day convention reported, and after some discussion it was decided to employ a drum corps on Labor Day. The question of uniform was discussed and a favorable conclusion was reached.

GLADSTONE AT EIGHTY-SIX. How He Looked When He Made His Recent Speech.

Speaking of Mr. Gladstone's speech on the Armenian question, the St. James Gazette points out that there are no records of a great orator making a great speech in his 86th year. Mr. Gladstone is unique, still the "Grand Old Man." His appearance on the occasion mentioned is thus described: "Mr. Gladstone was in capital form last night. Though he walked with the help of a stick, he looked in splendid health. He was in the lower-fitting black frock coat, with which the House of Commons is familiar; that coat with the sleeves cut so long that they almost touched his knuckles, even when he lifts his arm to pound the air. His trousers, too, were of the dark gray tweed, of indistinguishable pattern and no cut to speak of, which he also habitually wears. His bow was of dark blue, and, notwithstanding that exciting character of his own's address, showed no inclination to make that change of position which has been said to give the Grand Old Man a look of loquacious ability. Singular to relate, Mr. Gladstone wore no boutonniere; but in London that he thus adorns his coat. In the country, it is less need to carry with him his evidence of the beauty of nature. His voice was clear, full and resonant; the sentences flowed with the ease of earlier days, and were delivered with energy and emphasis, and the pervasion showed that the draft he had made upon his vocal powers had left him unexhausted."

All Records Broken in Shoe Selling. An extraordinary sight was to be seen this morning at 1014 "G" Seventh street. An interested crowd covered the sidewalk and forced passers-by to step off into the road—that is, those whose urgent business forced them to hurry along without investigating the cause of the excitement. All those who stopped to investigate seemed to meet with the fate of the Rhine boatman, who is caused to listen to the fatally seductive song of the hotelier—for once they were able to look into the window, all other business seemed to be forgotten, and the crowd in life seemed to lose all interest, and they immediately joined the struggling, surging crowd, who were trying to push their way into the store. I stopped to gaze at the crowd and wonder. There were sharp-faced business men, pompous, portly gentlemen, who might be successful stock-brokers or bankers; sad-eyed women, who looked as if they carried a world of care on their shoulders; good-humored, fussy matrons; budding young boys, gay youths and society devotees, all classes were represented in that eager throng.

A strange peculiarity was that each man seemed to wear the same expression—an expression such as an amateur poker player wears when he holds an invincible hand and fears the others will not stay. My curiosity by this time was aroused to such a pitch that I was compelled to investigate the cause of all the excitement, so I pushed my way into the crowd till I got close enough to the windows to see what wonderful treasures it contained. Yes, I confess I—I, too, was startled, accustomed as I was to seeing bargains in Stoll's window. I was not prepared for such as I saw; and I understood then why the crowd was so eager to get into the store before it was too late. Carried in with the crowd, I watched the busy scene with curiosity and wonder, noting how the busy throng, almost without a word being spoken, what size and style the customer desired, and how rapidly and deftly the boys tied up the parcels—no bundle, no annoyance—the yards part was getting into the store. When once you were inside everything was working as smoothly as clockwork, notwithstanding the immense amount of business being done. Before I left I managed to catch a conversation with the genial Mr. Stoll, and he told the history of the wonderful sale—the Warren Shoe Store, G. W. Rich, on F street, had recently failed and how Mr. Stoll had bought the stock from the liquidator. It was a big undertaking to buy out the whole contents of such a store and move them to another place, but Mr. Stoll did it. He closed his store one full day to the public, hired ten extra clerks, marked the prices down 50 per cent, and was prepared for the rush which he knew would come. It started bright and early—just as soon as the store opened at 8 o'clock this morning, and there are no signs of it abating yet.

Only One Admitted. Up to the present time the only woman who has ever dared to set foot within the cloistered precincts of the Grand Trappe monastery, at Solgou, in France, was Queen Marie Amelie. After her visit, so the story runs, the monks repaired the cloisters through which she had passed, considering that their abode had been desecrated by the feet of even a royal lady. But now a new church is about to be consecrated there, and for the nine days between August 30 and September 8 persons of both sexes are to be permitted to visit the sacred inclosures of the monks.

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HE GOT THE SATCHEL. Mrs. Cunningham Held Up in Dead Man's Hollow.

Two HORSES POISONED. Rockville Citizen Loses a Matched Pair of Grays. Two valuable horses, the property of W. R. Humphrey, an undertaker, of Rockville, died yesterday from what is supposed to have been arsenical poisoning. The animals have been permitted for several days to run at large in a schoolhouse meadow near Mr. Humphrey's home, but just how they got the poisonous substance. In addition to hay, corn and grass found in the stomach of one of the animals, there was a quantity of maple leaves, and it is thought possible that the perpetrator of the deed may have fed the horses upon them after they had been dipped in a poisonous solution. Suspicion in a measure points to a band of gypsies which has just moved into the neighborhood, though no reason is given why they should do such a thing.

LAWYER FULLERTON HART. Lawyer James Fullerton, of No. 941 F street northwest, was thrown from a Ninth street car yesterday afternoon, and sustained a fracture of the left shoulder. He was on a north-bound electric car, and when attempting to alight near F street his foot caught in the slight ridge at the edge of the car floor and he pitched headlong into the street.

Capt. M. M. Ball Buried. Capt. M. M. Ball, an ex-Confederate soldier, died Tuesday at Providence Hospital. He was the brother of W. S. Ball, of the Division of Accounts, Treasury Department. His remains were taken to Lewinsville, Va., where they were buried.

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