

### FIRE BOAT NEEDED, SAYS POLICE CHIEF

#### Major Sylvester Points Out Economy in Providing It.

### NO BIG CITY WITHOUT ONE

#### Thinks, However, Police Patrol Boat Even More Necessary for Protection of Life and Property.

As the urgent need of a fireboat becomes more manifest every day the question is receiving closer consideration than, perhaps, ever before. A number of those interested in the subject have already expressed themselves in favor of an appropriation for such a purchase, while the latest to voice his approval is Major Richard Sylvester, Chief of Police, who has just returned from a trip to New Orleans.

"Do I think the District should have a fire boat?" he queried, in response to a question. "Yes, indeed; I most certainly do. In nearly every other city of this size throughout the country the municipal governments have supplied adequate means for fighting river conflagrations, and there is no reason why Washington should be content to be without any apparatus of this sort. Under existing conditions property along the Potomac is in constant danger of destruction, and no end of damage could be caused in a short time.

#### Should Be an Ice Breaker, Too.

"What the city requires is a modern, thoroughly-equipped vessel, with a well drilled crew to operate it. The boat should be under the direction of the Fire Department. I think it would be well to have one suitable for breaking ice during the winter, and thus keep the river open for traffic all year round. Indeed, this is an important factor in the construction of up-to-date fire boats.

"In travelling through the West I have noticed a system for fighting river fires that is never used, to my knowledge, in this part of the country. The leaves of every stream are equipped with a series of plugs from which a forceful pressure of water can be obtained. When a fire breaks out a line of hose can be coupled to these plugs, and the fire may thus be fought from the front.

#### Plea for Police Patrol.

"But I sincerely believe," Major Sylvester continued, "that the District needs a police patrol boat even more than a fire boat. One is to save life and the other to protect property. It is obvious which is the more important. The present police boat is not at all fitted for the demand upon it. Besides being entirely too small and altogether insufficient, it has only one crew—a day force—and must necessarily remain at anchor all night long.

"The usefulness of a thoroughly modern patrol boat is readily seen. Should a wreck occur in the Potomac in a storm the boat is always ready to give immediate and satisfactory assistance, while it is also a protection against illegal fishing and other lawlessness along the river front. And so I really think the purchase of a patrol should be given first consideration. You can put me down as strongly favoring that."

### WILLS OF ANN E. COATES AND H. JACOBSEN PROBATED

The will of Ann E. Coates, dated March 20, last, has been filed for probate. She leaves \$500 to the rector of Trinity Church, Georgetown, in trust, to use the income in caring for her burial lot in Holy Rood Cemetery; to her sister, Jane E. Welch, \$250; to her friend, Mary V. Lord, \$200; to Bridget Magee, \$100, and to the children of her sister, Katherine Boucher, \$5 each. If any of the beneficiaries, last referred to, "rebel," they are to be cut off without a cent. The same provision is made for the children of Jane E. Welch. The testatrix gives the remainder of her estate to the children of her brother, Enoch J. Spalding.

Herman Jacobsen, by his will dated July 1, 1891, leaves his estate to his wife Elizabeth A. Jacobsen, who is named executrix.

### PADDING SKELETONS.

#### That's Postum's Job.

The rapidity with which pure food and drink will win a hard battle against ill health makes people stare sometimes. The most wonderful medicine in the world may be tried without success so long as the body is slugged with coffee. After lying ten months in bed from his third attack of La Grippe, a gentleman of Bridgeport, Vt., recovered his health almost entirely in two weeks by leaving off coffee and drinking Postum Cereal Coffee at meal times. He says:

"I was reduced in weight from 190 to about 100 pounds and this remained a poor, helpless skeleton for eight months notwithstanding my physician's liberal prescriptions, besides many boxes and bottles of extensively advertised remedies and dozens of bottles of malt and other tonics.

"Finally in April, I stopped using coffee and other drugs and medicines of every kind and adopted a diet of plenty of Postum and Grape-Nuts. To my surprise in a short time I was able to eat and digest soft boiled eggs for breakfast and beefsteak for dinner. I gained flesh and strength rapidly.

"On the afternoon of June 9 I walked out of my residence for the first time in ten months and nine days. Two weeks later I left the city for my boyhood's home in the old Green Mountain State, where I am now living in better health and strength than I have had since my first attack of La Grippe in 1892. I regard my case as having been conquered so far as medical science was concerned by reason of heart failure, nervous prostration and, as my physician termed it, nearly total paralysis of certain internal organs, but found all this was caused by coffee drinking.

"Before I found Postum I was seventy years old, now I feel seventy years young." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY TO BE OBSERVED HERE

#### Admiral George Dewey Likely to Officiate.

The proposed public observance of Independence Day was given practical form yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the general committee of arrangements at the District Building. Commissioner Macfarland presided. Rear Admiral Taylor was elected vice chairman; Charles J. Bell, treasurer, and W. P. Van Winkle, secretary.

It was decided by the committee that the celebration should consist of a military procession from the Capitol to the White Lot; a public meeting in the White Lot, or in Chase's Theater, in case of rain; a display of fireworks on the Monument lot in the evening, and a general display of the flag.

At the public meeting, to be held at 10 o'clock a. m., there will be the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and Admiral George Dewey was requested to officiate. An oration will be delivered by a speaker of national reputation, and the exercises will be freely interspersed with music, playing by the Marine Band, and the singing of patriotic songs. The governors of Virginia and Massachusetts will be invited to be present, and participate in the exercises.

Raising of a fund for \$1,000 or more for the fireworks was looked upon as an important matter, and Thomas W. Smith was made chairman of the finance committee, with authority to appoint additional members.

W. F. Gude was made chairman of the committee on fireworks, with Cuno H. Rudolph as vice chairman. Col. T. W. Symons was appointed chairman of the committee on public order, and Percy S. Foster, chairman of the committee on music.

The president and secretaries of all citizens' associations in the District are invited to co-operate in the celebration, and to name one of their number as a member of the general committee of arrangements. Maj. Gen. J. C. Breckinridge was appointed on the general committee.

A suggestion was adopted that young people and children should provide themselves with small flags to be carried in their hands or worn as badges on Independence Day.

The procession will consist of regular soldiers, marines, National Guard, and High School cadets.

### ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 22.—The mayor this morning had before him the case of Benjamin Scrivner and Elmer Till, charged with obtaining money from the person of W. S. Kingree, in an unlawful manner. They were represented by G. L. Boothe. The first witnesses were Policemen Herbert C. Knight, Sherwood, and Henderson, who made the arrest. E. C. Dunn testified to seeing Scrivner put his hand in the stranger's pockets while he was sitting on the steps of a house opposite his home, on Duke Street.

Scrivner denied so doing, but said that the man dropped a bill, and he picked it up, and placed it in the stranger's pocket himself.

Till said that the stranger had given him a \$20 bill to get changed, that he might get 25 cents out of it with which to pay him for carrying his satchel. Mr. Catts testified that Till came into his store yesterday morning and bought a pair of shoes, giving him a \$20 bill to change. The mayor, in summing up the case, said that if the stranger had been perfectly sober and had given Till \$20, and Till had failed to return him the change, that he would have been guilty of petty larceny; but that, under the circumstances, he would fine Till only \$20 and send Scrivner to jail for six months.

#### Court of Black and Tans.

The mayor's court this morning was filled with people of nearly every nationality—Greeks, Italians, Chinese, and negroes being present. The cases were all of a trivial character, and the mayor soon disposed of them.

#### Quietly Married.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Mary's Church rectory, on Duke Street, yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being William F. Becker and Elizabeth M. Dean, of Washington, D. C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father H. J. Cutler, pastor of the church. The couple left for Washington immediately after the ceremony.

#### Funerals of a Day.

The funeral of the late Capt. James Pitt Forrest will take place from the late home of the deceased on Queen Street, this evening at 5 o'clock. The Rev. J. P. Stump, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, will conduct the services, and the remains will be interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

The funeral of John T. Callahan will take place from his late residence on lower Duke Street this evening, at 6 o'clock, and will be attended by the Masons of the city, the Odd Fellows, and the lawyers. The pallbearers will be Judge Louis C. Barley and Douglas Stuart, from the Alexandria bar; John M. Hough and John T. Harrison, from the Odd Fellows, and Dr. William H. Purvis and A. H. Oehlert, from the Masons. The Rev. Dr. Brooke will conduct the services, and the remains will be interred in Bethel Cemetery.

#### Gasoline Explosion.

A slight fire occurred this morning at the residence of Noble Smith, engineer of the Columbia Fire Company, on Wolfe Street, near Union, caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove. The damage was slight, and the engines did not go into service.

#### Bar Association Meets.

A meeting of the Alexandria Bar Association was held at the office of Judge Louis C. Barley yesterday and action taken upon the death of John T. Callahan, formerly a member of the bar. John M. Johnston presided, and Eugene B. Tay-

### OPEN-AIR SERVICES AT CATHEDRAL CLOSE

#### In Commemoration of the Feast of Ascension.

The first of a series of open air services at Cathedral Close, adjoining St. Alban's Church, on the Tenleytown Road, was held yesterday in commemoration of the Feast of the Ascension. The services began at 3:30 p. m., and were conducted by the Right Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, bishop of Washington, assisted by the Rev. George C. Bratenal, rector of St. Alban's. Bishop Satterlee delivered the sermon of the day.

Among the clergymen who assisted in the services were the Rev. Clement Brown, assistant rector of the Pro-Cathedral; the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's; the Rev. Dr. Buck, the Rev. Frederick B. Howden, rector of St. John's, Georgetown; the Rev. Walden Weyer, rector of Christ Church; the Rev. C. R. Stetson, assistant rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd; the Rev. Edward Marshall Mott, rector of the Church of the Advent; the Rev. John Dysart, the Rev. William L. Thomas, the Rev. Frank Craft, the Rev. Mr. Hillyer, the Rev. Jaudan, and the Rev. Alfred Harding.

One of the interesting features of the services yesterday was the consecration of a pair of brass vases and the "Hilda" stone. The vases were a gift to the church from Mrs. Aldrich. The "Hilda" stone has an interesting history in that it was the keystone of an arch in the abbey of St. Hilda at Whitby, England.

St. Hilda was the first to establish a school for girls in England. The stone contains the "Book of Remembrance," in which is inscribed the names of all those who have contributed to the Cathedral fund.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt, Ethel Roosevelt, and a number of other distinguished visitors attended the services.

#### HIT BY GOLF CLUB.

MIDDLETOWN, May 22.—Ralph M. Cole, of Totterville, N. Y., a student at Wesleyan University, will lose the sight of one eye as a result of an accidental blow from a golf club yesterday afternoon. While playing on the university grounds, a companion missed a stroke and the club hit Cole in the eye.

for officiated as secretary. Judge L. C. Barley and L. H. Machen and Douglas Stuart were appointed a committee to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. Callahan, and to send a copy to the courts of the city and county of Alexandria, as well as to the family of the deceased.

#### Political Whispers.

Walter U. Varney, of this city, is mentioned as a probable candidate for the State senate, to succeed S. R. Donahue.

Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent is in Newport News on legal business.

#### Glassblowers' Ball.

The glassblowers employed at the Old Dominion Glass Works will this evening give a ball at Odd Fellows Hall. It is expected that quite a large crowd will be in attendance, as the men at the Old Dominion are very popular in Alexandria.

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China and Japan Mattings and Crex Grass Carpets in great variety of patterns.  
12c for fine weave Heavy China Matting.  
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\$9.50 for this beautiful full roll Rattan Go-Cart. Cost elsewhere \$14.  
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S. E. Cor. 7th and D Sts. N. W.

### HUCKSTER KNOCKED DOWN BY BALE OF HAY

#### Singular Accident to a Man Driving Along the Road.

BOYD'S, Md., May 22.—Andrew Strange, who runs a huckster wagon, met with a peculiar accident on Tuesday near Poolesville. He was coming down a rather rough road near Poolesville, having on his wagon a number of empty crates, a bale of hay, and other things.

The bale of hay shifted its position, slid to the forward part of the wagon, and struck Strange on the back of the head and knocked him from the wagon to the ground, rendering him partially insensible. He was badly bruised. The horse ran away, and broke the wagon badly.

Frank Mobley, the thirteen-year-old son of Mahlon Mobley, and brother of Henry Mobley, the unfortunate young victim of a premature blast at Dicker-son's, is very ill at his home there from heart trouble brought on by excitement of his brother's injuries, and by the excitement surrounding the funeral.

The intensely warm weather and

drought, are literally burning up the grass, and injuring the wheat by cutting it short, and all vegetation is in a parched condition. Unless rain comes within the next week, the damage done throughout the county to crops will be very large. Never was rain more badly needed than at this time.

Mrs. Beall Unglesbee, of Poolesville, died there Wednesday morning, of consumption, aged twenty-seven years. Her husband was to have taken her to the pine tree country in North Carolina in hopes of restoring health, but a rapid decline set in. She was formerly a resident of Damascus, whence she had

moved only a few weeks. Her husband and two bright little boys survive her.

### TWO PETITIONS IN VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY

Afonso St. Relli, who carries on a tailoring business at 605 Thirteenth Street northwest, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. He lists his liabilities at \$1,292.42, and his assets at \$865.50.

William I. Schneider also filed a petition in bankruptcy. He stated his liabilities to be \$3,406.61. He makes no return of assets.

Penna. Ave. and Seventh St.

# Saks & Company

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It's a weave of surpassing merit; it is dyed with best Indigo; it is capable of withstanding the wear of greatest exposure; it is made up under the "Fit Reform" system that gives fashionable shape and holds it, that fits perfectly.

It's OUR Serge exclusively; the method of making-up is OURS exclusively. There's no satisfaction so complete and so certain at \$15, or \$18, as the satisfaction we give you in the Russian Navy Serges at

**\$12.50 a Suit**

No matter what your size—from smallest to biggest—even up to 50-inch chest measure—you can be fitted.

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Even at the very start of the Two-piece Suit season we are prepared to show you what extraordinary values we have arranged. The complete line ranges from \$5 to \$25. But tomorrow we want to put special emphasis upon one single grade. It's specially strong in quality; specially rich in variety; remarkable in every way for the price. For choice there'll be innumerable patterns in Fancy Flannel, Wool Crash, and Featherweight Cheviot; made up, of course, without linings, but carefully, conscientiously and conscientiously made; so correctly cut that fit is assured and shapeliness insured. Light, dark and medium effects—a good \$13.50's worth for

**\$10.00 a Suit**

All sizes, from smallest to biggest. See what it means to have a Suit Saks-made—limitless satisfaction and from actual saving.

### Some Remarkably Deep Cuts in Boys' Clothing.

This is a Wool and Wash Suit occasion. In the Wool Suits we have made the reductions ourselves from our regular marked prices. The Wash Suits represent some specially fortunate buying we were enabled to do—making genuine and legitimate bargains ready to answer the first calls of the warm season. Surely nowhere else are the boys catered to with such unflinching attention—only the best permitted within the stock and every facility employed that makes for lowest prices without curtailing quality.

All the small lots of Boys' Short Pants Wool Suits—that is the one, two, and three of a kind—every kind.



Double-Breasted, Norfolk, Plain or Fancy Colors, Russian Blouse.

from the \$2.50 grade up to the \$9 grade have been selected out and placed in one of three lots for special selling, at half price, and less than half price.

Such cutting is no reflection on the values; merely indicates our sincerity of purpose and our determination. There haven't been better Suits in the stock. While sizes are scattering it's almost certain every boy can be fitted.

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The Suits that have been \$3.50, \$4, and \$5 are in a lot for..... **\$2.15**

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### Neglige Shirts a Third Below Usual Price.

If you take advantage of these special offerings of Neglige Shirts of ours as they are made from time to time you can easily and quickly assemble a season's supply and save from one-half to a third of the regular cost. There's a third to be saved tomorrow.

There was only 25 dozen of this lot—made up in Imported Madras, neat in striped patterns, with cuffs attached. \$1.50 values, in full assortment of sizes.

**Special: \$1.00**

### The Straw Hat Leader Will Lead Again Tomorrow.

We've enough more of the \$2 value Sennits and Split Braid Straw Hats left to continue the special offering at

**\$1.35**



tomorrow. The Sennit Straw is the VERY fashionable braid this season. These are clear and white, strictly concealed stitched, and, with the Split Braids, are shaped in all widths of brim and heights of crown. The sweats are fine leather, as you can see; and the outside bands of fine silk.

The identical grade is selling at \$2 in more than one store—and at our price—\$1.35—nowhere else in America.

You know what a lead we've always maintained in Hat-selling, especially Straw Hat-selling. This is a "leader's leader."

Boys' Blue Mixed, and Plain White Canton Braid and Sennit Straw Hats; in the latest shapes, with blue or black bands. **45c** Worth 75c. Special

Makers' Samples of Children's Wide-brim Straw Sailors; extra fine Hats in every desirable braid and dimension; smooth and rough straw; plain and mixed, with plain and fancy silk bands and streamers. Values up to \$2.50. Choice **69c**

### Underwear at Underprice.

Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, natural color, regular made, and as good value as you can buy under ordinary conditions for 50c a garment.

The Shirts have French necks, long or short sleeves, and pearl buttons.

The Drawers have the Otis Double Gusset, suspender tapes, and pearl buttons; French back strap.

We know it is a special value, and the quantity won't outlast tomorrow's demand for it at

**39c a Garment**

### Shoe Specials That Appeal to the Family.

Seems as if the climax of possibility in Shoe-value must be reached in these specials that are assembled for tomorrow. Especially have the Men and the Women never enjoyed greater privilege when merit and variety are considered.

Women's Black Vici Kid, Tan Vici Kid, Chrome Calf, Patent Leather, and Patent Colt Oxford Ties; welt sewed, with Cuban, French, and "Steeple" heels; also Patent Vici Kid and Velvet Kid Strap Sandals, with plain or beaded vamp, high or low French heels. The values included are \$3 and \$3.50, with choice for. **\$1.95**

New Russian Calf, Vici Kid, Patent Calf, and Patent Colt, Velour Calf, Wax Calf Button, Lace, and Oxford. The shapes are extreme and conservative, with single and double soles, close-trimmed and extension edges, and worth \$3.50 and \$4 a pair. **\$2.45**

Boys' and Youths' Black Vici Kid and Satin Calf Lace Shoes; solid oak soles, neat shapes and every pair guaranteed. All sizes; worth \$2 a pair. Special. **\$1.35**

"Mignon" Button, Lace, and Oxford Ties, for the misses and children. This is our special shoe for the girls, and bears in value and satisfaction any other popular-priced shoe on the market. Sizes 1 1/2 to 2, \$1.25 a pair. Sizes 8 to 11, \$1.15 a pair. Sizes 5 to 8. **\$1.00**