

LOCAL NEWS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.—The regular sessions of the City Council were resumed last night.

There were present, Messrs. McKenzie, Neale, Moore, Arnold, Moran, Dyson, Jamieson, Daw, Baker, Evans and Portner.

On motion of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jamieson was chosen President pro tem. and J. L. Dyson was appointed clerk pro tem.

A report from the Committee on the Fire Department was received and read. It shows that there are two organized Fire Companies in the city, the Friendship and Sun Companies. The Friendship Company has one hundred active members; their apparatus is in good condition, but for the sake of efficiency the Committee think that they should have 500 feet more of hose; their house needs repairs to the amount of \$150 or \$200. The Sun Company has also one hundred active members; the apparatus is in good condition; their hose ought to be increased to 1,000 feet; about \$75 of repairs on the Engine and hose carriages will put them in complete order. The Committee request that the companies keep the laws of the state and United States in view, and strictly observe them, as only 64 members for each company are excepted by the law, the remainder might be classed as supernumeraries and not reported to the Court for the privileges allowed by law to full members. The Committee further report that the Hydraulion, Star and Relief Companies are disorganized; the Hydraulion has a good engine, but neither hose nor reel—the house is in good order. The Star and Relief houses are excellent buildings, but have been occupied by soldiers of the U. S. during the late war, and their valuable apparatus destroyed by them. The Star engine house is now used as a Telegraph office, and the Relief house is held by the estate of the late Stephen Shinn. The Committee acknowledge the services of the Government Steam Fire Engines, and hope that one of them will be purchased by the city, when they are no longer to be used by the government. The Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department prepare and report to the Council an estimate, as accurate as practicable, of the value of the fire apparatus destroyed by the U. S. soldiers and of the damage done by them to Engine houses, &c.

The expenses of the Fire Department, as reported by the Committee at from March to July, 1865, \$950.92.

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

A tax on a tythe, assessed to W. B. Entwistle, of \$2, was ordered to be refunded. A tax of \$12.50 on Thomas Travers and a tax of \$16 on W. W. White were ordered to be refunded.

P. H. Hooff's petition for remission of taxes was referred back to the Committee on Claims. A communication from I. B. Lovejoy, Inspector of Liquors, praying relief from tax on his salary, was referred to the Committee on General Laws.

A petition from Lewis Tyce, asking a remission of taxes, was referred to the Committee on Claims. An order was passed refunding to T. B. Robertson, a tax on a piano.

Mr. McKenzie presented a bill for an appropriation to have the laws of the Corporation and those of the State and U. S., bearing upon them, codified, which was laid over. Mr. Moran introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a steam ferry between this city and the Maryland shore, opposite, which was adopted, and Messrs. Moran, Portner, Daw and Neale appointed the committee.

A communication from W. R. Howard, Measurer of Lumber, complaining of a lumber merchant named Harmon, for persistently violating the law, and refusing to have his lumber inspected, &c., was referred to the Mayor for a report.

A resolution for the election by the Council, at its next meeting, of a night watch, was offered, but after debate withdrawn. Mr. Arnold called the attention of the Council to the loose and inefficient manner in which the assessment is made, declaring that not more than two-thirds of the personal property is assessed at all, and that the real estate has to bear nearly the entire burthen of taxation, and gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he should introduce a resolution to have some competent gentleman appointed, who will make a thorough and correct assessment and report before the election of assessors by the next Council.

Mr. McKenzie coincided in the views expressed by Mr. Arnold, after which the Council adjourned.

A lady, just from the cars, at the R. R. depot yesterday, had her pocket picked, and her port monnaie, containing a sum of money, stolen.

STEAM FERRY COMMUNICATION WITH THE MARYLAND SHORE.—In the City Council, last night, Mr. Moran introduced a resolution of inquiry into the expediency of establishing a Steam Ferry communication with the Maryland Shore opposite. Mr. Moran stated that he had been urged to move in this matter by several prominent merchants, that he thought it a subject worthy the attention of the Council, and that even if the City did not subscribe, yet by their countenance, it would probably induce private enterprise to engage in this much needed Ferry. Mr. Arnold opposed the measure on the ground that it should be left to private enterprise alone. The city was not in a condition to make the expenditure, and he hoped the subject would be withdrawn. The motion of Mr. Moran was pressed, however, and a committee was appointed to make the enquiry.

THE ALEXANDRIA CANAL.—We referred the other day to the importance of some active steps being taken to induce a repair of the Alexandria Canal Aqueduct, and the opening of the Canal. The coal trade is one of the most important branches of business yet left to us, or yet within our reach. Every day that the Canal is kept closed, is detrimental to the interests of this place. It hardly needs statistics to prove what the value of the Coal trade has been to us, and what it might be made.—It is now transferred to Georgetown, and the work on which so much money was spent, and so many high hopes bottomed, is dead to all practical purposes, as far as Alexandria is concerned. We have been requested by several of our citizens to urge, still farther, this matter, upon the public attention. We hope that steps will be taken in the right direction, at once.

NIGHT WATCH.—An unsuccessful attempt was made, in the City Council last night to introduce a resolution, looking to the election of a night watch. Mr. McKenzie opposed the motion on the ground that the city was far better patrolled by the military guard than it could be by any watch that the Council might choose, that it would be only an additional expense to the corporation, without accomplishing the end desired, that although garroting was newly imported here yet robberies had been of frequent occurrence before the war, and that if the military patrol could not prevent it a force of night watch certainly could not. He had been in favor of the appointment of a watchman for the market square, and thought it was meanness in the Council not to appoint one, but as for a regular night watch for the city, it was, he thought, useless. Mr. Arnold seconded the views of Mr. McKenzie, and the subject was dropped.

CODIFYING THE LAWS.—An act has been introduced in the City Council looking to a codifying of the laws of the city and those of the State and Federal governments bearing upon them. This is a work much needed and if it can be done without much expense to the corporation it should be begun early. As at present arranged the laws will "puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer."

We are pleased to learn that the Postmaster General has accepted offers for carrying the mails from Fredericksburg by Coxorn, King George C. H., Edge Hill, Millville, Oak Grove, Montross, Nominy Grove, Lyell's Store Warsaw, Durrettsville, Farnham, Point Isabel and Lancaster C. H. to Kilmarnock and back, twice a week. The contract has been taken by Mr. Hilton, of Warsaw, Va., at the rate of \$1,495 per annum. This is the opening of mail facilities to the people of the Northern Neck of Va., in whose interest and prosperity we feel deeply interested.

A National Bank is to be established in Fredericksburg at an early day, with a minimum capital of \$100,000 and a maximum of \$500,000. Mr. A. K. Philips will be President, and Messrs. Wm. H. Cunningham, Christopher Armat, John G. Hurkamp and John E. Tackett the directors.

The gunners are beginning to kill Sora, in the adjacent marshes. These birds now sell at from \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen. They will soon be more plentiful than they are now.

Grateful and refreshing showers fell to-day. We hope for cooler weather. It is much needed for health and comfort.

It will be seen that Lewis McKenzie, esq., is a candidate for Congress from this Congressional district.

THE ELECTION YESTERDAY.—As we stated yesterday, though there was an election ordered for Magistrates in the 3d and 4th districts and for a constable in all the districts, yet there was but one poll opened, that in the 3d district, at the Court House, where there were upwards of a hundred and thirty votes cast, of which P. G. Uhler, for Magistrate, received 73, and W. L. Penn 12; for Constable, S. N. Chipley, received 128 votes, Jos. Colton 1, and Geo. Gant 1. Geo. P. Douglass, a negro, received one vote for Magistrate. The polls in this ward were not opened until 10 o'clock. There was apparently no interest taken in the election.

PARDONS.—The following persons from Virginia have, in addition to those heretofore mentioned received pardons under the Amnesty proclamation, to wit:—Mont. Slaughter, Wm. Slater, Washington Reed, Lewis Marshall, B. W. Marshall, B. P. Noland, McMillan King, T. E. Knox, Wellington Goddin, Edward H. Fitzhugh, J. H. DeJarnette, H. C. Cabell, J. S. Barbour, Wm. Allen, Catherine Alston, R. H. Dulany, Matthew Harrison, John G. Kurkamp, Abraham Warwick.

Surgeon E. Bentley, who has been on duty, connected with the hospitals in this place, for some time past, has been brevetted a Lieut. Colonel, for efficient and meritorious services.

A quarrel took place in Ocoquan, Va., last Sunday night between two men, named Taylor and Long, in which Taylor stabbed Long and killed him instantly.

We received, yesterday, from Mr. C. B. Brent, Tobacco and Cigar Merchant, No. 96, King st., samples of his stock of goods, which for excellence of flavour and deliciousness of aroma can not be surpassed. Mr. Brent has a large stock of just such as he sent us.

Gen. Longstreet, of the late Confederate army, is in Baltimore. He has made application for pardon under the amnesty proclamation.

The Maryland Episcopal Convention assembled in Baltimore yesterday.

GOLD.  
NEW YORK, September 13.—Gold, 143.  
MARRIED.  
In Washington, on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at Christ Church, by the Rev. Mr. Olds, J. FAULKNER COCK, to LUCY C., daughter of William Van Metre Henry, Esq., of Warren county, Va.  
DIED.  
SPOTSWOOD AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON, Esq., died at his residence at Middleport, Illinois, on the 24th ultimo, aged 54 years. His father was Bushrod Washington, Jr., son of Colonel William Augustine Washington, who was brother of Bushrod Washington, Sr., Judge of the United States Supreme Court: the latter was the son of Lawrence Washington, brother of George Washington. By his death a valuable relic—the golden seal which the immortal Washington wore while living, as his private seal—now descends to his eldest son, Bushrod D. Washington.  
In Washington, yesterday, after a protracted illness, GRAPTON POWELL, Esq., in the 62d year of his age.

MARINE LIST.  
PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, SEPT. 13, 1865.  
ARRIVED.  
Schr. Dunton, Janson, Richmond, coal to Gas Company.  
Schr. Ida A. Jayne, Jayne, New York, malt, H. Hartin.  
Sloop Ann McCarty, Hatton, Piscataway, grain, Witmer & Washington.  
I would state to the public that I have now employed in cleaning the streets, alleys, lanes, &c., of the city, twenty-two laborers, and six horses and carts, actively employed in their work. This is a larger force than has been on the streets for ten or twelve years, and I give my personal superintendance and untiring efforts to the work. The city is better drained than it ever has been before, considering the means at my disposal. Properly to clean up the filth created by the negro population in the suburbs, and elsewhere, would require one hundred men, at least. This population is not under my control, and frequently will not obey the orders given them for the removal of nuisances. The best that can be done, therefore, is done—although stringent measures ought to be adopted to compel the negroes to observe the city regulations in regard to the preservation of the public health.  
It JOS. COLTON, Supt of Police.

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE OWNERS of property on the paved streets that the Corporation Law in regard to repairing side pavements in front of their property, will be enforced.  
JOS. COLTON, Superintendent of Police.  
CORPORATION LAW.—That the 50t pavements which shall have been made under any former law, and which may hereafter be made, when the same shall be out of repair, shall be repaired at the expense of the proprietors of the ground adjoining, and if the same shall not be repaired within thirty days after, the Superintendent of Police shall, in writing, require the same to be done, it shall be the duty of the said Superintendent to have it done, and charge the expense to the proprietor, an account of which he shall put into the hands of the Collector to collect, and if not paid the same shall be collected in the same manner as other demands due the Corporation are collected.  
sep 11—37

25 BBLs. PRIME EXTRA FLOUR, just received and for sale by  
W. A. SMOOT,  
No. 21, N. Union st.  
sep 13—

J. WOODVILLE ASHBY. JOHN S. WHARTON.  
ASHBY & WHARTON,  
GROCERS, COMMISSION & FORWARDING MERCHANTS.  
N. W. Corner King and Union Sts., Alex., Va.  
sep 13—tf

NOTICE.—All persons in my debt will please make prompt payment either to me or to T. A. Brewis. All bills of mine that are not paid within a reasonable time, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. All persons having claims against me will please present them at once.  
HENRY F. DAVIS,  
Alexandria, Va., Sept. 13, 1865. sep 13—lm

ESTRAYS.—Came, estray, to my place, Cedar Hill, near Mount Vernon, some time since, TWO MULES, which the owner or owners can have by proving property and paying charges.  
W. M. HUNTER.  
Fairfax county, sep 13—21\*

A YAWL BOAT, about twenty feet long, leaden color, four new seats, and a pair of round oar locks, with a new stem, was picked up adrift, on Sunday last, off Glymont. The owner can have the boat by paying expenses, on application at the Light House, on Jones' Point.  
sep 13—3t

DR. J. S. CONRAD offers his professional services in the practice of MEDICINE and SURGERY, to the citizens of Alexandria.—Office, on Prince st., between Washington and St. Asaph sts.  
sep 13—lm

Auction Sales.  
LAND FOR SALE.—I am desirous of selling immediately, two very valuable TRACTS of LAND in the county of Fairfax, one of one hundred and seventy-five acres, within ten miles of Alexandria, on the Little River turnpike road, containing about one hundred and thirty acres of wood and timber. The cleared land is in an excellent condition—the improvements tolerable. The other, a tract of land near Fall's Church, containing sixty acres, admirably adapted to gardening purposes, plenty of wood for the place and well watered. Both or either of these places will be sold on the most accommodating terms, by application to me, at the Marshall House, Alexandria.  
sep 13—3t DAN'L F. DULANY,  
By J. C. McGuire & Co., Auctioneers.

NOTICE TO THE TRADE.  
LARGE SALE by catalogue of entire stock of late James Skirving. Will be sold at the store, corner Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, about the 20th instant. Particulars in future advertisement. Articles and quantities in catalogue will be distributed previous to sale.  
JAS. C. MCGUIRE & CO.,  
Washington, sep 11—6t Auctioneers.

TRUST SALE OF STORE HOUSE AND DWELLING HOUSE, IN FRONT ROYAL, WARREN CO., VA. By virtue of a Deed of Trust, executed by Newman M. Jacobs, dated 2d day of December, 1851, and by consent and request of the parties, the undersigned as Trustee will, on THURSDAY, 5th day of October, 1865, on the premises, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, a STORE HOUSE, DWELLING HOUSE and LOT OF LAND, situated in Front Royal, Warren county, Va. It may be divided and sold in two tenements. Terms:—One-half of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in one year from the day of sale, bearing interest, to be secured by obligation of the purchaser, with a lien on the property. A part of the property is rented until the 1st day of August, 1866, and the purchaser will be entitled to the rent.  
GILES COOK, Trustee.  
Front Royal, Va., September 9—law3w

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE, BY WITMER & WASHINGTON, Auctioneers. Will be sold on FRIDAY MORNING, September 15th, commencing at 9 o'clock, at the residence of Dr. B. King, No. 235, King street, Alexandria, all the HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE belonging to the estate of Sallie W. Griffith, dec'd.  
LLEWELLYN HOXTON,  
sep 9—ts Administrator.

CHURCH FOR SALE.—By authority of the trustees of the Congregation of the Wesleyan Church, the subscriber will sell at Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of September, inst., at 12 o'clock, M., the CHURCH EDIFICE and the lot appurtenant, on the west side of Columbus street, between Wolfe and Wilkes streets, Alexandria, Va.  
Terms—One third cash, residue in six and twelve months, with interest, to be secured on the property. Sale on the premises.  
sep 4—dts S. FERGUSON BEACH.

MISS KATE WHITE will give instructions on the Piano to a few additional scholars, on the most reasonable terms. Enquire at No. 39, Prince street.  
[sep 12—1w]

BOARD, for four or six young gentlemen, in a private family, can be obtained at No. 39, Prince street.  
[sep 12—1w]

SHIP CHANDLERY—30 coils of HEMP and MANILLA ROPE; 20 coils BAL-LING ROPE, for sale by  
aug 12 NATHANIEL BOUSH & CO.

PACIFIC ISLAND GUANO, BONE DUST, for sale by JOHN S. KNOX, JR.,  
sep 8—lm No. 10, Union street.

GROCERIES.—We are now receiving an assortment of GROCERIES, to which we invite attention.  
sep 7—tf WITMER & WASHINGTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale A TRACT OF LAND, two miles from Manassas Station, and lying on the line of the Manassas Gap Railroad, containing about one hundred and eighty acres, with dwelling and out houses, and plenty of timber to support the farm, it will be sold very low  
J. J. JOHNSON,  
sep 12—tf 111 King street