

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

COMMERCIAL.

Table of market prices for various commodities including flour, wheat, corn, and other goods.

LOCAL MATTERS.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS.—Until further notice the following will be the hours for the opening and closing of the mails:

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., May 1, 1876—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle and Eastern States rising barometer, northwest winds, increasing to brisk and possibly high, cooler, clear or clearing weather.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN THE COUNTY.—Some years ago a question arose as to what days were "legal holidays" for schools in the county.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Beef Cattle were in better demand this week, and prices were a trifle higher; 3200 head arrived and sold at 44 1/2c for extra heavy and Western 19c for common, as to quality.

WIND STORM.—The clouds of yesterday morning gave way about eleven o'clock to bright sunshine. About four o'clock in the afternoon the wind came out strong from the northwest, and blew a perfect gale, lasting for several hours.

FISH REPORT.—Since Saturday's report there had been received at Fishtown about 12,500 shad and 128,500 herrings. This report includes two days' operations.

ALEXANDRIA CANAL COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the Alexandria Canal Company was held at the Auditor's office to-day.

CARRIED HOME.—The mother of the young man, Theodore Batteson, whose detention as a lunatic was mentioned in the Gazette, last week, arrived here yesterday morning and took charge of her son, whom she removed to the Alexandria House.

ALEXANDRIA CONVICTS.—The late trip of some Alexandria convicts to the penitentiary has afforded an item to several of the newspapers in the State.

BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION CASE.—The Leesburg Washington says: The case of the Bank of Old Dominion vs. McVeigh was given to the jury Thursday evening.

THE REVIVAL.—Large congregations continue to attend the revival meetings at the M. E. Church, and many persons are nightly asking for prayers.

THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY.—Most of the churches were well attended yesterday morning, but at night, owing to the disagreeable weather, the congregations were smaller.

STREET REPAIRS.—The Superintendent of Police has his force at work now repairing and setting the curbs on Fayette street, between King and Cameron, an ere long the passengers by the late trains will be able to pass over the square named without the breaking of their limbs as formerly.

DEATH AT THE ALMS HOUSE.—Richard Beach, a well known character about town, who was at one time the city "dog catcher," was taken sick on the 22d ult, and being in delicate circumstances was sent to the Alms House, where he died on Saturday of erysipelas and pneumonia combined.

ARM MASHED.—Mr. E. B. Curran, the telegraph operator at the W. & O. depot, had his left arm caught between two cars, there, this afternoon, and badly mashed. He was attempting to couple the cars when the accident happened. His arm immediately began to swell and it is feared it is seriously hurt.

CHANGE OF DEPOT.—It is said that the passenger depot of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company is to be removed in a short time—about the 15th inst—from its present location, at the corner of King and St. Asaph streets, to the corner of King and Fayette streets.

WE HAD TRIED Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in our family, and can assert that it is the best remedy for a cough or cold ever introduced. Price, 25 cents.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1, 1876.—In the Senate, to-day, Mr. Withers presented a memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Richmond, Va., in favor of the Metric system.

THE IMPEACHMENT.—At 12:35 the Senate resumed its session as a court of impeachment, the galleries being only about half filled, and many seats on the floor being unoccupied.

FOREIGN NEWS.—REDESHIM, May 1.—The boiler of a steam ferry boat plying between this place and Bangor on the left bank of the Rhine exploded yesterday. It is believed that thirty persons were killed.

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any of them will be acted upon until next session. The number of claims of a private character already before the committee is very large, and as the examination into each case requires some time, the delay in reporting is unavoidable.

PLATT VS. GOODE.—The contested election case of Platt vs. Goode, from the Norfolk district, will be taken up in committee on Wednesday of Thursday next, when the evidence will be heard; but there seems very little doubt of the result, the proof being considered conclusive in favor of Mr. Goode, the sitting member, and a very able one at that.

General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—BALTIMORE, Md., May 1.—The second-annual General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled this morning at the Academy of Music in this city, and was called to order at 9 o'clock by Bishop James B. Harris, Foster, Haron, Andrews, Merrill and Peck occupied seats on the platform, and the audience was filled with delegates. Dr. Aaron Wood of the Northwest Indiana Conference, and Dr. Gardner Baker, of the Northern New York Conference, were invited, as seniors, to take seats upon the platform. Bishop Simpson read the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah, commencing, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," Bishop Scott read hymn 999, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," which was sung by the entire audience, led by the choir on the platform. A fervent prayer by Dr. Aaron Wood followed, after which Bishop Bowman read the first chapter of Hebrews. Bishop Harris read hymn 739, "Jesus the Conqueror Reigns," which was sung as the former, and followed by an earnest and solemn prayer by Dr. Gardner Baker. Bishop James stated that he held in his hand a roll of delegates to this Conference prepared by Geo. W. Woodruff, Secretary of the last General Conference, and asked what was the pleasure of the Conference.

On motion of Dr. Curry, of the New York Christian Advocate, Mr. Woodruff proceeded to call the roll of delegates, at the conclusion of which Bishop James announced a quorum present. On motion of Dr. N. W. Wynn, of Washington city, the Conference proceeded to elect a Secretary by ballot. A number of gentlemen were placed in nomination. While the ballots were being counted, Bishop Ames, as resident Bishop of Baltimore, read an address of welcome from the Committee of Arrangements, which was responded to by Bishop James.

BALTIMORE, May 1.—In the address of welcome the committee state: "On the 21st day of the present month, one hundred years will have elapsed since the first Annual Conference assembled in this city. Here also, in 1774, Methodism in America, assumed its separate and independent existence as a Church, its standards of faith, determined on the form of government and organization of method of working. It is thirty six years this day since the General Conference last assembled here, although up to that time more than one half of all the General Conferences had their sessions in Baltimore." An hour or more was occupied in selecting seats by the several Conferences as they were separately drawn by ballot and announced. After a second ballot Geo. W. Woodruff was declared elected Secretary.

Foreign News.—REDESHIM, May 1.—The boiler of a steam ferry boat plying between this place and Bangor on the left bank of the Rhine exploded yesterday. It is believed that thirty persons were killed.

LONDON, May 1.—A special dispatch from Vienna to the News says that a German physician, Dr. Heck, has telegraphed from Baghdad that the disease prevalent there is not the plague but an epidemic fever curable by quinine. Steamer Utopia, the pioneer of the fortnightly service between this port and New York, left here yesterday.

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CANDIDATES.

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As the time is approaching when the people of this city will be called upon to elect a Mayor, and as the question of my eligibility to that office has been raised, it is proper that I should define my position.

There never has been a doubt in my own mind as to my eligibility for re-election. The 34th section of the city charter admits of no other reasonable construction than that that no person may be elected to the office of Mayor by the "qualified voters" of the city for three successive terms. However, while this was my decided opinion on the subject, I felt unwilling to trust entirely to my own judgment, and, therefore, submitted the question to two distinguished legal gentlemen of acknowledged ability, whose decided opinion I admit to be in my favor, whatever it was, if they agreed.

Their written opinions, which were handed to me this morning and which are hereto submitted, fully confirming, as they do, my own construction of the 34th section, I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the approaching May election.

K. Kemper esq. Dear Sir: In answer to your favor asking for my opinion in writing as to your eligibility for re-election as Mayor of the City of Alexandria for two terms successively, I beg to advise you that the 34th section of the charter provides that the Mayor of the city of Alexandria shall be annually elected by the qualified voters; and that he shall hold his office for one year; and that the expiration of which period he may be re-elected for two terms successively and no longer.

This is the meaning of the section as it bears upon the question of your eligibility to a re-election. The simple question is this: when is a Mayor ineligible to re-election? I answer when he has been elected for three successive terms by the people.

This disqualification does not begin to run until he has been elected by the people for the period of one year, and the section is explicit that at the expiration of that year he may be re-elected for two terms successively.

The 34th section provides that in case a vacancy shall occur in the office of Mayor, the City Council shall elect a qualified person to supply the vacancy for the unexpired term.

This section has no reference to the 34th section. There is nothing in the charter that gives an election by the Council to the Mayor the same effect as an election by the people for a whole term, and the rules for the construction of statutes do not permit of such an interpretation of the act.

The incumbent would have the right to be re-elected as often as the people should choose to re-elect him, if there were no provision in the charter qualifying that right.

Whenever a statute is in derogation of a right it must be strictly construed, and as this statute is in derogation of the right to be elected as often as the people might choose, it may be elected for three successive terms and no longer—this disqualification cannot be extended by implication.

To say that a person who has been elected by the Council to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term is not eligible to an election for a consecutive term by the people would be to construe the act as if it read that a person might be elected for three successive terms by the people and provided, however, that if he had been elected by the Council to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term he could not be elected by the people for three terms successively. This would be to make a law, not to construe one.

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His eligibility is not in any way affected by the fact that, prior to his first election by the people, he may have filled a vacancy in the office under an election by the Council.

I think, therefore, you are eligible to the office of Mayor of Alexandria at the coming municipal election. S. FERROUSI DEACON, April 29, 1876.

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA CITY AND COUNTY.—I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for the City. Being in favor of the largest exercise of the elective franchise by the people, and seeing a disposition to choke off the amendment to the city charter by ridiculous, I will address the people in person at Market Square, on Wednesday, the 3d day of May, at 7 o'clock p. m. Discussion invited.

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