

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., April 11, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle States clear or fair weather and slight rise in temperature, north to west winds, light to moderate in the southern portion and falling barometer in the northern portion.

CITY COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held last night.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

This Board met at 8:10 o'clock, seven members being present.

A communication was received from the Mayor announcing the decease of officer Thomas Morris and the filling of the vacancy by the appointment of readman Wm. Phillips.

Mr. Smoot did not know whether Council, by receiving the communication, would be a question whether the Mayor could fill vacancies or not.

Mr. Strauss did not understand why the communication was sent all to the Council had the sole power to fill vacancies in Corporation offices.

Mr. Armstrong thought the communication had better be laid upon the table. We now had trouble on hand growing out of the same kind of a case. The Mayor claimed all of the Council would become the little end of nothing.

Mr. Smoot thought the Mayor's appointment amounted to shucks and approved by the Council. He moved to lay the communication on the table.

Mr. Downham agreed with Mr. Armstrong, and thought the Mayor's communication was a kind of trap to commit the Council in future action, and might be used to prejudice the case now pending in the Corporation Court.

The motion to lay on the table was carried unanimously.

Mr. Strauss offered a resolution instructing the Finance Committee to report a salary bill before the municipal election.

Mr. Smoot thought the resolution unnecessary, as the committee would probably have the bill here in time.

Mr. Strauss recounted the troubles in passing a salary bill last year, and thought candidates should know before election what salaries they were to expect.

Mr. Moore, who is a member of the Finance Committee, said the bill would be reported at the next meeting, whereupon Mr. Strauss withdrew his resolution.

The Board then, at 8:35, adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

There was a quorum within the hour and a far attendance as usual on the opening of the Council last night.

The President being absent on the property of Mr. Marbury, Mr. Broders was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read.

Mr. Sewls objected to the minutes, on the ground that the election of Superintendent of Police at the last meeting was illegal, as that meeting had been called by the Mayor for a special purpose. He moved that the minutes be laid on the table, which was not seconded.

The following communication was read: ALEXANDRIA, April 8, 1877. To the members of the City Council of Alexandria, Va.:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose a copy of a letter, received by me, from Mr. W. H. Ward, a citizen of our town, and for some time one of the firm of Jamieson & Collins. I hope you will consider his letter fully and find it expedient to offer such inducements which will secure the location of the company (referred to in his letter) near city.

Yours, &c., JOHN W. GREEN.

AUBURN, N. Y., March 1877. Miss John W. Green, Alexandria, Va.

The time has come for me to again put my self in communication with you. As the object of my visit to this place (among friends of the month of a century standing) has taken form, and bids fair to bear fruit.

I have propositions offered me as to the forming of a manufacturing company to produce articles after my patents, which will include the following, viz:—Railway and other axles, brakes, couplers, car-wheels, and brake shoes, each of which is secured by a patent. The tests I have made, having confidence so eminently successful, has given evidence and brought capitalists to ask for place and consideration, some going up to the millions—of which sum we have no need—it is too much at the beginning. One-fifth or even one-tenth will do to start with.

Now, the object of this letter is to leave something from Alexandria as to what inducements will be held out for our consideration for us to come there and establish ourselves in business. I write to you as a friend and not as a business man.

Myself and wife have taken a liking to Alexandria, your climate and people. Notwithstanding its antiquity generally, its natural advantages, it utilized energetically, will be of great advantage to you and your city, and all.

I want a position to go wherever the best business is offered, hence this letter is to learn from you what will be done for us, so I can lay the propositions before my investors, and if sufficient encouragement is offered, may induce us to come to your city. Your own judgment will determine the magnitude of working all these patents under one corporation, and of the large number of men that will be required, which will increase annually.

I am, my dear sir, yours truly, WM. H. WARD.

Mr. Lambdin did not understand the object of the communication. Was a subsidy asked? He saw no reason for such a paper coming to Council, and moved to lay it upon the table.

Mr. Hughes said such communications were not uncommon, and inducements were sometimes offered by cities, but as to this proposition we had had abundant experience in Mr. Ward's brakes, he had been here once and struck one establishment.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Hughes moved to invite the Aldermen into joint meeting to proceed to the election of a policeman.

Mr. Evans saw no need of going into this business. We have one law suit now, and if Council went out of its way now it would get another suit. Times were dull and the lawyers wanted business, but the taxpayers had to pay for it.

Mr. Hughes said a candidate had told the speaker to day that the Mayor had said that if the candidate was elected there would be no doubt about securing him in.

Mr. Seals argued that Council had the power to make laws, but not to enforce them; that was the Mayor's duty.

The motion was lost.

The Board was about to adjourn when Mr. Evans asked the reading of the minutes of a previous meeting, with a view of ascertaining whether the resolution of Mr. Musshbach would be "a subsequent" instead of the "next regular meeting," the time for the report of the committee to investigate the case of Superintendent of Police Brown.

Mr. Musshbach thought that the minutes were correct.

The Council then adjourned.

The Vestry of Grace Church have elected Wm. A. Smoot delegate, and H. B. Service alternate to the Episcopal Council of Virginia.

SUSPECTED RUNAWAY.—Officer Walker arrested, this morning, at the American Club wharf, a small boy who came down on a canal boat, and is believed to be a runaway from home. He first gave the name of Wm. Smith, but afterwards said his name was Wm. Norvell. He was dressed in black jacket and pants, grey vest, and wears a fur cap. He has light hair and grey eyes, and says that he is nine years old. He was very reticent at first and told the Mayor that his father and mother were dead, but when threatened with punishment he acknowledged that his mother was living, and resides at No. 21 Gay street, Georgetown. He was detained to hear from his mother.

LIQUOR LICENSES.—Major Duffy, Commissioner of the Revenue for this city, having addressed a letter to the Auditor of Public Accounts in regard to the issue of liquor licenses, has received a reply, which says: "The new bill, I mean the Moffett bill, as it is commonly called, cannot possibly go into operation for several months. It will take some time to arrange all the preliminaries, such as making the registers, &c. Meanwhile the law provides in Section 6, Page 7, that licenses shall be granted to applicants by the courts according to the provisions of the license law now in force, &c."

POLICE ITEMS.—Wm. King, an employee on the schooner Ada B, lying at King street dock, was brought before the Mayor, this morning, for assaulting Benjamin Ullman, it appeared that King struck Ullman and threatened to cut him with a butcher's knife. The Mayor sentenced him to a fine of five dollars, and to give security to keep the peace.

A young man, for obtaining oysters in a restaurant and slipping off without paying for them, was dismissed with an admonition, after being backed up a few hours.

THE CHAIN GANG.—Mr. Patrick Dillon, who has been appointed Overseer of the Chain Gang by Superintendent of Police Clifford, and who was confirmed last night by the City Council, executed his bond this morning according to law, with M. B. Harlow as his security. The bond was approved by the Finance Committee, and Mr. Dillon applied to the Mayor to administer the oath of office, but the Mayor declined to do so, saying that he did not recognize appointments made by Mr. Clifford.

Local Brevities.

At Fishmarket since yesterday and up to noon to-day consisted of about 500 shad which were sold at from \$14 to \$18 per hundred. Secretly many bunch-fish are being received. The wind having blown itself out, larger receipts are expected this evening and to-morrow.

The steamer Lady of the Lake did not arrive up this morning until nearly ten o'clock, being detained on Monday evening by a heavy fog. The steamer Mastiano had not arrived at its late hour this evening, and is, it is feared, ashore. She was due last evening.

Young Coleman, who was shot, as mentioned yesterday, had considerably improved to-day, and was removed to his home, on Fairfax street, near Queen.

The specimen of fruit sent to this office to-day from the store of Mr. M. Bossart could not have been executed either in beauty or quantity.

Prof. Mitchell has removed his writing school to Satchell Hall.

There were two false alarms of fire last night.

Life is full of sorrows and disappointments, but the most sanguine hopes of all those who try Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup are always realized. It never disappoints.

"Have derived some benefit from the use of Simmons' Life Regulator, and wish to give it a further trial."

"HON. ALEX. H. STEPHENS, Georgia."

"Have never seen or tried such a simple, efficacious, satisfactory and pleasant remedy in my life."

H. HAINEN, St. Louis, Mo."

Every druggist has calls for Wells' Euroka for the teeth; a first-class article will always sell, persons who use it help advertise it as being first class.

CITY COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held April 10, 1877, there were present:—Smoot, Moore, Strauss, Armstrong, Downham and O'Neal.

Messrs. Smoot and Armstrong were appointed proxies to represent the City's interest in the meeting of the Alexandria Canal Company, to be held this day.

A communication from the Superintendent of Police was received stating that he had appointed Patrick Dillon as Captain of the Chain Gang, and the appointment was confirmed.

A communication was received from the Mayor announcing the decease of officer Thomas Morris and the filling of the vacancy by the appointment of readman Wm. Phillips to the position, which was laid on the table.

Bills of J. E. Davis, Jr., \$37.05, for medicine, and H. H. Haines, \$5.00, for repairing the roof over the door of the Market building, were ordered to be paid.

The Board then adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the Common Council, held April 10th, 1877, there were present:—Messrs. Wm. H. Ward, John W. Green, Broders, Ficklin, Marbury, Blodgett, Lambdin, Smith, Hughes, Evans, Seals and Miller.

The President being absent, on motion of Mr. Marbury, Mr. Broders was called to the chair.

A communication from P. G. Ullier, Clerk of the Alexandria Canal Company, requesting the appointment of proxies to represent the stock held by the city in that company, was received, and Messrs. Marbury and Hughes were appointed on the part of this board.

A communication from John W. Green, enclosing a letter from Wm. H. Ward, with reference to the location of certain manufacturing in this city, and what inducements the city would offer, was received and laid on the table.

A communication from George W. Clifford, Superintendent of Police, notifying Council that he had appointed Patrick Dillon, Overseer of the Chain Gang, and requesting the confirmation of the appointment, was received from the Board of Aldermen and their action confirming the appointment was concurred in.

Mr. Hughes moved that the Board of Aldermen be invited to hold a joint meeting to elect a policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late T. P. Morris, but the motion was lost.

Bills of Jas. Kutwisch, amounting to \$37.05, for medicine for the poor from March 14th to April 10th, and Hanrahan & Mansfield, amounting to \$2.00, for repairing the roof over the town clock, were received from the Board of Aldermen and their action in ordering the same to be paid concurred in.

The Board then adjourned.

There will be a regular monthly meeting of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Co. Wednesday evening, April 11th, at 8 p. m.

FLUOR SACKS, four sizes, plain, much better than manufacturers' published prices. Sacks brought to order on short notice.

JOHN H. PARROTT.

PAPER BAGS, from 1 lb to 10 lbs inclusive, always in stock. Special rates to those who buy in large quantities.

JOHN H. PARROTT.

WRAPPING PAPER—Nos. 1 and 2 Manila, Bogus Manila and Straw Paper, any size or weight desired.

JOHN H. PARROTT.

BLANK MEMORANDUM BOOKS, some of which are now sold out without injury when used. (ap 11) JOHN H. PARROTT.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The representatives of the Administration who are supposed to be unopposed by which it communicates its general ideas to the press, expressed themselves to-day as very much gratified with the aspect of things in the South. They say that before the opening of the session of Congress in June the country will see a satisfied South and a gratified North, and the sound foundation laid for the adjustment of the political questions which have troubled the country for years. So that the ground will be clear for whatever financial business or economical plan (Texas Pacific or other) shall be thought the best to renew the economic system of the South and to rehabilitate its business interests as its political interests have already been rehabilitated.

THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.

The Cabinet members who came to the President's house this morning did not come to attend Cabinet meeting, for none was held, but to consult in relation to appointments. Mr. Tyler, Assistant Postmaster General, was with the President a portion of the day, and it is known that no Southern postoffice cases were considered.

VIRGINIA NOTES.

Nothing done to-day as to appointments in Virginia cases.

A patent was granted this morning to A. Goldback, of Richmond, Va., for paper boxes.

It is understood G. K. Gilder has withdrawn his papers in connection with the Richmond postoffice, and it is said that J. Harner Gilder's name is now being used in connection with that office.

Positively the troops taken from the State House at Columbia, S. C., will not be sent to occupy the office of the Superintendent of Police at Alexandria. This is the more certain from the fact that the Superintendent of Police has no office to occupy.

PERSONAL.

Gov. Walker, of Virginia, is in the city on private business. Many of his friends are urging his claims for the Speakership of the next House, but he is taking no part himself, and will probably favor the re-election of Randall.

Kilpatrick, of "money and bloody shirt" fame, is here, awaiting his reward in the shape of a return to his office as Minister. He is fond of a new Mr. Jewett, "the Chief" of the Engraving and Printing Bureau, is in trouble—something about a woman—of course.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There are to be about two hundred removals from the Printing Bureau of the Treasury in a few days, notwithstanding which the applications for appointments are as numerous as usual.

There is considerable interest taken here in the police troubles in Alexandria, and hopes are entertained that the imbrolio may be adjusted "without the intervention of the Federal authority."

All hope on the part of republicans of securing a Speaker of the next House has been abandoned, and the chances seem to be that Mr. Randall will be his own successor.

The quiet withdrawal of Chamberlain did not cause much excitement here. He may be provided for, though his profuse spleen at having to retire was pathetic and rather unbecoming.

The great fire and loss of life in St. Louis is the absorbing topic of conversation here, and the bulletin boards are the centres of attraction.

Not much is expected from the Louisiana "Commission," and if anything definite comes of it, both sides will be disappointed. The theory is that the President wants to shift the responsibility of acknowledging Nichols upon somebody, and that the "Commission" being composed of nearly all republicans, is a good body to put it on. The President's lack of decision is supporting the foundation for whatever of prestige he might otherwise acquire.

Charles Foster says that he desires General Gerfield's election as Speaker, but that important reasons compel him to remain in the field as a candidate for Speaker.

The New England Conference.

In the New England Methodist Conference yesterday the political question was again brought forward by Rev. D. H. Ely, of Boston, who offered a preamble and resolutions in substance as follows:—

Whereas, before the President's policy of peace could be put in operation in the South, one of the venerable ministers of the South Carolina Conference was shot to death in cold blood on the Sabbath day, and at the door of a house of worship; and whereas we recognize the unity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and feel ourselves and ours to be wounded in the wounding of one of its members—therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby utter anew our protest against those twin evils of slavery and rebellion—the slave-whip and shot-gun—and call upon all Christian people of the South to suppress the rampant outbreak of barbarism.

Resolved, That we desire to express our sympathy for our brethren, laborers in that field, and to assure them that no word or effort of ours shall be wanting in their behalf.

Resolved, That we call upon the Government of the United States to enforce all questions of party coalition, to the suppression of violence and power in the employment of its troops, and the protection of all classes of citizens in the exercise of their civil and religious rights.

Rev. T. J. Abbott, late of Charleston, offered a resolution, and stating he had filled the vacancy by the appointment of Readman Phillips to the position, which was laid on the table.

Rev. Mr. Mallison spoke bitterly of the affairs in the South and spoke among the colored people. Rev. V. A. Cooper was in the chair, and the resolution was read and received peace by conciliatory notes than by the influence of the beyond. The resolutions were referred. A motion to send a copy of them to Wade Hampton was received with hisses and not entertained by the Bishop.

Three Prisoners Burned to Death.

A correspondent of the New York Herald gives the following particulars of the horrible burning at Conyers, Ga., heretofore mentioned in the Gazette:—

A special from Conyers states that the jail at that place was burned to-day and three negro prisoners were cut through the walls, while falling and to intelligent direction, they backed about widely, frequently fighting like brutes for the possession of the axe. At length the whole upper floor gave way and the three watched men, clutching the outer logs, stretch out their heads to the crowd outside and were lost in a blinding shower of flame. The prisoners talked with the crowd during the progress of the fire, and they had heard a mace struck up stairs and they saw the fire was visible and supposed it was better. It was certainly injudicious, and it is believed to have been done by the friends of the prisoners. It commenced at the door on the second story. The prisoners were put in jail just a day and a half before the fire occurred, and were sentenced for a few years each to the Penitentiary.

Foreign News.

The Turkish Parliament has rejected the Montenegrin demands. The Porte has sent a circular to its representatives rejecting only

those points of the protocol which admit of interference in the internal affairs of Turkey. Peace or war now depends upon Russia's reception of the Turkish circular. A St. Petersburg dispatch anticipates a war manifesto on Friday. Camphausen will represent Chancellor Bismarck during the latter's absence. Holman will take Bismarck's place in the home department, Von Bismarck in the foreign office, and Camphausen in the Prussian Cabinet. Yokohama J. D. Marvin, U. S. N., died at Commodore yesterday.

Shipwreck.

BALTIMORE, April 11.—A schooner from Philadelphia, (by canal to the Chesapeake,) for Alexandria, with coal, went ashore at Point No. 1. All hands are reported safe except the cook. The name of the schooner is not yet ascertained.

[The vessel is supposed to be the schooner J. C. McShane, which sailed from Philadelphia for this city, on the 5th inst., and is consigned to T. J. McHaffey & Co. Her cargo is insured in the office of S. W. Janney & Son, insurance agents.]

The democrats carried the charter election in Jersey City yesterday.

Ross Winans, of Baltimore, died to-day.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

SOUND SLEEP SECURED.—There is nothing that interferes with sound sleep at night more than a hacking cough. Rawlins & Hutchinson's Wild Cherry Coughs will give you relief, and cure Colds, Croup, Hoarseness and Sore Throat. Job 25—noon

A CARD.—To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipt that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INSMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York City. Job 3—noon

TEETH, if not kept clean, soon decay. Young people, remember this. Use DENTON'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER. It will preserve them through life. Sold by druggists. 25c per bottle. Job 25—noon

HARD TIMES DEMAND ECONOMY. Practice it. Inevitable for soiled gloves, JOHNSON'S INODOROUS BLEND GLOVE CLEANER. It will cleanse them thoroughly. Sold by druggists. 25c per bottle.

GREAT UPRAOT ABOUT CLOTHING.—The largest stock of Overcoats and Suits bought at bankrupt sale to close out. Good Overcoats from \$2.50 upwards, including the very best of imported Chincheilas, Beavers, Karsows, &c. Gents' Cassimere Suits, consisting of Coat, Pants and Vest, at \$4.50; all wool Suits at \$5.00 and upwards, including the finest imported materials; excellent Children's Suits, 3 years \$1.25; 4 years \$1.50; 5 years \$2.00; 6 years \$2.25 and upwards. They must be sold quick at S. DEARBORN'S, 59 King street.

EDUCATIONAL.

PENMANSHIP. Writing lessons will be given by Professor MITCHELL, of Washington, D. C., to the young men, youths and ladies of Alexandria, commencing this day, (11th April, 1877.) Hours of instruction: Any hour convenient from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m., and from 7 to 10 o'clock evening. Located in Satchell Hall. Terms: Twelve lessons for \$1. ap 10

WANTED.

MISS S. STERN Having located in this city, wishes a few more pupils to learn the GERMAN LANGUAGE. Terms reasonable. Address box 256, or inquire at No. 20 North Royal street, Alexandria, Va. ap 9—10

FOR SALE OR RENT.

FOR RENT—THE COTTAGE, No. 112 Duke street. For Terms, &c., apply next door, 144 Duke street. ap 11—1

FOR SALE.—THE NEW BOAT "SUNNY," now on Mads' wharf, will be sold privately before the 15th inst. Apply to J. M. JOHNSON, Attorney, ap 10—1w cor. Prince and Royal streets.

FOR RENT—A DWELLING HOUSE AND THREE ACRES OF LAND on the Little River turnpike, in Fairfax county, near West End. The land is productive and several years past used as a market garden. It is very fertile, and well adapted for growing such crops as peaches, pears and small fruits. Rent moderate. Apply to JOHN H. BENT, Alexandria, Va. West End or JOHN H. BENT, Alexandria, Va. ap 10—1w

FOR RENT—The new story HOUSE with store and dwelling on Fairfax st., between King and Cameron, now occupied by M. B. Evans, is for rent or sale. Possession given May 1st. For further particulars inquire of HANNAH BURRAGE, No. 10 Fairfax st. ap 10—1w

FOR RENT—THE WELL ESTABLISHED STAND, No. 69 King street, occupied for twelve years as a wholesale and retail house furnishing business by A. B. Bell & Co. The best location in the city for trade or any other business. Terms easy. Apply to WM. ARLOFF, Or next door, to the tobacco houses of John A. Field. ap 12—noon

FOR SALE OR RENT—The three story BRICK HOUSE on Royal street, between Prince and Duke, now occupied by Rev. Dr. Mitchell, with water and gas. Apply to CHAS. R. HOOPE, ap 11—1w

FOR RENT—FOR RENT THE TWO THREE-STORY BRICK WAREHOUSES on Union street, Nos. 11 and 13, in excellent order for the storage of grain. Apply to J. H. REBER, ap 12—noon

NEW GOODS—Colts' Neck Candy, Swiss Condensed Milk, Miller's Kentucky Figs, Pierce's Purgative Pellets, Cashmere Biscuits, Colgate, Band Sapolio, Hubbs' Lemon-Tree Liver Tonic, Hoxley's Acid Phosphates, Patent Metallic Hair Brushes, Pills and Palmer's Curative Pomade, received and for sale by J. JANNEY & CO., Druggists, ap 11—1w Nos. 7 and 145 King st.

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