

LOCAL NEWS.

For this district, colder northwesterly winds and rain or snow.

CITY COUNCIL.

The second semi-monthly meeting this year of the City Council was held last night.

The session was very short, it taking about twenty minutes for the city fathers to transact the business brought before them.

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mr. Leebeater introduced a bill amending the laws regulating the fire department, which, at his request, was referred to the Committee on General Laws.

A report of the Finance Committee adverse to releasing the American Coal Company from their lease of the city's wharves was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in, as was also the action of the lower board on a communication from the Mayor regarding the Bell Telephone Company.

The board then adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

There was a full attendance at this board last night.

The adverse report of the Finance Committee on the petition of the American Coal Company to have their lease on the wharf property in this city cancelled on the payment of \$3,500, was adopted.

To an inquiry concerning what action the Committee on General Laws had taken in reference to the communication from the Mayor relating to the codification of the city laws, Mr. Brent replied that the papers had not yet reached his committee.

A communication from the Mayor, stating that the manager of the Telephone Exchange had informed him that they would soon make a statement concerning their action in declining to allow non-subscribers to use the telephone between this city and Washington was received and read.

After some business without debate, the chair inquired of Mr. Snowden, of the Finance Committee, what had become of the Virginia Ship Building Company tax matter.

Mr. Snowden said that the matter had been considered at the last meeting of the Finance Committee. Capt. Goss, who had recently been in Washington attending the Shipping Convention, had come down here and had seen several members of the committee about the taxes.

All the accounts had been made out and forwarded to Capt. Goss, who would submit them to Mr. Moody. A letter from Capt. Goss was received to day, in which he said that Mr. Moody was well enough now to be about, and would soon visit Alexandria and was anxious to have the matter settled.

A bill changing the law as to the fire department came in from the Aldermen and was referred. The bill is designed to conform an old law made for hand engines and volunteers to the changes made by steamers and a paid department.

The clerk suggested that the amended sections should be reported in full as changed, and the new law adopted in that way, when the bill was reported back. No action, however, beyond a reference was taken, and the board adjourned.

DEATH OF BENJAMIN BARTON.—Our readers will regret to learn that the venerable Benjamin Barton died at his residence in Fairfax county, near this city, this morning.

It is not too high a eulogy to say that Alexandria never had a better citizen. Modest and retiring by nature, he shunned rather than sought public notice; yet conscious that his duty demanded service to his fellow men, he was ever ready to use his talents and his means for their benefit.

We may well say of him what was said of Epaminondas, "that we have seldom seen a man who knew more and said less." He was not a talker, but a worker. Born in humble circumstances, on Fairfax street, near Queen, in 1803, he received but a limited education, but he so improved it in his few leisure hours that he became a fine mathematician, and a man of excellent general information.

Apprenticed early to the trade of a watchmaker and jeweler, he was so assiduous at his work that before he was of age, he had made the fine, tall clock, both works and case, which now stands in his store, on King street, a monument of his industry and skill.

Through life he was the same quiet, patient, hardworking, judicious man, assisting others by his counsel and his means, but never letting his left hand know what his right did in charity. As an Alderman and as a director in our banks, insurance companies, etc., he was invaluable for his judgment and moderation, and the great honor of his long life is his having, by his business tact, perseverance, and spotless integrity, paid the depositors in the Alexandria Savings Institution, of which he was president, dollar for dollar, though the war had swept away the property of its debtors and destroyed much of the value of its securities.

In short, Mr. Barton was in every way a model to our young men, and his rise from comparative poverty by hard work and attention to business, to a position of affluence, should encourage those who wish to rise also, to follow his example. The Hydration Steam Fire Engine Company, which he joined upon its organization, sixty years ago, and of which he has been president forty-two years, will meet to night to do honor to his memory, as will, no doubt, the other companies of the department and the various boards of which he was a member.

SERIOUS ILLNESS.—The many friends of Mr. Wm. G. Carr will regret to hear of his serious illness at the residence of his brother, Mr. D. F. Carr, near The Plains, Fauquier county. Mr. Carr is at present being attended by Dr. Wm. C. Dabney, of the University of Virginia, and Dr. J. H. Cochran, of The Plains, under whose skillful treatment it is hoped he may soon recover.

Mr. Carr at one time resided in this city, being then employed by the V. M. R. W. During his brief stay he made many friends here. Blessed with a genial disposition and a store of wit, he besides has that happy faculty of looking only on the bright side of life. He is one of those beings well calculated to dispel the gloom incidental to this life and paint the future with the gilded lines of hope.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Golden Light Lodge No. 337, I. O. G. T., at its regular meeting last night, elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing quarter: C. T. Wm. H. Lyles; V. T. Miss Flora Hutzon; Secretary, Miss Sallie Roberts; F. S. H. C. Field; Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Faltz; Chaplain, Charles Herbert; Marshal, George Hayden; I. G. George Pettit; O. G., Wm. Richard.

Agents for Minor's Elastic Cement Roofing Paint are stopping at the Braddock House. This paint is warranted for eight years and has a world wide reputation. Parties desirous of having roofs painted will do well to call on the agent of the company, Mr. L. Geo. Smith, at the hotel.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the W. C. T. U. devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Sarah Harris, Superintendent of Evangelical work. The address of the president was listened to with deep interest by all. Several communications from Front Royal were read respecting the news of the recent temperance victory, and a telegram of congratulation was sent to the Front Royal Union. Remarks on plans for organization by Mrs. Hannah Whitball Smith, were listened to with marked attention, as were those of Miss Miller, who suggested that a fund be collected to send organizers through the State. \$75 were contributed in a few minutes. Reports of Supt. of the departments of Heredity and Hygiene, Scientific Temperance instruction, Sabbath School work, Juvenile work, Parlor work, and Unfermented Wine, were read and approved. After which the convention adjourned to meet at Trinity church at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

At the meeting to day the following was adopted:

Resolved by the annual convention of the Virginia Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in session in Alexandria, Va., January 25 and 26, That "our heartfelt thanks are hereby tendered to Mrs. Frances F. Cleveland, for the position she has taken in the chief social circle of the nation, as a total abstainer from all intoxicating drinks; and we pray God's blessing on her young life and on her home, believing that history will applaud her action, as all sincere minds must even now approve her motives."

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was clear and cold, with six prisoners and three lodgers at the station house. The mayor this morning disposed of the following cases: James and John Hughes, arrested by officers Lawler and Franks for being drunk and disorderly, were released for further trial.

A young white man, arrested by officer Brenner on the charge of insanity, was turned over to his father.

Eliza Penn, arrested by officer Arnold for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$1.

Lysander Preston, arrested by special officer Crump on the charge of trespassing on the property of the V. M. Railway, was released on the promise to leave the city.

HANDSOME BUILDING.—Messrs. Charles King & Son have received from Mr. A. Cluss, architect, of Washington, the plans and specifications for a handsome brick store and warehouse, which they purpose erecting on the lot recently purchased by them on the southeast corner of Lee and Princess streets. The building will be two stories high, forty feet front, and extending along Lee street one hundred feet. It is to be built with all the modern conveniences, and the officers of the V. M. Railway have promised to lay a track along the side of the building on Lee street. Mr. King will soon ask for proposals for the erection of the building, which he expects to commence during the early spring.

COL. MOSBY.—Col John S. Mosby is stopping at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York, but is on his way to Boston, where he intends to look after the publication of his war reminiscences. Col. Mosby said that he is preparing an article on the battle of Gettysburg, which will explode all former theories regarding that battle. He claims that the true history of the battle has not yet been given. Col. Mosby will call while in New York on Mrs. U. S. Grant and ex-Senator Conkling. He thinks Gen. Grant was one of the greatest of generals, and ex-Senator Conkling one of the greatest of Statesmen, and wishes he could be elected President.

THE ENTERTAINMENT last night in behalf of Lee street chapel was pronounced by all to be a success. The spacious parlors generously furnished for the purpose by those ever ready to make sacrifices for the good of others, were well filled by an appreciative audience. The music, instrumental and vocal, contributed by ladies from Washington and Alexandria, was fine in selection and execution, and Dr. White, always attractive, excelled himself, as was testified by the hearty applause his recitations received.

THE PROPOSED PARADE.—The Hydration S. F. E. company held a special meeting last night in reference to the proposed parade in this city on the 22d of February next. A committee consisting of Messrs. H. J. Nevett, Harry Downham and G. S. Smith, was appointed to confer with the other companies in relation to the matter. It is understood that the sense of the meeting was that if the citizens would contribute to equip the men and furnish a band they would parade.

TRIPS RESUMED.—The steamer E. C. Knight will leave New York on Saturday next on her regular trip for this city, and the steamer John Gibson, which arrived here on Saturday last, will make her return trip to New York, leaving to-morrow or next day. It was mainly owing to the enterprise of the Inland and Seaboard company, which, on Saturday last, at a considerable expense, chartered a tug to open the channel in order that their ship could reach this city, that the river is now open to navigation.

ACCIDENT TO AN ALEXANDRIAN.—On Monday last Mr. John P. Robinson was jolted from a wagon on which he was riding near Rappahannock station, V. M. R. W., and falling to the ground had the elbow of his left arm dislocated and one of the smaller bones of the same limb fractured. The wagon was loaded with bran and at the time of the accident was being drawn from Rappahannock to Mr. R's farm, near the station. He reached this city last night, when Dr. Jones rendered him surgical aid. His injuries are not serious.

THE AQUEDUCT BRIDGE.—The department of the Potomac, G. A. R. Encampment, has adopted a resolution requesting the Secretary of War to reopen the Aqueduct bridge to the public on decoration day, so that they may have a thoroughfare to Arlington. The Commissioners have written to Secretary Manning asking him to retain the sum of \$4,500 due the Aqueduct Bridge Company until the claim of the District against the company shall have been decided by the Supreme Court.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Orion Triplett and Mrs. Kate Smith were married at the bride's home, in Fairfax county, this evening, in the presence of a number of their friends.

Mr. O. W. Phillips and Miss Mary E. Dyer are to be married to-night at the bride's home, on south Fairfax street, by Rev. H. T. Sharp.

Mr. T. R. Brooks, of Prince George's county, Md., and Miss Venie Jones, niece of Mr. Peter Wise, were married at Christ Church by Rev. Mr. Sutor to-day.

How to Save Money, and we might also say—time and pain as well, in our advice to good housekeepers and ladies generally. The great necessity existing always to have a perfectly safe remedy convenience for the relief and prompt cure of the ailments peculiar to woman—functional irregularity, constant pains, and all the symptoms attendant upon uterine disorders—induces us to recommend strongly and unqualifiedly Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription"—woman's best friend. It will save money.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The river to-day was full of drift ice, which has recently broken up above the Long Bridge, and which is being carried off by the current.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Charles R. McCalley, of Caroline county, and Maggie McBride, of Washington, and to John T. Keithley, of Washington, and Sarah F. Logge, of Fairfax county.

Mr. Platt, in the Senate yesterday, reported favorably from the Patent Committee a bill directing the Secretary of the Interior to extend letters patent, issued to Wm. M. Bryant, of the District, formerly of this city, "for improvement in preparing the pith of conestalks for use in the arts," for the term of seventeen years.

The Cumberland city council has adopted a committee report charging obstruction of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal terminus at Cumberland by the new railroad route, and referring to alleged efforts to absorb the canal on the part of certain railroad interests. It is proposed to hold a public meeting in Cumberland to take the canal affairs into consideration.

Some excitement was created on Washington and King streets yesterday evening by a young man whose mind is affected and who was walking up and down those streets armed with a pistol which he occasionally flourished in a threatening manner. He was arrested and taken to the station house and later was turned over to his father.

A concert is to be given Friday by the Washington Symphony Orchestra, composed of about thirty-five ladies and gentlemen. The music they render is strongly suggestive of the Theo. Thomas order, without being so classical, and in that character is better suited to the taste of an Alexandria audience.

Mr. C. B. Luck, of Fredericksburg, has agreed upon terms for leasing the Braddock House, and will take charge of that hotel on Monday next. Mr. L. is an experienced and popular hotel manager and is well known throughout this section of country.

The funeral of Mrs. J. T. Nails took place from the Baptist Church this morning and was largely attended, among those present being many of Mr. Nails' fellow employees of the V. M. railway. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Mercer.

The Fire Warden's to-day purchased from Mr. John Simmons, of Washington, a pair of handsome Kentucky horses, a bay and a black, for the Columbia company, for which they paid \$275 and the old horses belonging to that company.

In the County Court yesterday evening, in the case of the heirs of Mary Hall vs. Dr. James MacCall, ejectment, the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant, after which the court adjourned for the term.

Capt. Ed. N. Eubank, of the Lynchburg Light Artillery Blues, has tendered his resignation to Governor Lee, to take effect on the 10th day of February.

Mr. J. T. Stone, at his stand on the strand, will to-morrow receive a supply of fine Norfolk oysters which he will serve to his customers.

A fire yesterday evening destroyed a house on the opposite side of the river, just below this city.

THE NORFOLK LINE.—The Norfolk steamers have resumed their trips. This evening the steamer George Leary will leave for that city, and the Jane Mosely will leave to-morrow.

A brave man won't drive a lame horse. He will buy Salvation Oil and cure his animal at once.

Sudden changes in the weather give rise to many severe coughs and colds. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a certain and safe cure in every case. 25 cents.

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Foreign Contributions to the Alexandria Light Infantry Fair.

The following donations of goods and money have been received and reported to Capt. Mushbach for the coming fair of the Alexandria Light Infantry, which promises to be a brilliant success:

Through R. C. Acton, esq. From Julius King Optical Co., Cleveland, O., 1 pearl opera glass and bag.

Through R. W. Avery, esq. From Messrs. Grim & Conway, Philadelphia, one caddy of tea worth \$12 to \$15.

Through G. A. Appich, esq. From C. H. Myers & Bro., 72 Exchange Place, Baltimore, \$5.

Through B. Baer, esq. From Messrs. Neumberg, Kraus, Laner & Co., New York, \$5; from John A. Griffith & Co., Baltimore, \$5, and from S. Stein & Co., New York, \$5.

Through Bernheimer & Einstein. From A. M. Bonheimer, 26 Hanover street, Baltimore, 1 dozen suspenders; from M. R. Elanger, 26 Hanover street, Baltimore, 1 dozen sleeve buttons.

Through L. Brill, jr., esq. From Louis Petzold & Co., Baltimore, 24 bottles Petzold's German Bitters, and from Hotops Pen Park Vineyards, Charlottesville, Va., 1 case Norton Seedling Claret, and from Otto A. Krauss, New York city, 1 case Bordeaux wine.

Through Adolph Diedel, esq. From Hodges Bros., 25 Hanover street, Baltimore, \$10.

From Mr. Frank Hume, Washington, D. C., \$20. Through George E. French, esq. From Raphael Tuck & Sons, New York city, 25 artistic calendars; from Harper Bros., New York city, two elegantly illustrated books; from O. Lindeman & Co., New York city, one dozen pocket knives, and from University Publishing Co., New York city, four books of general interest and value.

Through Thomas Hoy, esq. From Dauville Stone Co., Danville, Pa., one "Montour" safe; one parlor stove.

Through C. H. Howes, esq. From Hirsh & Bro., Philadelphia, one handsome silk umbrella; from Townsend, Grace & Co., Baltimore, \$2, and from D. B. & H. M. Lester, New York city, \$5.

Through Messrs. Chase, King & Son. From Smith, Dixon & Co., Baltimore, \$5; from Patsepko Baking Powder Co., Baltimore, lot of Baking Powder.

Through J. D. H. Lund, esq. From Barker, Moore & Mein, Philadelphia, \$2. Through E. J. Miller & Co. From Daws & Dotter, 30 Barclay street, New York, 1 flower vase; from Gillinder & Sons, Philadelphia, Pa., lot of glassware; from O. A. Gazer & Co., 29 Barclay st., N. Y., lot of French china.

Through John A. Marshall, esq. From Spear Bros., 206 W. Pratt street, Baltimore, \$5; from Taylor & Carr, 413 Arch street, Philadelphia, 1 pair fine shoes, to be raffled off and made to fit the winner; from Smith & Stoughton, South Abington Station, Mass., \$5.

Through W. H. McCuen, esq. From B. C. Bibb & Sons, Baltimore, 1 house range.

Through B. W. Nalls, esq. From John Lucas & Co., 141 N. 4th street, Philadelphia, 55 pound cans patent; from Hirsberg, Hollander & Co., Baltimore, Md., 1 box brass plates and plaques; from Robinson, Lane & Co., 44 S. Sharp street, Baltimore, \$5.

Through Messrs. Power & White. From Walden & Co., 200 S. Front street, Philadelphia, \$25; from James Welsh & Co., Cincinnati, \$25; from Moore & Sennott, 232 S. Front street, Philadelphia, 2 cases Gilson's Best Rye Whiskey; from Felton & Sons, Boston, Mass., 1 case New England Rum.

Through G. Wm. Ransau, esq. From Martin, Gillett & Co., Baltimore, 21 lbs. Heno tea and decorations.

Through Henry L. Simpson's Sons. From Messrs. Wallace & Elliot, New York city, \$10, and from Messrs. Shattuck & Binger, New York city, \$10.

Through I. Schurz, esq. From Moses Cohen & Son, Baltimore, \$5.

Through Charles S. Taylor, esq. From Baltimore Pearl Hominy Co., one case of pearl hominy.

Through John E. Tackett, esq. From the Charlottesville Woollen Mills, \$5.

Through Messrs. Wise & Co. From Georgia Home Insurance Co., \$10, and from E. Emory Warfield, manager Royal Insurance Co., \$10.

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Special Inducements.

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPT.

During January and February, in order to keep our hands employed, we will give liberal discounts on our Suits and Overcoats. Stock in this department is more than usually good for this season, and at our prices will be found to offer rare chances to late purchasers.

OUR STOCK OF CLOAKS

Has been marked down to cost, and in many odd garments we will make prices less than cost.

We want to clear out our REMNANTS, and will make it to the interest of purchasers to buy.

Special bargain lot of Towels at 20c. Bargains in fine Towels.

For the cold weather we are prepared with the best stock of

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from cheap goods at 75c to fine Eider Down at \$11. Also an unusually good stock of

BLANKETS.

We have a good stock of Wide Sheetings at old prices, and also have made no advance on the leading makes of Bleached Goods,

CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS AND MATTING.

Good stock at low prices. Just received a lot of 4-4 Printed Wamsutta Shirting.

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Counters full of Remnants, CONSISTING OF REMNANTS FROM EVERY DEPARTMENT.

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WARRANTED THE BEST FAMILY DYE IN THE WORLD, and only Package Dye containing nothing injurious to the finest fabrics.

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Just received a very complete assortment of COMIC and SENTIMENTAL VALENTINES, Embracing all styles and prices from 25 cents per gross to \$3 each.

The handsomest and cheapest line in the State. jan25 GEO. E. FRENCH.

A CAED. I have been to see Madam MITCHELL, No. 32 south Royal street, between Prince and King streets. She has restored a reconciliation between me and a dear friend. Call and be convinced. Consultation—ladies, 50c; gentlemen, \$1. jan25 5t Mrs. FLETCHER.

PAINT YOUR OWN BUGGY—Just received the following new line of Colors: Olive Fence, Ponceau, Eclairate, and Jet Coach Black. Call for sample. For sale by jan25 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

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Closing out sale of Fall and Winter Goods.

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