

LOCAL NEWS.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 7.

For this section threatening weather, with snow or rain, northeasterly, shifting to westerly southerly winds.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD.—There were present promptly last night Messrs. Aitchison, Bryant, Carne, Harrison, Markin, Marbury, Strauss, Sweeney and Vincent.

Mr. Marbury was elected chairman pro tem, and the minutes having been read and approved.

Supt. Carne stated the result of his investigation of the recent so-called panic at the Washington building, showing that it arose from the cries of a pupil who had a fit, and was confined to two or three rooms, having been communicated by some boy who cried in the hall as he rushed from his room.

Mr. W. F. Carne agreed with the Superintendent and said there had always been drills while he was Superintendent.

After some debate on motion of Mr. Strauss the plan of fire drill was approved and made obligatory on all the schools.

On motion of Supt. Carne the clerk was authorized to issue a second permit to Sarah Marks, who had left Hollowell school on account of the illness of her sister, and Thomas Falton was elected substitute for Snowden school.

Supt. Carne stated that the term for which Sarah A. Gray had been employed by him under the order of the board had expired, and that she had obtained a verbal agreement with R. H. Robinson for a verbal agreement, whereupon, on motion of Mr. W. F. Carne, she was elected Principal of Hollowell school.

The Superintendent, from the special committee on revision of by-laws, reported two amendments to the 7th, which were amended and adopted.

On motion of Mr. W. F. Carne the committee on finance and accounts was requested to report to Council, if necessary, for funds to meet an anticipated deficiency in the revenue.

Mr. Vincent made a request for Mr. Martin Lewis, that the old branches of trees in the lot of Eaton building, which threatened the house during storms, be cut off, which, on motion of Mr. Strauss, was ordered. Mr. Vincent also suggested the raising of the lot of the building to conform to the new grade of Alfred street, but, on motion of Mr. Strauss, the matter was referred to a special committee, and the chair appointed Messrs. Strauss, Bryant and Vincent to compose it.

THE COLLECTORSHIP.—As stated in the GAZETTE the President yesterday appointed Mr. L. M. K. Bell, of this city, to be collector of this port and Mr. Bell's name was sent to the courts for confirmation. Messrs. R. T. Lucas, W. P. Graves and I. C. O'Neal had no objection to the position, but Mr. B. P. Payne had not been mentioned in connection with the appointment. As stated yesterday Mr. Bell will appoint Mr. L. W. Corbet his deputy. The pay of the collector is in fees and does not exceed \$3000 a year, but the deputy's salary is \$1200. The office was appointed by Mr. Cleveland in 1855, but though he entered upon the discharge of his duties at that time, his nomination was not confirmed till February 27, 1856 from which date he now holds his commission. Mr. B. H. Lambert is his deputy and both gentlemen have faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of their offices. Mr. Bell is a native of this city and well and favorably known in the community, and his appointment, though a surprise, is doubtless satisfactory to the citizens generally. The bond is \$20,000. It is now thought that Mr. Corbet's postmastership is coming for Mr. Park A. New, though, of course, General Mahone will still urge Col. D. A. Windsor for the position, while Mr. A. A. Warfield's friends still back him.

FARMERS' CONVENTION.—The Fourth Annual Convention of the farmers of Northern Virginia will be held in Good Templars' Hall, No. 112 south Fairfax street, in this city, on Tuesday next. After the organization and the election of officers for the ensuing year, essays will be read and discussion will be had upon the following subjects:

First.—Are the agricultural interests of the country in a natural and healthy condition, and if not what is the remedy?

Second.—Do farmers' wives and daughters receive due consideration for their efforts to make farming successful?

Hon. Jeremiah B. Haskins, Secretary of Agriculture, will, it is reported, be present, and Prof. Willems, assistant secretary, will address the convention.

Hon. W. H. F. Lee, Col. Robert Beverley, President of the Farmers' Alliance; Major H. E. Alford, of the Maryland Agricultural College, and other distinguished gentlemen have been invited and are expected to be present and take part in the proceedings.

All persons interested in agriculture are invited to attend with their families during the proceedings.

The executive officers of the convention are: O. E. Hires, President; N. W. Pierson, L. S. Canvin, Vice Presidents; James W. Roberts, Treasurer; W. Gillingham, R. R. Walker, Secretaries.

COL. MOSBY.—A letter from Washington to the New York Sun says: "Gen. John S. Mosby, famous as a Confederate raider and guerrilla during the war, met Mayor Pliny, of Detroit, at the Ebbitt Wednesday night for the second time. Twenty-five years ago they had their first meeting. Major Pliny was a young Yankee soldier in charge of recruits and a delegation of freebooting mules. While on guard one night the Mosby pickets gathered in Pliny and his subordinates. The Yankee had on a magnificent broadcloth suit which pleased Mosby's eyes, and he said, 'Yank, just shed that, I believe it will fit me,' and it did, but Mosby threw back the coat with the remark, 'If I wear that some of my men might shoot me for a d— Yankee.' When the two men met in the Ebbitt House last night they talked over the affair with much entertainment for their auditors."

THE OPERA HOUSE.—The Lima Republican says of the "Fat Men's Club" which will be here to-morrow night: "The Fat Men's Club" gave a creditable performance last night and continuous laughter was the order of the evening. The show is a comedy, in the full sense of the word, and is devoid of anything objectionable, but is purely to amuse, yet wholesome and refined."

A benefit has been tendered Rathbone Division, K. of P., by the Bennett Matlack combination. The company, which is a strong one, will produce Damon and Pythias on their opening on Monday. The Dramatic News says: "Bennett Matlack, the combination man in tragic roles. He is full of ambition, has a good voice and does his work in an artistic manner without ranting or roaring."

WASHINGTON AND MOUNT VERNON RAILWAY COMPANY. Books of subscription to the capital stock of the Washington and Mount Vernon Railway Co. will be opened at the office of Marbury & Armstrong, at the office of Alexandria, on February 4, 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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