



Secretary of State told the Cabinet more about the conditions in China, and it was decided to leave practically the same force there for the next few months that is on the ground at present.

The following army nominations were today sent to the Senate by the President: To be Lieut.-General, Major General Miles; to be Major General, Brigadier General Young, Colonel Chafee, General MacArthur; to be brigadier general, Colonel Bates, Colonel Wheaton, Colonel Davis, Colonel Schwan, Colonel Sumner, Captain Leonard Wood, Colonel Robert H. Hall, Col. Robert P. Hughes, Col. George M. Randall, Major Wm. A. Kobbe, General Frederick D. Grant and Captain J. Franklin Bill.

The most remarkable promotion is that of Frederick Bell, who jumped from captain of cavalry in the regular army (Brig. Gen. U. S. V.) to brigadier general in the regular army. He went to the islands as a lieutenant.

A warrant was issued this afternoon for the arrest of Senator Sullivan, of Mississippi, on a charge of assault preferred by Miss L. M. Le to who alleges that he slapped her in the face Friday evening last. When the warrant was issued Campbell Carrington, Senator Sullivan's attorney, offered to forfeit \$25 collateral to prevent the case being tried in the police court, but Miss Leton refused that the Senator shall be compelled to plead guilty or not guilty.

Much comment is being made by Senators and Representatives on the remarkable discrepancies between the report of the Taft Commission and that of Gen. MacArthur as to the conditions in the Philippines. The report of the Taft Commission says: "Since the result of the election was announced there has been a great decrease in insurgent activity." Gen. MacArthur says: "Progress is so slow. Condition very unstable and likely to become chronic." These differences of opinion between members of the commission and the military governor of the Philippines will probably furnish further argument for Senator Spooner's proposed investigation of Philippine affairs by a congressional committee this summer.

Senators and Representatives fairly swarmed at the White House this morning. They came in dozens, in groups of four and five and in twos, but very few alone. They were all after army appointments under the new act and brought all their guns to bear on the President to secure coveted places. The President has already received recommendations or demands for several times as many places as he will have to dispose of. Among those who called on the mission mentioned were Representatives Joy, Pearce and Barthold, the three St. Louis members, who brought with them Mr. Joseph Flory, the recently defeated republican candidate for the governorship of Missouri. Mr. Flory is an applicant for anything good.

Among the strangers at the Capitol this morning was Congressman Walker, of the 9th Virginia district, who has been turned down in his contest for a seat in the present House, and is contesting for one in the next and Judge Strother, from his own district, who is also a republican, but has opposed him for some years, and is doing so now. The Judge says the contestant has no ground for a contest, and that the testimony taken in his case establishes that fact beyond peradventure, that the republican defeated him, and that he thinks after this contest, he will remain defeated permanently.

Representative Oney, of Virginia, again called upon the President this morning in the interest of Dr. R. W. Morgan, of Lynchburg, who is an applicant for membership of the board who will examine and select the dentists provided for by the new army bill. The President was very affable, and said he would do what he could for Mr. Oney, the author of the dentists' bill.

In the steady civil bill reported in the House yesterday, an appropriation of over three and a quarter million dollars for paying the debt of the Hawaiian government contracted prior to the annexation of Hawaii to the United States. Annexation is a luxury, and all luxuries come high. In the same bill there is an appropriation of \$98,000 for the continuation of the work of deepening the channel of the Potomac, below Washington. Some congressmen from Virginia ask why Alexandrians don't buy dredges and bid for some of this work?

Representative Hay of Virginia has had Captain Carson of Front Royal, now of the volunteer service, appointed first lieutenant in the regular army.

The proposition to erect a public building on E and 14th streets and Pennsylvania avenue, and force the Alexandria electric railroad company to move their depot, will meet with strong opposition from Virginia soldiers. Mr. Swanson told Dr. Abbot today that he would do all he could to have it defeated.

It was learned in the room of the House committee on public buildings this morning that no application for improving the post-office building in Alexandria would be made at this session of Congress—possibly at some other session.

Prominent tobacco men from different parts of the country are today trying to have the tax on tobacco reduced from 12 to 9 cents a pound.

Five new regiments of infantry and five of cavalry are to be organized under the recently enacted army law. The troops of the 5th Cavalry now at Fort Myer will be forwarded via San Francisco to the Philippines, November 15.

The House committee on military affairs today decided to take no action at this session on any national park bill. This leaves the Yorktown and other park measures.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate today was one by Mr. Penrose to establish a national military park on the territory occupied by General Washington in crossing the river Delaware, at McConkey's Ferry, Trenton, N. J.

The discussion of army appointments took up the greater part of the time at today's Cabinet meeting. There was no question raised as to the elevation of General Miles to the Lieutenant-Generalcy. His appointment to the place has been a foregone conclusion ever since the office was decided upon by the framers of the army bill. Almost as unanimous was the sentiment among the Cabinet ministers that General MacArthur, Chafee, Young, and Wade should be rewarded with Major General's epaulettes, General Wood, General Fred Grant and Captain J. Franklin Bell will be made Brigadier General in the regular army. The President and Secretary of War have several thousand applications on file for the minor places in the new army. They announce that preference will be given those who have seen service. The

KING WANTS \$3,000,000 A YEAR.—A dispatch from London says King Edward has the whip-hand of Parliament in the settlement of his civil list, or income, as the arrangement under which Queen Victoria surrendered all the Crown property, in return for £855,000 (\$1,945,000) a year lapsed with her death.

All the Crown property reverts to the King until Parliament makes a new arrangement with him. The income from the Crown property, nearly doubled during Queen Victoria's reign, and is now worth £600,000 (\$3,000,000) a year, which sum the King intends to demand.

As the falling-in of the Crown-leased West End mansions during the next few years will still further substantially enhance the value of the Crown estates, the King is also expected to demand a lump sum of £2,000,000 (\$10,000,000) to pay his debts. There is little doubt, despite the heavy taxation because of the war, that this Parliament will vote to the King what he asks.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A general order was issued yesterday discontinuing the army canteen at all posts.

Over \$18,000 is to be spent on hangings and color decorations in the Pension Buildings in Washington for the inauguration.

The Carnegie and other steel companies have agreed on a distribution of territory instead of consolidation, according to a New York dispatch.

Rev. W. S. Ament, a missionary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, was arrested yesterday by German troops near Tung Chow, on the charge of trying to extort money from the Chinese villages.

King Edward has issued an address to all the people of the empire, in which, after thanking them for their tributes of memory to his mother, he promises to follow the example which she as queen bequeathed to him.

Robbers on Sunday took \$4,000 worth of booty from an Adams Express car while the train was on route from Philadelphia to New York. Richard Murphy, a clerk employed by the company was arrested yesterday, charged with complicity with other employees in robbing the company of express packages.

Mrs. Carrie Nation was arrested in Topeka, Kan., yesterday while attempting to wreck a restaurant and was locked up. With six women, each armed with a new hatchet, she had started out at 8 o'clock to wreck a restaurant in east Sixth street that also dispensed liquor. Before she could demolish her hatchet, she was disarmed, and a free for all struggle between restaurant people and wreckers was begun. The greatest excitement prevailed for a time, during which numerous eyes were blackened and many noses bled.

Senator Frye in an interview yesterday on relations with Cuba said he believed the island's debt should be repaid. He thinks the Teller resolution a mistake and looks for ultimate annexation.

The Chinese protest against the allies' campaign of looting in Pechili Province is increasing.

There was no perceptible change in the condition of Bishop Whittle yesterday. He seems to be gradually growing weaker.

Mr. Hillary Rudacill, an aged resident of Brown town, Warren county, died on Friday. He was 75 years of age and leaves a widow and several children.

Captain Lynch, commanding officer of the Lynchburg Home Guards since its reorganization in the spring of 1899, has tendered his resignation to the Governor.

John Hicks, of Rockdale, Tex., a member of the Marshall band, Legislative writer for the Virginia Military Institute for hazing, making the fourth dismissed this session for that offense at the institute.

Senator Flood, of Appomattox, proposes to introduce a bill in the Virginia Senate authorizing the Sinking Fund Commissioners to purchase for the commonwealth the stock in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad which is to be offered at auction sale. The purpose of this course is to prevent this valuable property from passing out of the State's hands and at the same time to hold the bond of \$125,000 put up by the Richmond and Washington Air Line.

Judge Phlegar, of the Court of Appeals, whose commission does not expire until the 24th inst., resigned and Judge-elect Whittle, his successor, will qualify at once. Judge Phlegar did not care for all the courtesies to come from his successor, and therefore retired at once in order that the latter might enter upon his duties immediately. Judge Whittle yesterday tendered his resignation as circuit judge, which the Governor accepted, and his commission as a member of the Court of Appeals was returned by the same messenger.

The General Assembly was not in session yesterday, both branches having adjourned over in honor of the Marshall band. Legislative work was resumed today. Both branches resumed the consideration of the constitutional convention bill. It looks very much as though the convention will be made the sine of the House of Delegates, or else that each city and county will be given a delegate with additional ones for centres of population.

The Board of Health of King George county has advised Judge Chichester not to hold the February term of the County Court on account of the epidemic of smallpox now prevalent in the county. There is but little business to be transacted at the session. The Judge went to the court house yesterday and attended to such routine business as was necessary.

JOHN MARSHALL DAY. John Marshall Day, in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the installation of the honored and famous Virginia jurist, the chief justice of the United States, was appropriately observed in several of the cities of the State yesterday. Richmond, where he long lived and where some of his most conspicuous work was accomplished, did its part in honoring the memory of the Chief Justice. The exercises took place at 4 o'clock in that city in the presence of one of the most brilliant assemblies gathered there for a long time.

The orator of the occasion was Justice Gray, of Massachusetts, who delivered an address on "The Life, Character and Influence of Chief Justice John Marshall." There was a banquet at the Hotel Jefferson last night. Toasts were responded to by Justice Gray, Gov. J. Hoge Tyler, Hon. John Goode, Attorney General Montague, the Hon. John S. Williams, of Mississippi and the Hon. John Richards, Solicitor-General of the United States.

At a meeting of the Fairfax board yesterday a resolution was adopted declaring that it "regarded the memory of John Marshall with reverence and gratitude; that he was not only one of the greatest of judges, but he was great in every station, and gave his countrymen the good example of a life in which every virtue was illustrated."

In presenting the resolution Hon. R. Walter Moore delivered an eloquent address. Judge C. E. Nicol, of the Circuit Court, in appropriate terms received the resolutions and directed them to be recorded in honor of the memory of Marshall and then adjourned the court.

Out this out and take it to Richard Gibson's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

For the weakness and prostration following grippe there is nothing so prompt and effective as One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation is highly endorsed as an unfailing remedy for all throat and lung troubles and its early use prevents consumption. It was made to cure quickly.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Paris, Feb. 5.—The widow Dastier, a well known philanthropist, 69 years old, committed suicide today. The woman dressed herself in handsome evening clothes and hung herself to a gas bracket in her apartments, located in a fashionable quarter of Paris.

London, Feb. 5.—King Edward has decided to abandon the office of Grand Master of the Free Masons. The Duke of Connaught will be installed in the office in his stead.

London, Feb. 5.—A heavy snow storm is raging throughout Great Britain and blocking traffic and rendering telegraph and telephone communication slow and difficult. Telegrams from Nice report similar weather there and that many English visitors are returning to London. A severe gale accompanies the storm at Cornwall. Numerous small wrecks are reported.

Allahabad, India, Feb. 5.—The bubonic plague has reached the sacred city of Benares. The cases, as yet, are comparatively few in number. The people are assisting the doctors in an endeavor to suppress the disease.

London, Feb. 5.—The Exchange Telegraph says unofficial information arrived in London this afternoon that the Boers are treating the Lorenz Marquis. The Portuguese government officials there have asked for the help of British troops, which has been sent.

Paris, Feb. 5.—A serious riot of Conservatives occurred at Tilly today. The rioters tore down the tri-color of France and hoisted the red flag. They then paraded through the town singing an Anarchist song.

Rekin, Feb. 5.—Reports received here today agree that the famine in the provinces of Shensi and Shensi is one of the worst in the history of China. All information on the subject is necessarily from Chinese sources and is fragmentary, but the stories are all to the same effect, picturing the most dire straits that have befallen the sympathy of the world for the stricken people. It is estimated that two-thirds of the people are without sufficient food or the means of obtaining it.

Cornwall, Feb. 5.—The physicians of the Duke of York say he is making satisfactory progress toward complete recovery.

Paris, Feb. 5.—A cyclone at St. Malo today wrecked the steamer Marie Eugenie. The crew was not rescued.

Kaiser Starts for Home. Windsor, Feb. 5.—Kaiser Wilhelm left Windsor Castle today and started on his return journey to Germany. He was accompanied by King Edward, Crown Prince Henry of Germany and the Duke of Connaught. The royal party was driven to the railway station, and escorted by the first Life Guards. Only a small crowd had assembled at the station but it gave the Kaiser and his son a cordial farewell.

London, Feb. 5.—Kaiser Wilhelm and King Edward arrived at 1:30 this afternoon. Hyde Park and Piccadilly were especially thronged with people despite the cold weather, and they gave the party a most exuberant welcome.

There was continual cheering for the Kaiser. Flags were generally full-masted. Members in the club houses repeatedly hurrahed and occasionally attempted a general "Hoop de Kaiser." King Edward, wearing a most pleased expression because of the reception tendered his royal guest, repeatedly bowed his thanks as the party drove to Marlborough house. A huge emblem, with the words "Good by Kaiser, God bless you," at the top of the Kaiser station, seemed to tickle Wilhelm, as he smiled broadly when he saw it. As the two monarchs drove through the streets of London it was noticed that King Edward wore the uniform of the Prussian dragoons with the helmet, and that the Kaiser was attired in the uniform of a British field marshal. At Charing Cross, the monarchs parted, the Kaiser taking a train for Port Victoria and the King returning to the Marlborough House.

The King will sail aboard the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern tonight at Zarnoss, Sherness. Tomorrow he will sail for home.

The Approaching Royal Nuptials. The Hague, Feb. 5.—The city is en fête today, the festivities in connection with the approaching wedding of Queen Wilhelmina to Duke Henry, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin having commenced in earnest. Many of the buildings in the town are decorated with pine branches, flags, flowers, and orange blossoms. The wedding ceremony will be performed on Thursday in the White Hall of the palace, and repeated in the quaint church where the Queen has attended Sunday services since her childhood. After the wedding breakfast at the palace, the couple will leave on a visit to Loo for the honeymoon.

Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin is the youngest half brother of the late Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who committed suicide at Cannes, several years ago. Henry, who is 24 years old, is an uncle to the reigning duke. Wilhelmina's wedding dress is of cloth of silver, wonderfully embroidered. Eight of the most expert brooders in Holland worked on the gowns for months. Already many of the presents for the Queen have arrived. They include all sorts of things, from marionettes and gold thread to gold and silver. An Amsterdam deputation presented a golden coach. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough are expected today to represent the King and Queen of England. Ambassador and Mrs. Porter and Miss Porter are on their way from Paris to represent the United States.

Hatchet Brigade Get to Work. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Carrie Nation inaugurated her crusade against Topeka saloons this morning. Accompanied by nine members of the "Hatchet Brigade" of her home defenders, she made kindling wood of the "Senate," a saloon much frequented by members of the State legislature, and attempted to enter Herman Klausner's place, but Mrs. Nation was disarmed and her force barred out by the proprietor who was on watch. The property damage in the raid is valued at \$2,000. Mrs. Nation was slightly injured. She and her coadjutors were arrested. The proprietor of the "Senate" fired two shots at Mrs. Nation, who was not more than ten feet from him, advancing on the plate glass mirror with her hatchet upraised. That he missed her entirely is accounted for by the fact that he was scared speechless by the sight of the saloon wrecker and her crew. There were four men in Mrs. Nation's brigade and two of them disarmed the porter and held him while the smashing proceeded. While confined in the city jail this morning awaiting release on bond Mrs. Nation and her party spent the time singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "I Am a Soldier of the Cross."

Bishop Whittle.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 5.—Bishop Whittle is still alive, but is believed to be sinking rapidly.

Fire in Upperville. Rectortown, Va., Feb. 5.—The tailoring establishment of Mr. J. H. Lemely, of Upperville, Va., about six miles from this place, was utterly destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was discovered about 8:30. The origin was not located until a great many of the citizens had assembled, as the town responded freely to the alarm. Spontaneous combustion in a lot of woollen rags stored in the closet is believed to be the cause. All went to work at once to remove the contents and their efforts were successful. The building was built by Contractor Haynes, of Paris, Va., 17 years ago. The insurance on the building was \$700, which partly covered the loss. The stock was all saved. The Baptist Church and school houses were in imminent danger for a while, and but for the wind blowing in the opposite direction would have burned, too, and possibly wiped out that side of the town.

Rumors of Peace. Manchester, Eng., Feb. 5.—The Manchester Guardian says today that the conviction is growing that an effort is being made by the English government to find a peaceful solution of the South African trouble. The Guardian says it has good authority for stating that the title of "Supreme Lord of and over the Transvaal" by which King Edward was designated in the proclamation recently issued at Pretoria, was adopted at the suggestion of Kaiser Wilhelm, whose desire for peace is unquestionable. Manufacturers are growing uneasy least the increasing expenditure on account of the war may make serious changes in the tariff necessary.

London, Feb. 5.—Two meetings of the Cabinet in three days have given rise to reports that important developments in the South African situation may be looked for.

Hotel Burned with Loss of Life. Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 5.—The Exposition Hotel on State street was gutted by fire at 6 o'clock this morning and two lives were lost and a number of persons badly injured. The fire started from an explosion from some unknown cause and set fire to the entire first floor of the building and as a heavy wind had a full sweep in the rear of the building it had the flimsy structure at its grasp. One of the proprietors gave the alarm and awakened the inmates of the place. The flames had such control by this time that it had to jump for their lives. By jumping a number of persons were slightly injured.

Hanged for Wife Murder. Camden, N. J., Feb. 5.—Robert Hill was hanged here this morning for the murder of his young wife Edith, on the night of June 9, 1900. Hill was insanely jealous of his wife, who was a young woman of exquisite figure but not so handsome facially. He accused her of infidelity, badgered and abused her, her relations say, finally shooting her dead in her mother's home and attempted to kill himself. Hill walked to the scaffold without a tremor and when the black cap was drawn there was a smile upon his face.

ORLEANS EATS HUMBLE PIE.—Unwilling to be squeezed out of such an important gathering of royalties, the Duke of Orleans went to Queen Victoria's funeral, having first eaten humble pie.

On the day following Victoria's death the Countess of Paris, the Duke's mother, received a telegram from her son, the Duke, in which he spoke of the love he bore the Queen, calling her his "second mother," and said his heart was grieved profoundly on account of the estrangement between him and the Queen's family, which prevented his coming to England to pay a last tribute of affection to a "peerless sovereign and a glorious woman." This the Countess gave to the King's enquiry, saying: "It shows my son's devotion to her Majesty. He was a great lover of mine."

Ascribed to him praise for the villainous caricatures of the Queen. My son's sorrow is doubly keen because he knows he forfeited her majesty's love through infamous newspaper falsehoods."

The enquiry carried the message to Osborne House, and finally obtained consent for the Duke to attend the funeral. Orleans hurried to London, where he had an interview with the Duke of Connaught. The latter received the Frenchman coldly.

Orleans often tried in vain to secure an interview with the Sovereign. The King thrice refused him in striving from the Duke. He only met him once, briefly and coldly exchanging a handshake. He cut Orleans short when the latter tried to refer to the caricatures of Victoria.—[A dispatch from Paris.]

CONGRESSIONAL.—In the Senate yesterday the ship subsidy bill was laid aside informally to permit consideration of appropriation bills, Mr. Bacon spoke in defence of the right of Congress to call for papers on file in the departments, and declared that the departments have no right to withhold information from Congress. The Senate severely rebuked Secretary of the Navy Long for giving out for publication before it was delivered a letter to Senator Morgan, in which he scolded the Senate for not honoring Sampson and the heroes of the battle of Santiago.

The House passed the bill for a commission to adjudicate United States citizens' claims against Spain, with the amendment that they be referred to the Court of Claims. A bill was passed also to extend the charter of national banks. Little progress was made with the postoffice appropriation bill date.

The total of House bills has reached 14,033, the highest record ever attained for an entire Congress.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. The schooner John F. Kranz is in imminent danger of striking on the beach near Cape Henry. Her anchor chain parted in a gale and she is being tossed about at the mercy of the winds and sea. Life saving crews are in readiness to render aid.

Addison Cammack, one of the best known men in Wall street, died at his home in New York this afternoon. He was 74 years old. Cammack retired from the street a few years ago.

An embassage from London states that no confirmation can be obtained there of the report that King Edward is suffering from cancer of the throat. The report is not credited.

The Masonic Temple at Toledo, Ohio, has been destroyed by fire \$150,000.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS! All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box, 25c.

QUALITY TRILLS.—A full line of Fine Groceries for winter trade. J. C. MILBURN'S.

THE BUSINESS MEN'S MOVEMENT.

The committee of twenty-five, which was appointed at a recent meeting of citizens interested in the betterment of the city, held a meeting last evening in the rooms of the Business Men's League.

Owing to the sickness of Mr. Downham, the chairman of the committee, Mr. Isaac Eichberg was called upon to preside.

The report of the sub-committee was presented and informally discussed, after which it was unanimously adopted. It is as follows:

To the Citizens of Alexandria: Is Alexandria growing in wealth and population as rapidly as it should when we consider its acknowledged natural and social advantages, and what cause or causes are operating to check its growth, and how can such causes be removed?

During the period of 1870-1900 the District of Columbia has increased its population 147,018 souls, or 112 per cent; Montgomery county, Md., which adjoins the District on the north, has increased its population 9,888, or 48 per cent; Alexandria county, which adjoins it upon the South, has increased its population 3,245, or 102 per cent; our neighbor, Fairfax county, has increased its population 5,628, or 44 per cent, while Alexandria city, with all its great natural and social advantages, has only increased its population by the sum of 955 souls, or 7 per cent. In the last thirty years, industries have thrived and growth in the wants of the community; it is obvious to the mind of every thoughtful citizen that an average growth in population of only 33 per annum furnishes no new wants upon which to found new industries; as a consequence, our artisans and mechanics have been forced to seek other fields of employment; the result to our community being stagnation in both population and wealth.

That stagnation in wealth has followed close upon the heels of this stagnation in population is clearly shown by the fact that whereas Alexandria county has, during the past five years, increased the assessed value of its real and personal property by the handsome sum of \$910,362, or 55 per cent; Fairfax county has increased its wealth by the sum of \$329,725, or 61 per cent; Alexandria city has decreased in the value of its real and personal property by the sum of \$288,990, or 51 per cent. This enormous loss in assessed values means a loss of revenue to the city of nearly \$5,500 per annum; this loss of revenue means a continued and increasing lack of necessary improvements in the community; and lack of necessary improvements means a further shrinkage in population and in wealth.

Having in view the betterment of the conditions in our city and earnestly desiring to advance its material interests, our fellow citizens who concur in the views hereinafter set forth are urged to unite in aiding the promotion of the measures which are of vital importance to the welfare and prosperity of our community, it is to be distinctly understood that this movement is not for any political purpose whatever and should have no political significance, but should merely be an association of our citizens who are willing to render substantial service and assistance in advocating and promoting the objects and purposes herein expressed:

We believe that to insure the welfare and prosperity of our municipality that there should be the strictest economy in the administration of the municipal affairs; and the closest scrutiny should be given to the expenditures made by the different departments of the city government for the purpose of ascertaining if the same cannot be materially reduced, without impairing the public service.

That the City Council should devise and adopt a permanent plan of improvement for the streets, both with reference to sewerage and paving, and begin with the next fiscal year the execution of said plan, and to carry out the same from year to year until it is fully completed.

We believe that the execution of such a plan will not necessarily involve an increase of the bonded indebtedness of the city, but that it may be done by the application of certain portions of the revenues each year to that end, instead of expending the same upon temporary repairs and improvements, as has been largely the case in the years past.

We favor the amending of our present assessment law by the Council, adopting some thoroughly modern method of assessing real and personal property for the purpose of city taxation—some method which has been thoroughly tested and proved of by experience; such a method as shall at one and the same time (1) distribute the burden of taxation equitably upon each class of taxing citizen; upon each class of and upon each individual industry, and upon each individual citizen; (2) that small give stability to the value of the real property of our city by furnishing a reasonably accurate method whereby each citizen can ascertain such value; (3) that shall furnish ample revenue for the economical running of our city government, and which shall last, but not least, reduce our present tax rate.

That the City Council should pass without delay an ordinance making it compulsory on the part of owners of real estate abutting upon sewers already constructed, and upon those hereafter to be constructed, to disconnect all cess-pools upon their premises and to make connections with such sewers.

The yearly cost of lighting our city with electricity is nearly \$5,400; with gas, nearly \$3,400, making a total expenditure for the purpose of lighting of nearly \$8,800 per annum. We believe that the present electric lighting plant should be enlarged in its capacity so as to enable the city to furnish incandescent and arc lights to business and dwelling houses, and motive power to such as may desire it for manufacturing and other purposes, believing that in addition to furnishing light for the streets and public buildings, the revenue derived from lights and power furnished our citizens will more than compensate for the outlay and, in the course of a few years, yield a substantial revenue to the city.

The report for the last fiscal year and the reports for several years past show that nearly 5,000,000 feet, or 19-3/10 percent of all gas made is unaccounted for.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Richard Gibson's drug store.

There is always danger in using counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Cream. The original is a safe and certain cure for piles. It is a soothing and healing salve for sores and all skin diseases.

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YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS. The meeting last night was slimly attended, but ten being present. No nominations were made for Councilmen or city officers.

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A CARD. To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: We desire through the columns of the Gazette to express thanks to our many friends for their words of sympathy and love. This was our last child out of eight, and we were nearing our eightieth milestone. The hour which consigned to earth the mortal remains of our last child, caused an eclipse of our earthly hopes.

HARRIS FREEMAN AND WIFE. Clifton Station, Fairfax county, Va.

\$100 REWARD \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, it requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, setting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient at length by building up his system, a new and healthy nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of names in detail to Address, F. J. CENNEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best. Persons who can not take ordinary pills find it a pleasure to take Dr. Williams' Little Family Pills. They are the best little pills ever made.