

Alexandria Gazette.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 6, 1904.

Local Matters.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section fair tonight and Saturday; light variable winds.

School Board.

At the monthly meeting of the City School Board held last night there were present: Messrs. Thompson, Yates, Strauss, Thomson, Carne, Harrison, Bryant, Smoot, Stabler and the Superintendent, Capt. Bryant presided.

A committee from the joint committees on finance and schools of the City Council—Messrs. Bryan, Burke, Usher, Spinks and Sweeney—were also present to discuss with the board the matters of finance, etc.

The chair, Capt. Bryant, said that the board would be pleased to hear from the Council members.

Capt. Bryant, chairman of the Council finance committee, replied that his committee was present to talk over finance and school matters and to secure information concerning the items of \$2000 and \$692 asked for by the board. He said the board was willing to do all in its power for the schools, but he reminded the board that this was near the end of the fiscal year and the city treasury was by no means full.

Mr. Strauss said the board had not sufficient money to run its schools for ten months, and asked if Council would supply the deficit.

The clerk stated that it would require \$1,500 in addition to the amount now in the school treasury to pay salaries alone for the month of June.

Capt. Bryant asked if the \$692 item for improvements at Peabody building could not be left out of this year's expenses.

The Superintendent said this could be done, as it would be better to do the work after the schools had closed.

Mr. Harrison said the Council ordinances required fire escapes and sewer connections; if Council did not insist on this work it could be postponed.

Mr. Bryant said Council understood that the \$1,050 extra appropriation for this work would be sufficient.

Mr. Harrison said that the changes wisely made by Engineer Dunn in the first plans increased the cost of the work.

The Superintendent explained the increase of \$50 a year in the teachers' salaries and said most of the teachers are now receiving the maximum pay. He said if Council would make good the deficit this year the board would endeavor next year to prevent any deficit; he thought a change should be made concerning the grad. of salaries; that the teachers in some of the colored schools were not teaching as many pupils as the white teachers; that some of the schools might be consolidated next year; that this year all of the teachers expected to receive their salaries for ten months and that next year the board would try to keep the expenses within the receipts.

Capt. Bryant thought these matters should have been brought to the attention of Council sooner, for at the end of the year it was a difficult matter to meet.

Capt. Bryant said he understood that the school term in all the other cities of the State, and indeed elsewhere, was nine months, and if the people of Alexandria would be satisfied with a shorter term the expenses could be reduced.

Capt. Bryant asked if, as a matter of fact, the Alexandria schools are really open more than nine months.

The Superintendent replied that the schools were taught about nine and a half months.

Mr. Bryant asked if it were not true that the average increased attendance during the past ten years had been but 17, whereas it cost over \$8400 more to teach these pupils than it did ten years ago. He said he understood that the white schools had increased 98 during this time and that two more teachers had been employed, whereas the colored schools had decreased 90 and no teachers had been taken off.

Capt. Bryant believed the expenses should be kept within the receipts, but this year the teachers should be paid for ten months, whereas next year the term might be reduced to nine months.

Mr. Burke told of the receipts and expenses of the city and of the condition of the treasury; he did not wish it understood that Council desired to hamper the board, but it was necessary for every department of the city to practice the strictest economy.

Mr. Carne did not think the board was employing too many teachers; private schools with fewer pupils had more teachers.

Mr. Strauss said the only question to be answered was, could Council give the money to continue the schools for ten months?

Mr. Usher did not intend to criticize the board but thought that next year the board would have to curtail its expenses; he said if Council made any extra appropriations this year it would have to borrow the money. In reference to the school appropriations he said that Council for years had given the board more than was required by law, notwithstanding it had been stated that Council should pay the schools, under the law, \$15,000.

Mr. Carne explained that from information received by some of the members they thought the board was entitled to \$15,000.

Mr. Strauss asked the visiting committee if Council would give the money needed.

Capt. Bryant said his committee must meet before the question was answered and its report would be made first to Council.

Mr. Thomson said he would like to promise Council that if the money was furnished this year the board would endeavor hereafter to make the expenses come within the receipts and practice stricter economy next year.

Mr. Harrison said the members seemed disposed to make rash promises; little money, he said, had been spent on the school buildings recently and much repair work was needed.

The Council committees then retired and the School Board transacted some routine business.

Bills for repairs and supplies were ordered to be paid.

The Superintendent, stated that the committee appointed by the board to consider the question of text books had decided to meet on the night of May 17 to take up the matter. He also reported that he had visited all the schools dur-

ing the past month and that they were doing well.

The city committees on finance and schools met after their visit to the school board and discussed the matter of school expenses and will make a report to Council next Tuesday night. It is understood that the needed money to conduct the schools till the first of July will be appropriated, so all the statements published in out-of-town papers to the effect that the city schools would be closed at the end of May were unwarranted.

Attempt to Wreck Train.

Another attempt (the fourth in recent years) to wreck south bound fast vestibule train No. 503 of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway was made last night. The previous attempts were made at Ravensworth, Fairfax county, a short distance southwest of this city; but that last night was at St. Asaph Junction, not far from the city limits. Fortunately the obstructions on the track were discovered by Mr. V. C. Davis, the operator at that point, and the train stopped in time to prevent what might have proven a serious wreck. That the object of the miscreants was to wreck the C. & O. train is evident from the fact a southbound light engine passed St. Asaph Junction twenty minutes earlier than the vestibule train. Two railroad ties had been placed on the track, one switch light removed [them, and a stone weighing about three pounds wedged in the switch. About 2,000 railroad ties were unloaded at St. Asaph yesterday, and two of those were used by the would-be train wreckers. The F. V. V. train is scheduled to leave Washington at 11:10 p. m. and generally reaches this city about 11:30 o'clock. It was delayed eight minutes last night, waiting for a New York connection. It is a through train to Cincinnati, Ohio, and usually carries three sleepers, one coach, one mail car, one baggage car, and one express car, but the traffic was extraordinarily heavy last night, and an additional coach was put on. There were about 125 passengers aboard. The railroad authorities are endeavoring to identify the parties who attempted to wreck the train.

The obstructions had been placed on the track between the signal tower at St. Asaph and the double bridge, and the parties who made the dastardly attempt to wreck the train went about their work as though they were experts. A short distance north of the tower south bound trains which run over Henry street (as do C. & O. trains) cross the main north bound track and strike their own track on the east. About the time the C. & O. train was due Operator Davis discovered that he could not throw the switch, and procuring a lantern started to investigate the cause. He found that a rock had been wedged securely into the switch and that an inch or more of it was protruding above the rail; a few yards south it was had been placed parallel with and close alongside one of the rails, and another in a transverse position with one end against the rail. The ties formed a letter L and were firmly secured. Practically there were three obstructions, either of which was liable to derail the locomotive. Mr. Davis sent a trackman ahead with a red lantern to flag the approaching C. & O. train. In the meantime the obstructions were removed and the train when it appeared was allowed to pass. Later Officers Henderson and Knight, accompanied by Mr. Winter Crupper, night watchman of the Washington-Southern R. W., boarded a locomotive and went to the scene, but they were unable to find any suspicious persons anywhere in the neighborhood.

New Election Conditions.

The conditions surrounding elections at present rendered them far from interesting to a certain class of individuals who formerly anticipated such events with pleasure from the fact that the distribution of money, stimulants, &c., was, under the former order of things, made a necessary accompaniment of political contests. The new constitution forbids the use of money in the interest of candidates, and many heretofore voters will cast no ballots this month from the fact that they have failed to qualify themselves as suffragans in accordance with the law. The elimination of the purchasable voters from participation in elections should have been brought about many years ago. The number of persons in Alexandria who were ready to become the champions of the highest bidder was increasing every year. They ranged in value from a low figure upward according to the power or influence they were supposed to exert. There was an army of small fry individuals whose price was nominal and who generally bled all candidates. The entire horde has passed into a total eclipse from which it is hoped they will never emerge. Heretofore a week or ten days before a primary election was a veritable harvest for many. Numbers quit work to enjoy the hospitality of candidates and their friends, and stimulants were drunk at the expense of aspirants. The dawn of another era is hailed with delight by the great majority of people who vote from intelligent convictions.

Railroad Company Sued.

As was stated in yesterday's Gazette, a suit for \$6,000 damages against the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company has been filed in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by James S. Cotton. The plaintiff seeks to recover for an alleged unlawful ejectment from one of the company's cars. The declaration states that August 12, 1903, Mr. Cotton purchased from the agent of the defendant in Washington a ticket to Alexandria and return. When the conductor of the car on which he took passage collected fare the plaintiff says he gave him the ticket and received from him a part of the ticket, the other part having been retained by the conductor, the plaintiff not noticing which part of the ticket was returned to him. On his return from Alexandria, he alleges he offered the portion of the ticket in his possession to the conductor, who refused to accept it as fare and ejected the plaintiff from the car.

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River Notes.

The bell buoy marking the upper end of the Kettle Bottom shoals in the Potomac river is not now ringing a warning to mariners of their nearness to danger. The bell portion of the buoy is missing, and it is said it has been taken away by the lighthouse authorities to make some repairs to it. As soon as the bell is repaired it will be replaced on the buoy and services will be resumed by the danger signal.

The steam yacht Gretchen, Capt. James Richardson, owned by Mr. J. H. Reyburn, of New York, has been hauled out on the railway for repairs.

A sand dredge built by the Marine Railway and Shipbuilding Company of this city, for the Potomac Dredging Company, was launched yesterday. This is the largest dredge on the river.

The schooner Wise is being loaded with lumber by Smoot & Co., of Kinsale. The schooner M. W. Williams is being loaded with fertilizer by W. A. Smoot & Co. for King George county.

Personal.

Mr. J. H. Trimmer has returned from Asheville, N. C., much improved in health.

Mr. James Roche has announced himself a candidate for the Board of Aldermen from the Third ward.

Mr. William Dobie, jr., says he is not a candidate for the City Council from the First ward.

Mr. Robert Portner and his son, Mr. Paul Portner, and his daughter, Miss Etta Portner, have returned from California, in which State they spent the past three months.

Major T. P. Wallace, of Fredericksburg, was in the city today, and was warmly greeted by his old friends, many of whom he knew while in the army. The Major, it is understood, will be elected Mayor of Fredericksburg at the next election.

Mr. W. F. Lambert is in St. Louis attending the Bankers' Convention.

Petition Denied.

Several days ago a petition signed by nearly all the steamboat captains on the Potomac, requesting the establishment of a line of buoys along the river to mark the channel on the east side from Shepherd's to Giesboro' Point, was sent to the lighthouse authorities in charge of this district. In the letter attention was called to the fact that vessel masters were often deceived by the presence of the wharf at the United States naval magazine, into believing that deep water existed in front of it and that within the past two weeks several vessels have gone ashore there. The request of the petitioners was denied, the authorities maintaining that the channel in that locality was straight and the land bold and well defined.

Foul Docks.

The condition of the docks on the water front of this city is believed to be a menace to health, especially during fishing season, when the tide goes out and leaves dead fish and other putrid matter to fester under the sun's rays. Some docks are seldom used now except by small boats, and they are consequently rapidly filling up, while the sewers are continually adding to their contamination. Most of the refuse and decayed animal or vegetable matter accumulated around the wharves finds its way into the docks. A large percentage is not carried off by the tide from the fact that the water is too shallow, and decaying matter is continually filling the air with foul odors.

Call Accepted.

Rev. Francis E. McManus, of Medina, Ohio, has accepted the call of the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Upper Marlboro, Md. Mr. McManus has been visiting in Washington, and is a personal friend of Bishop Satterlee, and it was at his request, and after several of the members of the vestry had heard him preach, that they decided to call him. He is a graduate of the Theological Seminary near Alexandria, and was a classmate of Bishop Kinsolving, of Brazil. Mr. McManus will enter upon his duties as rector of Trinity Church on Sunday, June 12. This church has been without a rector for about one year.

Affairs at Fishtown.

There was still an over abundance of herring at Fishtown this morning. Prices ranged from \$1.50 to \$2 per thousand. Shad are becoming more plentiful. They sold yesterday at \$16 a \$27 per hundred. Prices were about the same today. Early this morning shad which had been caught by gillers during last night were being offered on the streets at from 35c up. There will be an inevitable decline in these prices now that warm and fair weather is bringing fish into the river.

Southern Railway Earnings.

Auditor A. H. Plant, of the Southern Railway, has sent out the following statement of estimated earnings of the Southern Railway system. Earnings for the fourth week of April, 1904, \$977,108; week last year, \$1,102,125; decrease for 1904, \$25,017.

Registrars Qualified.

The registrars for the four wards—Messrs. A. T. Schoen, G. H. Bossart, H. L. Poss, J. L. Lawler—recently appointed by the Electoral Board, qualified by taking the proper oath in the Corporation Court today.

Circuit Court for the City.

[Judge C. E. Nicol presiding.] L. F. Haslip and S. T. Beacham, of Baltimore, vs. the Alexandria Fire Insurance Co.; suit on a policy for \$833; jury and case in progress.

An Open Letter.

Messrs. F. H. Finley & Son: Gentlemen: I have examined your Diamond Brand of Palatable Distilled Water and have found it to be all that has been claimed for it—"A strictly pure distilled water," and I highly commend it to those in need of a pure drinking water, and for other purposes for which distilled water should be used. Yours truly, FRANK C. HENRY, Proprietor U. S. Thompson Pharmacy, 708 15th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

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A DIVIDEND OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS per share will be paid to the stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company at the office of the company on and after MONDAY, May 16, 1904.

By order of the Board of Directors, GEORGE UHLER, Secretary and Treasurer. Office Hours: 10th and 17th at 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., and 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. my3 eod

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The water mains will be flushed tomorrow morning.

An adjourned meeting of the Citizens' Protective Association will be held tonight.

The Fanchon Pleasure Club will give a May ball at McBurney's Hall on Tuesday night next.

The boys of the Sunday school of the Episcopal churches of this city are organizing a baseball club.

Officer Roberts this afternoon arrested Robert Heywood and John Ashton charged with disorderly conduct on King street.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to William T. Cokkrell, of Bethel, and Mary E. Doran, of Clarkston.

A meeting of the Young Men's Sunday School Athletic Association will be held tonight at the Methodist Protestant Church at 7:30 o'clock.

William Epps, colored, an inmate of the almshouse, died last night. The deceased entered the institution about a month ago. He was 42 years old.

A number of members of the two Masonic lodges of this city will visit Arminius Lodge, of Washington next Monday night. They will leave here at 7:15. A special car will be attached to the train.

There was but one case before Justice Caton in the Police Court this morning, that of a resident of a neighboring county who had been found on the streets drunk. He was dismissed with an admonition.

Mr. E. R. Boyer, contractor for laying granolithic, pressed brick and other pavements, has been doing some fine work in this city. The pavement on the Cameron street side of the local depot is a fine specimen of his work.

The Inspector of Buildings in that city has caused to be placed on seven of the Washington wharves on the water front large signs notifying the public that they are condemned by the authorities and unsafe for public use.

The Corporation Commission has granted a charter to the Continental Salvage and Protection Association, of Alexandria. The capital is placed at from \$25,000 to \$100,000. George J. Scott is president, Daniel I. Lukin, vice-president, and treasurer and Abraham Wolf secretary.

Mr. O. F. Baggett will have fine spring lamb for sale tomorrow morning at his stall in market.

Fried clams, 30c dozen; clam soup, 10c; soft shell and deviled crabs, 10c each, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at C. H. Zimmerman's.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the COLUMBIAN MARBLE QUARRYING CO. will be held at 128 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., MONDAY, June 6, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. HENRY F. WOODARD, Secretary. my6 td

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the DEWEY HOTEL COMPANY will be held at 128 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on MONDAY, June 6, 1904, at 3 o'clock p. m. HENRY F. WOODARD, Secretary. my6 td

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R. C. ACTON & SON, JEWELERS AND SILVERSMITHS. NOTICE TO WATER TAKERS. The water mains will be flushed on SATURDAY, May 7, at 7 a. m. Water takers will govern themselves accordingly and provide supplies so that they will experience no inconvenience during the time the flow is cut off from them. GEORGE UHLER, my5 2t Secretary.

WANTED.—An experienced DIRT-WASHER Apply at C. H. ZIMMERMAN'S, my4 3t Market Space.

The Cameron Run Hunt Club THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, VA. SECOND ANNUAL HORSE SHOW Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 & 12. STEEPLE CHASE LAST DAY Entries Close May 2. Admission 50c.

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AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITIZENS' PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION will be held in the rooms of the Business Men's League on FRIDAY EVENING, May 6, at eight o'clock. All members are respectfully requested to attend. JOHN R. ZIMMERMAN, President. JAMES BAYNE, Secretary. my5 2t