

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 18, 1905.

Local Matters.

Sun rises tomorrow at 7:15 and sets 5:07. High water at 5:41 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section partly cloudy tonight, Thursday cloudy, probably rain; variable winds, becoming southerly and fresh.

Reliance Fire Company.

A large number of members of the Reliance Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 5, were present at the annual meeting and inspection last night. The company appeared in their uniforms. Considerable business was transacted and the following officers were elected: L. E. Uhler, president; Thomas W. Robinson, first vice president; J. R. N. Curtin, second vice president; Richard M. Pettet, treasurer; Frank D. Pollard, secretary; George K. Pretyman, assistant secretary; Charles E. Pettet, recorder; George W. Pettet, captain; Arthur D. Grimes, first lieutenant; Kenneth W. Ogden, second lieutenant; Harry Tenneson, commander of hose; R. M. Pettet, Kenneth Ogden and Wm. Bontz, jr., committee on constitution and by-laws; Charles B. Paff, Courtney Acton and J. Sidney Douglas, trustees. Captain and lieutenants are now elected instead of a former and assistants. The rolls were revised, sixteen names being dropped and two new members elected. At the close of the meeting the members participated in an oyster roast.

Bread Thieves.

A gentleman engaged in delivering bread remarked to a representative of the Gazette this morning that no bread had been stolen from boxes during the past forty-eight hours. He further stated that a few mornings ago twenty-six pounds were taken from a box under an electric light at the corner of Duke and Fairfax streets; a box was robbed two squares south, another one square east and at other points in the First ward. Such robberies are reported almost daily while milk thieves ply their vocation without let or hindrance. It may be suggested that the police cannot be everywhere, but that they could prevent much of the petty larceny going on continually is believed by many.

Request to Reconstruct Bridge.

But two persons appeared at the public hearing held in Washington yesterday by Col. Smith S. Leach, U. S. A., engineer officer in charge of the Potomac Park, to consider the request of the Pennsylvania Railroad to reconstruct the bridge over the tidal basin in Potomac Park for the purpose of fitting it for use by the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company and for highway traffic. The improvement would necessitate the raising of the grade seven feet. In order to do this it is proposed to shift the entire present bridge some thirty or forty feet south on the abutments until the bridge now in course of construction is completed.

Police Items.

There was but one case before the Police Court this morning, that of Daniel Jones, a colored boy, who had been arrested by Officers Sherwood and Bettis charged with assaulting another colored boy named John Harris. The accused was dismissed. John Jordan, colored, arrested here yesterday on suspicion of robbing a colored man in Fairfax county, was this morning turned over to Justice Kerby, of that county. Officer Knight has recovered several articles alleged to have been stolen from the man. Officer Henderson has recovered a watch which was taken from the Alexandria House recently.

Mr. Agnew May Retire.

Mr. Park Agnew, who has been chairman of the republican State committee for some years past, and who, it may be said, has given the democrats more trouble than any man that has held the position for some time, is seriously considering his retirement from the chairmanship at the meeting to be held in Lynchburg next Saturday evening. At the last election the southwestern section of the State polled a large republican vote, and Mr. Agnew thinks that if the republicans of that section wish the chairmanship of the committee they should have it.

Reappointed.

Mr. J. E. B. Stunt, the new U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia, has reappointed Mr. Jos. F. Glover, of this city, Deputy Marshal, and yesterday he qualified before Mr. R. P. W. Garrett, clerk of the U. S. Court. Mr. Glover has been Deputy Marshal for a number of years past, and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is to retain his position.

Wedding.

Miss Elizabeth M. Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shaw, of this city, and Mr. Hubert O. Hudgins, of Richmond, were quietly married this morning at the parsonage of Calvary Baptist Church, in Washington, by the Rev. Dr. Greene. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Fannie Shaw, and Mr. J. Everett Hudgins, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Tucker Smith, whose death occurred last Sunday night, took place from the residence, 214 north Fairfax street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Stump, and the pallbearers were eight grandsons of the deceased. A large number of relatives, friends and acquaintances of the deceased attended the funeral.

General Lee's Birthday.

Tomorrow (the anniversary of General Lee's birthday) will be observed as a holiday in this city. The banks and public schools will be closed and public offices will be open only during a portion of the day. At night R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, will hold their annual reunion and give their usual banquet.

Junior Order of Mechanics.

Alexandria Council, Junior Order of Mechanics, will meet at Sarepta Hall tomorrow night. At the close a social meeting will be held, when the doors will be opened to the public, and a musical and literary entertainment given. Rev. Mr. Carpenter is expected to deliver an address.

The weather was mild and fair again today. The mercury reached 47°.

Corporation Court.

[Judge L. C. Barley presiding.] Com. vs. Alphonso Antonio, an Italian, indicted for maliciously shooting James Winkfield. After the jury had been empaneled counsel for the defense raised the point that the indictment was wrong in that it gave the name of "Winkfield" instead of Winkfield. The court sustained the point and the case was continued till the next grand jury term. Messrs. Machon and Moncreu represented the defendant and Mr. S. G. Brent the State.

A juror was fined \$5 for contempt of court in not appearing when summoned. Mrs. Nellie Richards was appointed guardian of her children, Rubie D. Wallace and Madeline and Mary D. Krafft.

Personal.

Mr. Frank R. Hufty, who has been in Europe and South America a number of years, has returned to this city to locate. He will be joined here by the latter part of this week by his wife, who is a daughter of Mr. E. S. Shortridge, of Newport News. Judge Norton has gone to North Carolina on a hunting trip. Mr. A. P. Thom, of Norfolk, was in this city today.

Grace Church.

At a recent meeting of the vestry of Grace Church it was decided to place a two manual pneumatic water motor pipe organ near the chancel of the church and introduce a vested choir. The contract for the organ has been given to a Washington firm, and the work will be completed by E. S. Rev. John G. Scott, of Warm Springs, will preach at 7:30 tonight.

Death of Mrs. Wenzel.

Mrs. Mamie Wenzel, widow of Frank Wenzel, died at her home on King street, near Payne, this morning. She leaves one child, a daughter. The deceased was a daughter of the late William Leef. She had been in ill-health for a long time.

Prompt Payment.

George Mason Council, Royal Arcanum, last night paid over to Mrs. Arthur Penn a check for \$3,000, the amount of benefits held in that order by her husband, who died three weeks ago.

Meetings.

The annual meetings of the stockholders of the Adalinda Zinc Company, of the Washington National Building and Loan Association, of Washington, and of the W. T. Walker Brick Co. were held in this city today.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The regular monthly meeting of the Police Commissioners will be held tonight.

The usual Wednesday evening service in St. Paul's Church will be omitted this evening.

The Jewish Women's Council will give an entertainment at Odd Fellows' Hall tonight.

Two lamps placed in front of obstructions on north Washington street were stolen last night.

Special services will be inaugurated in the Second Presbyterian Church tonight. They will be held nightly until further notice.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Hubert O. Hudgins, of Richmond, and Elizabeth M. Shaw, of Alexandria.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Sociality Lyceum last night Mr. H. L. Wheatley was elected financial secretary, and Mr. James T. Lawler sergeant-at-arms.

"Nep" Penn, Charles Schafer and Ann Berry reported today that their houses at Fishmont were broken into last night. Nothing was stolen, however.

An Italian employed by Reiter, Curtis & Hill in constructing the new union yard north of this city, was seriously injured yesterday by the overturning of a dinky car.

Fresh herring (from North Carolina) have made their appearance in market. They bring 50 cents a dozen. Fresh codfish (two feet long) were on the benches this morning.

In the Circuit Court of Fairfax on Monday Judge Nicol made permanent the injunction against the Southern Railway Company for interfering with the land of D. J. Howell, at Edisals.

It is said that arrangements are being made to place steamers on a ferry route between this city and Washington, for the day, on the 4th of March. It is announced that two or three steamers will be in service that day.

A meeting of the committee of the Business Men's League will be held in the rooms of the league tonight to take action concerning the unsatisfactory transportation facilities between this city and Washington.

"Aunt" Fanny Lomax celebrated her 104th birthday on Monday at her home in Rye-say, in the county, by a reception from 2 to 3 p. m. She chatted with all callers, and was most insistent that they should partake of her hospitality in the form of cakes, ices and coffee.

The annual meeting of Mary Custis Lee Chapter No. 7, U. D. C., will be held in the Confederate Veterans' building, tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon at three o'clock. Members are urged to be prompt in attendance, as business of importance is to be transacted. Election of officers.

A slight fire occurred yesterday evening in the building on the northwest corner of King and Washington streets, but it was soon subdued by extinguishers brought from the Columbia engine house. The fire emanated from the chimney and parts of the floor and matting were burned.

John Johnson, Oscar Jackson and James Brown, young colored men, who claimed Alexandria as their home, were before Judge Kimball in the Police Court in Washington yesterday on a charge of the larceny of three loaves of bread from a bakery company on C street northwest, and fined \$5 each.

The Combes Ministry. Paris, Jan. 18.—The Combes ministry held its final meeting this morning, after which they handed their resignations to President Loubet. President Loubet accepted the resignations but requested the ministers to continue attending to the business of their offices until a new cabinet had been formed.

The Market. Georgetown, Jan. 18.—Wheat 30¢ 1/2.

Fifty-Eighth Congress.

Washington, Jan. 18.

SENATE.

The President pro tem. appointed Mr. Foraker and Mr. Gorman to act as tellers for the Senate in the counting of the electoral vote in the House of Representatives February 8.

The fortifications appropriation bill was favorably reported in practically the same shape in which it passed the House.

At the conclusion of the routine business Mr. Stone called up his resolution which directs the committee on the judiciary to report at the next session of Congress a bill to prevent bribery and corruption in national elections, etc.

Mr. Stone then took the floor in a severe arraignment of the President and Chairman Cortelyou, of the national republican committee.

When Mr. Stone concluded Mr. Hansbrough offered and had read from the desk the complete denial of the President to the charge made during the campaign of Judge Parker.

HOUSE.

Without delay, the House, upon convening today, took up the Swayne articles of impeachment.

By agreement, voting on the several propositions before the House will begin at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. McCall, the first speaker, favored the minority proposition, that Judge Swayne's only offense was to charge \$10 a day for expenses, a charge that was not warranted by his actual expenses.

Closing argument for the minority, which is opposing the adoption of the articles of impeachment, was made by Representative Gillette. He said that the prosecution was engendered entirely by the election cases tried by Judge Swayne, which incurred for the judge the enmity of many people of Florida.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The American Shipbuilding Company, directors meeting at Cleveland, O., today, voted not to grant a dividend on the common stock.

The general elections are in progress in Hungary today. There have been numerous fights at various points. Thus far two deaths and 27 injuries have been reported.

In answer to an alarm of fire ten engine companies have responded to a blaze at the Prospect Dye Works at Reading, Pa. The building is doomed. A general alarm was sounded calling out all the companies.

The chief of police of Kremenchug, Russia, was blinded by a woman, the emissary of revolutionists. The woman was summarily arrested, and sentenced to receive 100 knout strokes as a preliminary punishment.

The recommendation by President Mitchell, and Wm. Dods, the American miners delegates to the international mining parliament, held in Paris last August, that the American miners take up the matter of establishing co-operative societies and stores was the subject of discussion in today's convention in Indianapolis. President Mitchell advocated co-operative stores, established and conducted on a plain business basis; the Rochdale system.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, has issued an order which requires professional lobbyists to report to him and to get out of town within thirty hours without issuing any railroad passes.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE SCHOOLS.

The writer wishes to call the attention of those concerned to a recent action of the Board of Trustees in reducing the length of the public school term to nine months and endeavoring thereby to lessen expenses by lowering salaries. He calls the attention of the people to the fact that the board was driven to this step because there was no money to fulfill its obligations to the teachers. The thinking man can readily see that if there are to be public schools there must be competent and, as far as possible, experienced teachers. How are they to be secured or obtained? What man in any business would work nine months in a year for nine months' wages, unless they were high enough to support him for twelve? Are not many other city employees appointed for twelve months and do they not get a leave of absence for a certain time without losing any of their pay? Do not government clerks get thirty days' leave every year and draw their pay for them? Why not the teachers? The writer well remembers that fifty years ago almost every school had an eleven months' session; why not restore it? Are the summers any warmer now than they were then? The terms have been cut off at each end year by year until two months have been lost, and they will continue to be shortened if a halt is not called. It may be said that the people, as well as the teachers, want nine months' sessions; it may be the case with some people, but there is nothing to prevent this from withdrawing their children when they please; and the writer is satisfied that the eleven months' session will be quite satisfactory to the majority of parents, if tried. Boys, especially, pass the vacation in running the streets, swimming half the day in the sun and getting into mischief generally, if employment cannot be found for them, and if it is, experienced teachers always find that at least ninety per cent. of their pupils lose very much of what they have learned in one short session and have to be taught it over again before they can proceed satisfactorily.

As to the teachers, they cannot expect to get pay without work and they will have time enough for recreating and travel in a month as public officers do. There will be a general complaint at first, but in a year or two few will deny that the return to old customs has done good.

AS OLD TEACHER.

Coughs and Colds.

All coughs, colds and pulmonary complaints that are curable are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. Clears the phlegm, draws out inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts, strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia. Harmless and pleasant to take. Sold by all druggists.

GENERAL DEPOT OF THE QUARTER master's Department, Washington, D. C. Proposals will be received at this office until 2 p. m. February 4, 1905, and then publicly opened, for constructing a Coal Testing Plant, a brick building for a Coal Testing Plant. The right is reserved to the United States to reject any or all proposals. Specifications and blue prints will be furnished upon application to this office. Envelopes containing proposals must be marked "Proposals for Constructing Coal Testing Plant" and addressed to CAPTAIN A. W. HETZ, Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Jan. 19, 1905, 233

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The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These Pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25¢ per box. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

The Woman's Exchange

at Lee Camp Hall will be open TOMORROW, Thursday, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., and the attention of the public is especially called to the display of needles on hand. Jan 18-19

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Business hours, 8:30 a. m. to 3:30. Saturdays, 9 p. m.

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Especially low prices in order to close out our winter stock at once.

Arnold's Superfine Flannellets and Manchester Flannellets, in all the new Persian effects and colorings; 28 and 32 inches wide, for robes, gowns, saronges, &c.; 15¢ value; to close, yard..... 15c

One lot of Wool Elderdown, plain and crepon effect; colors, red, pink, light blue, tan, light and dark gray mixtures; 25c regular price, 90¢; to close, yard..... 25c

50 and 60 Strunk Skirting Flannels, 28 inches wide, plain navy, black, gray and brown; also some plaid and stripes. These are Merrit and Agawam Mills goods, and are worth the above stated prices. To close this lot, 700 yds. 39c

76 French Printed Flannels and 50c Plain Boney Flannels, all desirable styles and colors, for waists, skirts, dressing saronges, gowns, &c. To make a clean sweep, yard..... 49c

10 dozen Wool Skirt Patterns, dark colors, full size, and actual value 80¢ each; 59c to close, each..... 59c

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1/2 off on all 1905 Calendars.

1/4 off on all Vase Lamps.

1/4 off on all Cut Glass.

Fancy KIRKADY BLOATERS

Full Roe.

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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK.

Alexandria, Va., January 18, 1905.

Thursday, January 19th, General K. E. Lee's birthday, being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed.

H. T. C. SMITH, Cashier.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK.

Alexandria, Va., January 19th, General B. E. Lee's birthday, being a legal holiday in this State, this bank will be closed.

W. F. LAMBERT, Cashier.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Alexandria, Va., January 17, 1905.

Thursday, January 18th, General B. E. Lee's birthday, being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed.

Jan 17 21 C. E. HOOFER, President.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH, General Lee's birthday, being a legal holiday, the banking house of Burke & Herbert will be closed. All paper maturing that day is payable the day following.

Jan 17 21 BURKE & HERBERT.

California Hams, 8c lb.

Large Prunes, 5c lb. Sun-dried Apples, 5c lb. Rabbits, 2 for 25c. Corned Hams, 12c lb. Corned Shoulders, 10c lb. 5 lb bucket Lard, 50c. W. P. WOOLLS & SONS,

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January Clearance Sale

Our annual January clearance sale of winter goods, now in progress, means a great saving to all in need of warm Fur, Blankets, Comforts, Ladies' Coats, Ladies' Walking Skirts, Ladies' Flannellette Wrappers, Ladies' Wool Underwear. Also clearance sale of the Manhattan Shirts, Matings and Men's Winter Underwear. Stock up now and save money.

Furs at Half Price.

We will close out the balance of our Furs at exactly half price. This is a rare opportunity to buy choice furs at unusually low prices. From \$1 to \$25.

Ladies' Coats Reduced.

All of the Ladies' Black and Tan Coats to be closed out at bargain prices. These coats are fully tailor-made and are very stylish and well-fitting. Ladies' \$6.98 Coats now \$3.98. Ladies' \$7.98 Coats now \$4.50. Ladies' \$12.50 Coats now \$7.98.

Ladies' Walking Skirts Reduced.

Ladies' Winter Walking Skirts are reduced very low in order to effect a rapid clearance. Ladies' \$2.50 Walking Skirts now \$1.75. Ladies' \$3.50 Walking Skirts now \$2.49. Ladies' \$3.98 Walking Skirts now \$2.98. Ladies' \$5.00 Walking Skirts now \$3.75.

Fine Comforts Reduced.

We will close out a lot of fine Comforts received several weeks late at greatly reduced prices. Fine \$2.98 Comforts now \$1.98. Fine \$3.49 Comforts now \$2.25. Fine \$4.50 Comforts now \$3.25. Fine \$5.00 Comforts now \$3.98. Fine \$6.00 Comforts now \$4.25.

Blankets Reduced.

The \$3.25 Wool Blankets now \$2.49. The \$4.25 Wool Blankets now \$3.25. The \$5.00 Wool Blankets now \$3.98. The \$6.00 Wool Blankets now \$4.99.

Flannellette Wrappers Reduced.

Ladies' 75c Flannellette Wrappers 59c. Ladies' \$1.00 Flannellette Wrappers 75c. Ladies' \$1.50 Flannellette Wrappers, \$1.15.

Clearance Sale of Mattings

Before our new spring Mattings arrive we desire to close out what we have on hand at regular wholesale prices. 13c Mattings now 9c. 15c Mattings now 11c. 20c Mattings now 15c. 25c Mattings now 19c. 35c Mattings now 25c.

Special Bargains.

One case new spring Dress Gingham, bought to sell at 12c. Special price, yard, 9c. One case of the well-known \$1 W. B. Corsets. Special price, pair, 75c. Manhattan Fancy \$1.50 Shirts reduced to..... \$1.10 One case Children's Fleece Underwear. Special price, each, 10c.

GROCERIES.

Ramsay Sells the Best.

Fancy Nos. 1 & 2 Mackerel and Potomac Family Roe Herring

Fine Large Bloaters. G. Wm. Ramsay.

Roquefort, Pineapple & Edam Cheese. G. Wm. Ramsay.

Kernelled Corn. A Fine Canned Corn Without Hulls. 15c a can. Alpha Brand. The Finest Maine Corn, 12c a can. G. Wm. Ramsay.

Pin Money Pickles. A Full Assortment, and G. Wm. Ramsay.

Absolutely Pure Sap Maple Syrup. Sweet Cider, Very Fine. Heinz's Mustard By Measure. G. Wm. Ramsay.

ROSENFELD'S.

Mark Down Sale

If you saw the crowds last week maybe you thought they did carry away all the bargains. They all did carry away bargains, but there're plenty left. 'Twill take a good many busy days to reduce this enormous stock to the point of preparedness for spring. But the early bird gets the best picking.

SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK.

50c Sheets, 72x90, at 37 1-2c. 10c and 12 1-2c Pillow Cases, 8c. Women's 25c Fancy Collars, 10c. Men's 25c and 50c Ties, all styles, 19c. Flannellette Night Dresses for men or women, 39c. The 50c kind. The balance of Ladies' and Children's Furs at half. Balance of Trimmed and Ready-to-wear Hats at less than half. Ladies' Coats, Tailor-made Suits, Children's Coats and Dresses greatly reduced.

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