

Alexandria Gazette.

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 26, 1906.

Local Matters.

Sun and Tide Table.

Sun rises tomorrow at 7:11 a. m. and sets at 5:15 p. m. High water at 9:33 a. m. and 9:52 p. m.

Weather Probabilities.

For this section show this afternoon or tonight. Saturday snow, followed by fair in the afternoon; brisk northerly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

THE CURTIN MURDER CASE.

Another large crowd gathered in the Police Court this morning to witness the continuation of the case of Harry Meeks and Herbert Foster, arrested in connection with the mysterious murder of George R. Curtin last December. Mr. S. G. Brent appeared for the Commonwealth and Mr. J. M. Johnson for the prisoners. Mr. S. P. Fisher, Corporation Attorney, and Mayor Paff were also present.

Twenty witnesses, male and female, who had been summoned by the Commonwealth, were sworn.

Samuel Mills, colored, was the first to take the stand. He saw Curtin at 6 p. m. on December 23 on the corner of Patrick and Queen streets with two men, one of whom he recognized as Foster. The other man he did not know, but said it was not Meeks.

Dr. W. M. Smith was called and he testified concerning the result of the autopsy of Curtin's remains, which showed that the man was dead when placed in the water.

George R. Patterson, proprietor of the Tontine Hotel, followed. Saw Meeks, Curtin and a man named McCaffray, on the night of December 23. It was then about midnight. The men left his saloon together. Upon being cross-examined witness said Curtin, Meeks and McCaffray came in with the crowd. He did not recognize the others.

James Fegan was the next witness. The witness denied that he had met Curtin in a resort in the northern section of the city and had requested him to leave a room in which it was alleged witness found him. He admitted he visited a certain house. There had been a row in one of the houses, police whistles had been sounded and he recognized the voice of Leroy Beach, jr.; did not know the others. Beach wanted to fight some one in the crowd. Witness gave the names of the parties who accompanied him to the resort. He also said there were about a dozen men wrangling at Queen and Lee streets about 2 o'clock that morning, but he did not recognize the voices of either.

Howard Hardy was the next witness called. He did not recollect having seen Curtin on the night of December 23, although witness was in a house on north Lee street on that night. Witness told of a row which took place in one of the houses, and recognized Beach's voice. The latter had said he could whip any man who came on the street. Did not recognize either of the prisoners.

Theo. Gensmer testified to seeing Curtin in Mamie Wood's house, on Princess street, on the night of December 23. He was with two men, one of whom he recognized as Meeks. Witness had some words with Curtin, the latter having trodden on witness' foot, and one of the women of the house led Curtin away. Left Curtin, Meeks and another in the house.

Mamie Wood subsequently took the stand. Witness saw Curtin with three men—two of whom were Meeks and Foster—in her house on the night of December 23. Others were in the back room. Witness gave another reason for the trouble between Curtin and Gensmer; she also said that Fegan had told Curtin not to come into the room where he (Fegan) was seated. Witness said Curtin and his companions left her house about half-past 2 o'clock in the morning. Meeks had left first, saying he wanted to get rid of Curtin, as he did not desire to get into trouble.

Annie Lee was called. She is an inmate of Mamie Wood's house. Saw Curtin, Meeks and Foster and another man in the house on the night of December 23. Did not know the fourth man. Was shown a picture by Mr. Brent, which she recognized, as a man who has been going by the name of Luckett and McCaffray.

The picture was also identified by Meeks. Witness said Fegan had told Curtin not to enter a back room.

Wm. Maupin saw Curtin on north Lee street on Saturday night, December 23, but his evidence threw no light upon the murder.

Carroll Hanzon saw Curtin with two strange men on north Lee street on the night of his disappearance. Did not recognize the prisoners as being Curtin's companions. The preceding witness was with Maupin in Eva Baker's house on the night in question. Mankin in his evidence had testified that he was denied admittance to the Baker woman's house. Witness seen Curtin sitting on Fannie Kimball's door step, and when some one slapped him on the back he said he was sick.

Raymond Henderson also saw Curtin sitting on Fannie Kimball's door step on the night of his disappearance. Saw but one man with Curtin; did not think it was Meeks.

Ernest Recker said he came down from Washington on the night of December 23 with Maupin and others, arriving here at 1 o'clock or shortly after. They went to the Tontine and took a drink and then went to Lee street. He said he saw Mankin slap a man on the shoulder, but didn't know the man. Meeks and Foster, he said, were standing nearby. He didn't see the man in the light overcoat. To nearly all of the questions put to him by Mr. Johnson Recker replied, "couldn't say."

After one or two witnesses, whose testimony was unimportant, were put on the stand, LeRoy Beach, jr., was called. He proved a most difficult witness to examine, becoming so insolent while Mr. Johnson was questioning him that Justice Caton had to warn him several times to be more civil and one time had to threaten to lock him up. Beach claimed that he went to Washington between 7 and 8 o'clock on the Saturday night in question, returned early in the evening, went to the Tontine and from there to Lee street, where he visited several houses; while in one house he heard a police whistle and when he went out in the street saw several men engaged in an altercation. He thought Meeks was about to fight with one of his friends and offered to whip Meeks or any one of the crowd with him. Beach said that, arriving there at one o'clock. He stated that he could prove this by members of his family. Beach was put through a severe cross examination by Mr. Johnson to show that men congregated on the witness' ark on the river front and that liquor is kept aboard the ark.

At 1 o'clock court took a recess until 2 o'clock, when the investigation was resumed. James Wood was the next witness. He left Washington at 12:30 with Maupin and party and went to Lee street with them. He did not see Curtin that night but saw Ed. Padgett in Eva Baker's. Did not see either Meeks or Foster, but recognized LeRoy Beach's voice on the street when the row took place. He said one of his companions remarked that there was going to be trouble and they left the neighborhood. James Gorman was then called. He said he was not on Lee street Saturday night, December 23, and did not know George Curtin.

Pauline Miller then took the stand. She denied that the police whistle was blown at her house, as had been testified, but said that she was sick in bed at the time. She also said that if a disturbance took place outside of her house she did not hear it.

A youth named Gordon Boothe who boards on north Lee street, said he saw Curtin, Meeks and Foster in Mamie Wood's house. There was another man with them but he did not notice him. About 1:20 a. m. he saw Foster trying to get Curtin to go home from the corner of Union and Queen streets. He said a heavy set man came along and advised Foster to let Curtin alone, as he could do nothing with him. Boothe then testified that he saw Gorman that night on Lee street and that just before he entered the court room Gorman had asked him to testify that he "thought" he saw him.

Gorman was recalled and confronted by Boothe. Each stuck to his story. Boothe claiming that Gorman said "if they ask you if you saw me tell them you think so." Gorman denied having told Boothe to do so.

Eva Baker said Curtin was in her house the night of December 23 with Meeks, but she could not identify Foster. This, she said, was about 2 o'clock. She closed her house then. About half an hour before that Curtin had to her that he had plenty of money. James Gorman was not in her house that night but she saw him on the street in front. LeRoy Beach had come to her house, she said, about midnight, and asked for Joe Mills, but did not come in.

May Havenner was an inmate of Eva Baker's house at the time Curtin disappeared. She saw Curtin in the house the night of December 23, but did not see the men with him. Curtin had asked her to play the piano between 1:30 and 2 o'clock, but Eva Baker would not allow her to do so. Curtin's friends were then outside the house.

Harry Beach, a brother to LeRoy Beach, said he did not know Curtin. He was with Gorman the night of December 23 but let him at King and Royal streets at 9:30. He denied being with Gorman on Lee street at 12:30 that night.

Mr. Brent asked him if his brother had had any conversation with him in reference to what he should say on the stand. He admitted talking to his brother about 10 minutes before but declared that he had forgotten what his brother had told him.

Mary Belmont, of 300 north Lee street, heard the police whistle and let LeRoy Beach out of the house at his request. The hour was late but she couldn't fix it exactly. She could not remember seeing Meeks or Foster that night and had not seen Curtin since a week or ten days before Christmas.

Sallie Porter was then called. She said she lived in Pauline Miller's house but did not hear the police whistle the night of December 23, nor could she remember the names of any of the men who were in the house that night.

Kingston Batchelle knew Curtin by sight, but did not see him the night in question. He said he was drinking and may have had a disturbance, but could not recollect it. LeRoy Beach, he said, had since told him that Meeks was going to beat him and that he, Beach, had taken his part.

Policeman Lyles testified that he and Jones saw Gorman and Harry Beach going to Lee street shortly before a raid on an alleged poker room.

William Kettlin, jr., denied that he had ever said that he had seen certain people washing blood from an ark. He said he had been on the ark since last summer.

need not be delayed, it is estimated by Secretary Taft and the chief of army engineers that it will require the entire working year of 1906 to finish all of the work on the approaches, the most important work being the construction of a steel and concrete bridge over the Washington channel in the Washington approach.

Denounced Certain Preachers. "Worthy negro preachers are the curse of the race, especially in the South, and they are the black sheep to be put out of the fold," said Rev. R. B. Robinson yesterday, addressing the first session of the Afro-American Congress of the United States at the Miles M. E. Church in Washington. Continuing Rev. Robinson said:

"Instead of talking about Christ and the soul of man, this kind of preacher is running about with sinners, wearing high collars and long coats, and saying what he thinks will best please his friends when he gets into the pulpit. The race should be weeded of its objectionable characters. I know of a negro club not many miles from here where liquor and cigars were served about two years ago, and were negro preachers drunk as if they were in saloons. Hell will be full of negro ministers who are trying to deceive their God." Robinson is an old resident of this city.

Thomas B. Bryan Dead. Mr. Thomas Barbour Bryson, of Chicago, died suddenly of heart disease at midnight at the home of his niece, Mrs. Whitehead, 1601 I street northwest, Washington. Mr. Bryan was one of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia from 1875 until 1878, and was prominent for several years in Washington affairs. He was born in Alexandria, December 22, 1828; was graduated at Harvard, and practiced law in Cincinnati until 1852, when he removed to Chicago, where he lived until his death, with the exception of his term of service in Washington. Mr. Bryan came to Washington on November 7 last, and had been visiting at the home of his niece. He was ill only a few days. He is survived by a son, Charles Page Bryan, United States Minister to Portugal, and one daughter, Miss Bryan, who was with him at the time of his death.

May Hillman Stock Company. May Hillman, supported by a select company of well known artists, will be the attraction at the Opera House next week in a strong repertoire of popular plays. Miss Hillman is entitled to all the praise she has received not only for her personal work, but also for bringing suitable support, and this season the company is stronger than ever. The play selected for the opening performance is that romantic drama "Children of Satan" which calls for a wonderful display of ability from Miss Hillman. With perfect stage arrangements and a company that excels, Miss Hillman's Company has always been a favorite wherever seen.

Red Men. A regular meeting of Osceola Tribe No. 1, I. O. R. M., was held in their wigwam last night, the attendance being unusually large and even enthusiastic over making an attractive display at the coming February 22nd parade. Suitable committees were appointed and invitations to various tribes were ordered extended. Among those invited and expected to be the guests of Osceola are tribes from Richmond, Roanoke, Fredericksburg, Norfolk, Washington and Baltimore. Many of the chiefs, warriors and braves will be mounted, extra costumes having been ordered for the occasion.

Police Court. [Justice H. B. Caton presiding.] The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Martha Johnson, Philip Bass, Eugene Parker and Robert Smith, all colored, arrested by Officers Nicholson, Knight and Garvey charged with vagrancy, were fined \$5 each.

Martha Johnson and Julia Johnson, both colored, arrested by Officers Nicholson and Smith charged with assault on Martha Jones with a pistol, were dismissed.

Property Sales. Alfred M. Strother has sold to Julia T. and Virginia E. Brawner a lot on the north side of King street, between Fayette and Payne.

J. A. Seaton, jr., has sold to Florence E. Davis house and lots Nos. 615 and 617 on south St. Asaph street.

Forced to Starve. R. F. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years I suffered agonies, with a sore on my upper lip, so painful, sometimes, that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it with Backler's Arnica Salve." It's great for burns, cuts and wounds. At E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drug store; only 25c.

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Personal. Mr. Monroe Nash, formerly of this city, has resigned his position at the Norfolk navy yard, and has been appointed a clerk in the office of the auditor of disbursements of the Seaboard Air Line in Portsmouth.

Mr. Charles M. Cuvillier, the foreman of construction on the Choptank river division of the Panama canal, left today for New York, and will sail Monday for the canal zone. He will be accompanied by his wife, who has already spent considerable time with her husband in the zone.

Miss Ruth E. Hamlin and William N. Duley, both of Washington, were married at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church Wednesday by Rev. Dr. W. F. Fisher.

The Alexandria German Club will give a dance at McBurney's Hall tonight. Mr. Harry D. Kirk has gone to Tampa, Fla., where he has accepted the agency of McCormick & Co., manufacturing chemists, of Baltimore. His friends wish him every success in his new home.

Mr. George Swift, who has been at Savannah for some time on the government tug Gibson, has returned.

Mr. August Belmont, jr., and Miss Alice de Guisminia, a descendant of a prominent Spanish family, was married in New York yesterday. The wedding was a brilliant one.

Freid Clams 30 cents a dozen. Oysters fried soft or raw. Free lunch—hot sausage C. H. Zimmerman, Market Square.

The bankruptcy court in London, to which Mrs. James Brown Potter, the American actress, appealed to have her financial affairs straightened out, after the failure of her plans in connection with the leasing of the Savoy Theatre, which involved her deeply, has granted her a discharge in bankruptcy. The discharge is granted, however, subject to a judgment for \$500 against the actress.

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