

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1908

Local Matters.

Sun and Tide Table.

Rise tomorrow at 7:17 and sets at 4:44. High water at 9:12 a. m. and 9:27 p. m.

Weather Probabilities.

For this section threatening weather with probably rain tonight and Friday; rising temperature; fresh southerly winds.

CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow (Christmas Day) will, as usual, be observed in Alexandria as a general holiday. The day is probably more generally observed here than any other holiday in the calendar.

Preparations have been made in most households for the occasion, and the final purchases will be made tonight. The little ones, who for weeks have been anticipating Christmas, and whose souls have been aglow with anticipations as the day has drawn nearer and nearer, will retire tonight with bright dreams of the morrow.

HOLIDAY.

Christmas Day is the one day in the year most generally observed as a holiday in Alexandria, and in fact throughout the south. The banks and all the public offices, government, state and city, will be closed; the postoffice will observe Sunday hours and those stores which open at all will close early in the day.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, commemorative of the birth of the Saviour, will be celebrated in many of the churches of the city tomorrow. Several of them will be prettily decorated with holly, cedar, pine and flowers and special music will be rendered, the choirs having been engaged for some time in preparing and practicing the programmes. Services will be held as follows: St. Mary's at 5 and 10 a. m., Christ at 11 a. m., St. Paul's at 11 a. m., Grace at 7:30 and 11 a. m., Immanuel Lutheran at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Trinity M. E. Church at 6 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The following special music for Christmas will be sung on Sunday next at the First Baptist Church: Morning service—Anthem, "While Shepherds Watched," Judefin; hymn 103, "To us a child of hope is born," Morrison; chant, "Lord's Prayer," Gibble; hymn 107, "Hail, Thou long expected Jesus," Wesley; anthem, "There were shepherds," Earl; hymn 111, "To a lowly manger sleeping."

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DESTITUTE FAMILY.

A white man applied at the station house this morning for assistance stating that his family was in want. An officer went with the man and found that the latter lived on Fayette street extended. There he found the man's wife and three children in abject need. The family had come here from Laurel, Md., in quest of work. The ladies of the Co-operative Charities were notified and promptly supplied the wants of the needy family.

BAKERS FOR THE POOR.

Alexandria Lodge of Elks remembered the poor again this Christmas by sending out to the most deserving poor of the city over one hundred baskets filled with the substantial and some of the delicacies of the season. These pleasant surprises brought cheer to many whose lot it is to battle against poverty.

STOLE A SLEIGH.

Early last night a colored youth in passing a King street store seized a sleigh from a sack in front of the door and ran off with it. The proprietor chased the thief and soon overtook him. He was compelled to surrender the sleigh, but the owner never turned the darky loose.

Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are antiseptic and soothe pain quickly. Inset upon DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Regular size 50c. Sold by W. E. Creighton & Co.

Buy your boy a pair of Storm King Boots—the high top follows—the one that the boy wants—from John A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

THE CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

One of the prettiest dances ever given by the Alexandria German Club, was that of last night, at McBarney's hall, and might justly be considered as the principal social event of the season. The entire management reflects credit upon the governors and committee of the club, who had control of the affair. The music furnished by Schroeder's band, of Washington, was pronounced by many to have been the best ever heard at a similar function in Alexandria. After a number of preliminary dances, the cotillon was begun about 10 o'clock led by Mr. Beyerly, who introduced a number of new and beautiful figures. He interspersed them with the new popular baro dance, which always seems to enforce a sort of feeling of jolly abandon in every one. A substantial supper was served at 12 o'clock, and the German ended at once. A special train furnished by the W. A. & Mt. Vernon Ry., at a few minutes after the close of the dance, conveyed the Washington guests to that city, that railway company showing their usual accommodating and enterprising spirit. The patronesses were Mrs. J. Sidney Douglas, Mrs. George Uhler, Mrs. Danenhower and Miss Cochran. Among the out of town guests were Miss Snyder and Williams, of Washington; Miss Robinson, of Louisiana; Miss Nelson, of Warrenton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormick, of Berryville; Messrs. W. H. Galnes jr., of Warrenton; B. E. Iden, of Manassas; George W. Anderson, Washington and Lee University; Messrs. Clarkson, Brown, Chas. Crawford, A. McD. Crawford, E. Jackson, R. L. Howell, P. A. P. Finley, Algeron Chalmers and David T. Cushman, of the University of Virginia; Mr. R. R. Ferr, of Fairfax, Mr. C. O. Smoot, of North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Board, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Robertson, Dr. Berkeley Pollard, U. S. N.; Dr. Allison, Dr. Wm. Carter, Dr. Rosier Bailey, Messrs. Frank Armstrong, Hamilton Baxter, G. McMinister, John H. Gwahmeyer, C. B. Chancy, L. Winn, Robert S. Sad, jr., G. Y. Howard, F. Addison, D. Smith, Mr. Drysdale, Wm. Camp and Phil Campbell, all of Washington.

OPERA HOUSE.

Referring to Volta, the electric marvel, who will be seen here with Volta the old St-Hera Troutadours, on Monday night, an exchange says, "Can you imagine a man carrying from 2000 to 75000 volts of electricity in his body and still live? Well, this is what Volta is doing every evening this week at the Grand Theatre, giving one of the most startling exhibitions ever seen on the stage of a theatre. There is nothing weird about his performance, in fact, he manages to extract a grand deal of humor and comedy out of his various difficult feats. From the tips of his fingers he flashes a spark five inches long, showing that he is positively carrying enough electricity in his system to light a thousand light bulbs. He lights cigars by simply touching them with his fingers, lights gas jets with his tongue and sets fire to several handkerchiefs placed in contact with his body. Volta appears on the stage attired in evening dress and the current is fed to him through a cable attached to his wrist, leading from a huge generator placed in the centre of the stage. Volta is one of the most brilliant illustrations ever seen in a theatre. He has no rivals but several rash imitators are said to be laid up for repairs in hospitals.

FINED TWENTY DOLLARS EACH.

Justice Thompson held a special session of the Police Court yesterday evening for the trial of Walter Moore and Walter Sloper, charged with an assault on Robert F. Downham, the proprietor of a store at King and Payne streets. The accused were fined \$20 each. Moore paid his assessment, but Sloper, through his attorney, Mr. Lewis H. Machee, noted an appeal to the Corporation Court, and gave a bond of \$100, his counsel becoming his surety. Mr. S. G. Brent, commonwealth's attorney, conducted the prosecution.

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CHRISTMAS MARKET.

The court of the market house was again filled with cedar trees, holly, mistletoe, moss, &c. The supply of country produce was small and prices continued firm and high. The best varieties of dressed and drawn turkeys were being sold at from 25 to 28 cents a pound, and the stock was limited. The market will be kept open all day and until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The first minute after a fire starts is the most critical time, and the "Columbia" extinguisher being always ready for use, makes you master of the situation. E. S. LEAD-BEATER & SONS.

The Red Cross Shop for the Red Cross. The ladies who wear the tender feet. She always wears a smile. Sold only by J. A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

Steamed Oysters. The surpassing kind. Exclusively at the Opera House Cafe.

Tangiers. The best on the market. Roasted and on the half shell. Merchants' quick lunch—Turkey with Cranberry Sauce daily. At the Elkton.

Coke Domestic Coke. All kinds of Coal, Wood and Coke. Best quality and prompt delivery at bottom prices. Phone 35. D.W. AITCHESON, 107 south Royal street.

PARDONED BY THE GOVERNOR.

In addition to the charitable work usually performed during the festive season by Alexandria Lodge of Elks a suggestion from a prominent member a night or two ago at a special session that the organization request the governor to pardon three Alexandrians who were serving terms in the penitentiary, so that they could spend Christmas at home, was taken up by the lodge and today Governor Swanson rewarded their effort by granting pardons to John Penn, John McCuen and Frank Wilkins, whose terms would have expired in February. It is understood that two of the men were guilty with the understanding that they were to be released after serving six months. The other, John McCuen, was defended by Mr. S. P. Fisher. It is understood that the judge, jury and commonwealth's attorney signed the petition. The men are expected home this evening.

PERSONAL.

Miss Cora Cochran and Mrs. Thomas B. Cochran were hostesses yesterday afternoon at a most charming card party given at the home of the latter on Duke street. The pretty house looked its prettiest in its Christmas decorations of red and green, and old Virginia hospitality was in evidence. Bridge and euchre were the games of the evening and the handsome prizes were awarded Mrs. Henry Robson, Mrs. Clarence Leadbeater and Mrs. Hubert Snowden. Mr. John A. Marshall handsomely entertained a few of his friends at supper last night at the restaurant of Mr. John Riley. The table was tastefully decorated and the dishes set before the guests were leading seasonal delicacies, prepared in a style known exclusively to Riley. The liquid refreshments were Mum's extra dry and other choice brands. The company separated wishing their host a merry Christmas and happy new year. Mr. J. E. W. Hunter spent yesterday in this city, the guest of Mr. W. B. Smoot. Mrs. W. H. F. Lee, of "Bavensworth," was the guest yesterday of Miss Katherine S. urt. Miss Frances S. Orr, of Newport News, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gardner L. Bothe. Miss Kate M. Lamper and Mr. T. Kuble Bond, both of this city, were married last night at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church by Rev. W. F. Wasos. Mr. Leo T. Downey, son of Mr. M. Downey, who is now living in Portugal, N. Y., is in this city, and will spend the holiday season with his parents. Miss Bena Stratton is spending the holidays with her father, Mr. H. B. Stratton, in Lynchburg. Mr. Charles S. Scorer and Miss Maude Bellomy were married this morning by Rev. Father H. J. Outler at St. Mary's Church parsonage. Mrs. J. H. Bitzer has gone to Holcomb, Miss., to spend some weeks.

AMUSEMENTS.

The motion picture houses attracted large crowds last night and the people were well rewarded for coming out. The shows tonight will be equally as good as last night. Do not forget that tomorrow the Alexandria Amusement Co., the Opera House and the Elite will be open all day and an entire change of programme is promised.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Tomorrow being Christmas, the Gazette will not be published on that day. There has been an absence of horn blowing so far. City Sergeant Cox will tomorrow give a Christmas dinner to the prisoners confined in jail. Eggs were plentiful in market today and sold at 33 and 35 cents per dozen. Several of the public school teachers were yesterday the recipients of handsome Christmas gifts from their scholars. Captain Frank M. Phillips has been exonerated on the charge of violating the pit rules and his licenses has been returned to him.

We desire to thank the public for their liberal patronage. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas. Yours truly D. Bondheim & S. ns.

The city engineer had a force of men at work this morning cleaning the side walks and removing the snow from around the fire hydrants.

John Henderson, colored who was confined in the Alexandria jail awaiting trial on a charge of larceny, died suddenly shortly before noon yesterday.

The public school teachers and many of the city employees were paid their December salaries today so that they might have their money for use during the holidays.

The funeral of the late Miss Laura Walker took place this afternoon, from Mr. B. Whately's undertaking establishment. The services were conducted by Rev. John Overnigh.

George and Morris Robinson, colored boys, in jail charged with petit larceny, were today released by Judge Birley on the recognizance of their mother to appear before him on the first day of the January term of the Corporation Court.

The committee appointed by the Fairfax supervisors to view the proposed new roads through Washington Park met on the grounds yesterday evening and will make their report at a future day. A number of others interested in the matter were present.

A slight fire occurred yesterday evening in the plumbing shop of Mr. James Hughes, near the corner of Washington and King street. But little damage was done. The flames were extinguished by Mr. Stephen Taylor, of the Columbia fire company.

Wm. Johnson, colored, came to the station house this morning suffering with a broken leg. He said he had shipped at Baltimore, on an oyster schooner and not liking the treatment he received, he left the vessel at Rock Point and made his way to Bowie, Md. From this port he came to Alexandria.

For the convenience of their customers The Mrs. F. J. Kramer Floral Company will keep their store open tonight and tomorrow. They have for sale a beautiful variety of flowers, plants, &c.

The Anth Stand begs to extend to its many patrons and friends in this city a very hearty Merry Christmas. May dear old Santa remember you all. Sylvan Blomfield, The Anth Stand, City Market.

Now is the time to order Christmas wreaths. Christmas trees in all sizes, palms (special) 39 cents; potted Narcissus, ferns, and cut flowers for the holidays. The Mrs. F. J. Kramer Floral Company, City Market, de-12 if.

The Hess Hopkins FOOT FORM SHOES makes life a pleasure. Sold only by J. A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

SKANN-SONS & CO. THE BUSY CORNER. Washington, D. C. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS. CLOSED All Day CHRISTMAS

Quinn's The Pure Food Store. GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS. This firm stands on a record already established and is noted for its careful attention to the wishes of its patrons. Cor St Asaph and Oronoco Streets. Edward Quinn & Sons

LORD FAIRFAX WHISKY \$1.00 Per Full Quart. SOLD BY ALL FIRST-CLASS DEALERS. If unable to secure the above brand where you buy your liquors, call at

FAIRFAX & CO., 423 King Street. Headquarters for Wines and Liquors. Best Quality Wines and Liquors at Lowest Prices.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP. Large Tinted Malaga GRAPES Ramsay's. Fancy Dark CAPE COD Cranberries. ATMORE'S BEST MINCEMEAT G. Wm. Ramsay. BEST Mixed Nuts 15c a pound. Ramsay's. ONE TON XMAS CANDY. The Largest Finest and Cheapest Stock in The City. G. WM. RAMSAY. 25 Boxes Imported Cluster Raisins. Very Fine Goods G. WM. RAMSAY. Received Today 310 Dressed Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, etc. For Sale Cheap. SLEIGH and BELLS. Can be seen at 109 King street. E. E. DOWNHAM. NEW NAVY BEANS just received by J. C. MILBURN. STOVE PIPE FOTS and LARGE FLOW ER POTS, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

Alexandria Amusement Co. TALKING PICTURES. Sleep, Baby, Sleep. It Looks Like a Big Night. Because I'm Married. SILENT PICTURES. 3 REELS—3,000 FEET. Making Moving Pictures or a Day in the Vitograph Studio. Love is Better than Riches. Fireside Reminiscences. The Darkest Hour. Contagious Nerve Twitching. Mystery of the Mountains.

Opera House TONIGHT. The Opera House Stock Co. HEADED BY John Hanson. Will put on tonight "What Booth Had Done." Special Christmas Matinee Tomorrow.

Elite Picture Co. BIG SHOW. TONIGHT. 3,000 Feet of Pictures. Poor Man's Romance. Poacher's Wife. Oscar's Elopement. Mountaineer's Son. First time these pictures have been shown anywhere.

SMOOT & CO. STEAM FLOORING AND PLANING MILL. DEALERS IN LUMBER, SHINGLES, LATHS, NAILS, LIME, CALCINED PLASTER and CEMENT. Lumber Delivered free in the city.

The Finest of Everything. Groceries, Wines, Liquors and Table Delicacies. Best Sweet Catawba Wines \$1 Per Gallon. Salted Walnuts, Stuffed Weisbaden Prunes, Crystallized Ginger in Boxes, Stuffed Dates, in boxes, Dundee Orange Marmalade, Cross & Blackwell, Cairus Scotch, Brandy Peaches, Sweet Pickled Peaches, Florida Guava Jelly, Calves' Feet, Stuffed Queen Olives, Stuffed Figs, in glass, Plum Puddings, Asparagus Tips in glass, Malaga Raisins, fine clusters. New York Sweet Cider, per gallon 25c. Best mixed Nuts 12 1/2 cents per pound. Best Creamery Butter, 35c per pound.

Thomas Lannon. Cameron and Pitt Streets.

If it is a Present for a Gentleman a glance in our window will offer the suggestion.

Overcoats - Suits - Trousers. Fancy Vests, Fine Shirts, Hosiery. Underwear, Handsome Ties, Umbrellas. All Ties and Other Articles in Holiday Boxes. R. LEE FIELD, One-Price Clothier and Gents' Furnisher, 612 KING STREET.

The Family Liquor Store. Headquarters for Xmas Wines and Liquors. Wines from 50 cents to \$6 Gallon. Whiskies, Brandies, Rums, Gins and Cordials from \$2 to \$8 per gallon.

Wakefield Rye. \$1.00 QUART. LOWENBACH BROS. Goods delivered to any part of the city.

Christmas Happiness. Complete when you know your little tokens of affection are pleasing.

Christmas Presents FOR FATHER, SON BROTHER. This store—the up-to-date male store of Alexandria—is ready to serve you.

Neckwear, Gloves Etc. Store Open Evenings. Kaufmann Bros. 402-405 KING STREET.

Star CLOTHING HOUSE. H. FRIEDLANDER, Proprietor. 410 KING STREET.

Special Inducements for the Holiday Season. In Men's Boys' and Children's Clothing and Gents' Furnishings. Every dollar made is a dollar saved. In dealing here you will save from 25 to 35 per cent, and it is my aim to give you the best goods for the least money. My prices are in reach of everybody for useful Holiday Gifts.

Children's Suits and Overcoats from \$1.25 to \$6. Men's and Youth Suits and Overcoats from \$5 to \$20. Mens' and Youths' Pants from 75c to \$6. Special Bloomers and Knee Pants from 25c up.

If purchase is not satisfactory your money refunded. Tailor-made Suits a Special Feature.

XMAS GIFTS. Ladies' 14k. Solid Gold Watches, Elgin movement \$15.00 up. Ladies' 20-year Watches, Elgin movement \$19.00 up. Ladies' Silver Watches \$6.00 up. Gents' 14k. Solid Gold Watches, Elgin movement \$25.00 up. Gents' 20-year Gold-filled Watches \$10.00 up. Boys' Watches \$1.00 up. Solid Gold Signet Scarf Pins \$1.25 up. Solid Gold Cuff Buttons \$2.00 up. Solid Gold Fobs \$4.00 up. Solid Gold Signet Rings \$2.00 up. Solid Gold Handie Pins \$1.00 up. Any Article Reserved on Payment of Small Deposit. Every Article Engraved Free of Charge. Saunders & Son, JEWELERS—629 King St.—SILVERSMITH.