

Alexandria Gazette.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 18, 1910.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Sun Table.

Sun rises tomorrow at 7.16 and sets at 5.06. High water at 1.50 p. m. and 9.34 p. m.

Weather Probabilities.

For this section rain, followed by clearing and a colder day tonight. Wednesday fair and colder, minimum temperature tonight about 38°; brisk to high south and southwest winds, shifting to northwesterly.

MEMORABLE FIRES.

The most disastrous fire that ever occurred in this city took place 83 years ago to night. The fire started on the night of January 18, 1827, in the alley running into Royal street between King and Prince, during the prevalence of a cold and high northwesterly wind and it cut a path almost to the river before it was gotten under control. There were no steam engines in those days, all the fire apparatus being worked by hand and it required the services of many persons at a fire. The bucket brigade was an essential in the olden times, and often women as well as men acted as bucket-passers while others were kept busy at pumps. Such comparatively impotent means of extinguishing fire prevailed but little while a high wind was roaring, and the fire soon emerged from the alley in which it started and roared and forced its way to the southeast. Green's factory, on the southeast corner of Prince and Fairfax streets, was directly in its path, and was also the Gazette office, and those were soon wrapped in flames, while sparks and embers were being sent high in the air to fall upon other buildings in the path of the conflagration. This fire is termed 'the great fire in Alexandria.'

A little over a quarter of a century later there was another fire which long will be remembered. It occurred on the 17th-18th of November, 1855. This conflagration was confined to the building in which it started, but seven of Alexandria's best-known and most esteemed citizens were killed while in the discharge of their duty.

THE RIVER.

The rain of last night played havoc with the ice in the river as well as that in the streets, and this morning the channel was comparatively clear again. There is, of course, considerable floating ice in the river, but it has been broken in fragments by the propellers and paddlewheels of steamers, and practically affords no impediment to navigation by steam vessels.

A motor boat, belonging to Mr. W. E. Riser, sank in the Prince street dock last night. The schooner Lulu M. Quillin, which arrived at this port several weeks ago with sand for the Old Dominion Glass Works, left this morning for St. Mary's river, where she will be loaded with lumber for Baltimore.

HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA.

The National Society of the Colonial Dames in the state of Virginia has leased through its Alexandria circle a comprehensive guide to "Historic Alexandria." The guide is for free distribution and fills a long felt want, insuring to the many tourists who visit the city, trustworthy information concerning the various points of interest. The committee appointed to compile the pamphlet was composed of Mrs. Robert O. Powell and Mr. Thomas W. Robinson, who deserve great credit for their interest and research which resulted in our satisfactory a guide for visitors to our city.

FAIRFAX NOTES.

In the Circuit Court of Fairfax county today Fred Harris, colored, was sent to the penitentiary for two years for stealing a cow. The mayor of Fairfax today sent Kate Harris, colored, to jail for twelve months and fined her \$50 for selling liquor. Judge Thornton has appointed Harry Croft a state guard to assist in guarding Harry Smith, the Alexandria murderer, and in conveying him to the Richmond penitentiary when he is taken to that institution.

DE RUC BOS MINSTRELS.

De Ruc Bos Minstrels will appear at the Opera House tomorrow evening, and will present one of the most novel and pleasing entertainments ever offered the amusement loving public. The programme is overflowing with fun and genuine vaudeville; pretty music and dazzling scenic and electrical effects form an important part of the entertainment. The programme is never curtailed in any way. The management's motto has been, "Perfection Makes Perpetual Popularity." Watch for the street parade tomorrow at noon.

DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL.

Mr. John Miller, who was recently taken to the Alexandria Hospital for treatment, died at that institution at an early hour this morning. The deceased was a glassblower by occupation and he was 28 years old. He was a native of Canal Fulton, Ohio, and his remains will be forwarded to that place. Mr. Miller was a member of the Masonic fraternity of Canal Fulton.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT.

The game of basketball to be played at the Armory Hall tonight between the fast quint of the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum and the five of Old Dominion Glass Factory is promised to be the best of the season. A large crowd is expected to be on hand to root for their favorite team.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

As was stated in the Gazette, a meeting of the directors of the District of Columbia Paper Manufacturing Company was held in this city yesterday. The following officers were elected: D. L. Nicholson, president; D. A. Smith, general manager, and R. D. Marshall, secretary and treasurer.

GEN. LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Tomorrow will be Gen. Lee's birthday and a legal holiday in Virginia and many of the other southern states. The banks will be closed and the schools will be given holiday but otherwise business will go on about as usual. At night R. E. Lee Camp will give their annual banquet.

You can make the holiday season more appreciated if you present some dear friend with a pair of the handsome shoes shown in Marshall's windows.

PERSONAL.

Mr. John Parker Oswald and Miss Jessie Parkinson Balleger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Balleger, were quietly married on Saturday night at St. Paul's Church rectory by Rev. P. P. Phillips. The many friends of Mr. Lewis E. Elen will regret to know that he still continues extremely ill at his home, 1021 Princess street. Mr. Stewart Wood, who was recently operated upon by Dr. Moore at the Alexandria Hospital for appendicitis, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home.

FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late William E. Sisson took place this afternoon from St. John's Chapel, in West End, and was attended by relatives and friends, including some from Alexandria. The officers of Alexandria Lodge of Elks, at their meeting last night decided to attend the funeral, and six members of that organization acted as honorary pallbearers. The active pallbearers were Messrs. Thomas C. Smith, Robison Moore, A. H. Beach, Benjamin Barlette, Eugene Sisson and Harry Sisson. The services were conducted by Rev. John F. Coleman, of Ashland, and Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis.

POLICE COURT.

[Justice H. B. Eaton presiding.] The cases before the court this morning were of no general importance and they were all continued. Four white men were placed in the dock on the charge of drunken and disorderly conduct. Their cases were continued in the absence of certain witnesses. Two young men, charged with disorderly conduct a few nights ago, also had their cases continued for similar reasons. The case of a white man, living in the western section of the city, who was charged with having in his possession brass belonging to the Southern Railway Company, will come up tomorrow.

OPERA HOUSE.

There wasn't a dull moment at the Opera House last evening when the Guy Johnson Company, presented a long programme of amusing comedies and vaudeville acts. Everything was new, and with the addition of Miss Kline and Mr. Lemuel, the two new members to the company the audience was entertained in royal style. The bill will be repeated tonight and will be followed by a big production of "The Little Orphan," which opens Thursday.

ALEXANDRIA TRADES COUNCIL. At the meeting last night of the Alexandria Council the following officers were elected: W. G. Wells, president; Fred Bartlett, vice president; R. S. Cleveland, recording secretary; J. T. Harrison, financial secretary and treasurer; O. A. Howard, conductor; Jar. Padgett, doorkeeper; J. T. Harrison, C. A. Howard and Alfonso Lucas, trustees.

THE BOTTLE BILL.

Mr. Monroe, of Alexandria, has introduced a bill to prevent bottles from being refilled. Inasmuch as there is at present in Virginia a great scarcity of refilling material, the bill will doubtless meet with little opposition. [Fredericksburg Star.]

Mrs. Clara Fischer and husband have sold to Mr. Harman Friedlander a house and lot on the south side of King street, between Royal and Pitt.

A civil service examination will be held on February 15 for a trained nurse (female) in the Indian service, or the Indian canal and Philippine service. Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. O. H. and the late Mrs. Mary E. Strobel, died at her parents' home, 115 north Fayette street, last night. Meetings were held in this city today of the Dolin and Martin Company and of the Las Oras Company for the election of officers.

A war on dogs is said to be in progress in the southeastern section of the city. Several canines have been poisoned during the past few days.

There will be a meeting of the Reliance Steam Fire Engine Company tonight at which officers will be elected. An oyster roast will be held after the adjournment.

A stranger under the influence of liquor who said he came from Stanton walked into the parlor of a resident on Fairfax street, near Prince, this morning and selecting the most comfortable arm chair took a seat therein and was soon asleep. A police officer was called and ejected the intruder, who it was found was well provided with liquor, having a bottle in each pocket.

The regular meeting of Osceola Tribe of Red Men will be held on Thursday night, at the Grand Sachem of the District of Columbia, will visit the tribe at this meeting. The Young Men's Senate meets tonight. On Tuesday night, February 1, Senator R. L. Taylor will deliver an address before the Senate in the Young People's building. His subject will be "The Fiddle and the Bow."

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Farnie P. Scott, of Washington, and Eva Williams, of Cherrylee, and to William J. Harrison and Josephine M. Wesson, both of Fairfax county. The L. O. T. M. will hold their regular business meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Odd Fellows' Hall. After the meeting there will be an oyster supper served. All Ladies of the Macabees are invited to be present.

Officer Gill was called to the southeastern section of the city about noon today by the drunken and disorderly conduct of a colored woman named Catherine Carroll. The officer was forced to procure a wagon in which to transport the woman to the station house.

Look yourself square in the eye and ask yourself to your face if you don't think it better to eat good food that agrees with you and is healthy, than to always go around with that half-starved, woe-begone look of the men or women who think they can't afford to buy the best. In the words of Mr. Einstein: "When you want what you want, get the best you can get and the best way to get it is at the Ash Market northwest corner King and Alfred streets, home of the classiest line of pure food products in Alexandria, Syria, Bingham, the Ash Stand and the Ash Market."

John Malady, 80 years old, a well-known resident of Winchester, died yesterday. Mr. Malady was a native of Ireland.

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DIED.

At her grandparents' residence, 115 north Fayette street, Monday evening at 8:12 o'clock, MARY HELEN, infant daughter of Charles H. Strobel, Jr., and the late Mary E. Strobel. Funeral on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Sixty-first Congress.

(Second Session)

Washington, Jan. 18, SENATE.

The Senate today passed the resolution appropriating \$10,000 to break the ice gorges in the Ohio river that threaten the destruction of much government property and of lives and private property.

The administration conservation bills were introduced by Senator Nelson. They were nine in number and cover every feature of legislation desired by the president to protect national resources.

In offering the bills, Senator Nelson said they were intended to make effective the president's message read yesterday and at the request of the secretary of the interior he presented the measures.

By declaring that the nine bills were introduced at the request of Secretary Ballinger, Senator Nelson absolved himself from all responsibility for the legislation proposed in them.

The bills were all referred to the committee on public lands.

The civil war came up in the Senate today when Senator Heyburn offered a concurrent resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for information as to whether an order was issued closing the customs house at Newport News on Jan. 19, 1910, the anniversary of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birth. If there was such an order, the secretary was asked to state by what authority it had been issued.

Clippings were submitted by Mr. Heyburn showing the exceptional and unprecedented honor done the memory of Lee. These were read in full. All commented on the innovation and urged that there should be uniformity in such recognition and other birthdays mentioned should be given similar consideration.

Senator Davis objected, but immediately withdrew, saying it was merely done to teach Mr. Heyburn a lesson in senatorial courtesy, he having done the same yesterday.

Senator Money did not object, but said both Virginia senators were absent and requested deferment until one of them could be present. He hoped the matter would not be discussed now.

The resolution was passed without further comment.

Senator Stone wanted to know "if this is a new adventure?" when the resolution passed by the House appropriating \$10,000 to aid the War Department in preventing a dangerous ice gorge in the Ohio river, came up. There had recently been a bad ice pack at St. Louis, doing great damage, and if breaking ice by the government is to become a practice, Mr. Stone thought there should be a regular fund for the purpose.

Senator Hale said there were many precedents for the proposed action. He did not want the situation complicated by making the application general.

The resolution was passed.

A joint resolution changing the law relating to compensation for census enumerators was passed by the Senate, being favorably reported from the committee on census by Senator La Follette.

The act providing for the thirteenth census was amended by the joint resolution to permit maximum and minimum remuneration. A maximum of \$6 per diem and \$3 for allowances was fixed. The appropriation committee reported the District appropriations bill and increased the House bill by about \$700,000.

A bill providing a new and comprehensive form of civil government for Alaska was introduced by Mr. Beveridge.

HOUSE.

"The Civil Service Commission always acquiesced to Mr. Roosevelt's wishes in a craven spirit," cried Mr. Harrison (Dem. N. Y.) in the House today.

"Isn't it rather unparliamentary language?" demanded Mr. Douglas (Rep., Ill.).

"Not at all," retorted Mr. Harrison, "Everybody in Washington knuckled under to him, and it made no difference to them whether the president wanted to violate the law or not."

Mr. Gallett (Rep., Mass.), and Mr. Bennett (Rep., N. Y.), both came to the defense of ex-President Roosevelt and Mr. Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.), helped out Mr. Harrison on the attack. Mr. Gallett said that whenever Mr. Roosevelt made exceptions to the civil service rules he had a perfect legal right to do so and furthermore a very good reason.

"Wasn't it because he or some other good republican wanted the places for some of their friends?"

"I don't believe it," cried Mr. Gallett.

"Well, I know," said Mr. Fitzgerald, "that in every one of those cases there was something under the surface that wouldn't look well in print."

Virginia News.

Rev. E. B. Darwell, rector of Aquia Parish, Stafford county, has accepted a call to Trinity Episcopal Church, at Upperville.

The trial of Judge Samuel W. Williams, attorney general of Virginia, for an assault committed upon another lawyer in court at Welch, W. Va., some time ago, was set yesterday for February 8 by agreement of counsel.

It was announced by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company yesterday that work will begin within the next few days in the company's Roanoke shops on an order for 1,500 steel coal hoopers.

The residence of Dr. John H. Winter Selby, at Warrenton, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Dr. and Mrs. Selby awoke about one o'clock to find the house filled with smoke and had only time to collect a few articles of clothing and escape. Dr. and Mrs. Selby were married in October and all of the beautiful and valuable wedding presents they received were destroyed. The property was owned by Mrs. J. S. Britton, whose residence, adjoining, was burned in the fire of November 22. The residence of Mrs. Taylor Scott and Mr. Brittle escaped what seemed certain destruction for the second time within two months.

Breaking of a Gorge. Evansville, Ind., Jan. 18.—With a roar that could be heard five miles and with a force that crushed trees and buildings like eggshells the Wolf Creek gorge, sixty miles long, broke at Lewisburg, Ind., today, and is now grinding its way down the Ohio river. When the first crash was heard, persons along the bank hurried to places of safety in the hills. Many who lived in houses in the path of the gorge dragged with them clothing and food.

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Walsh's Petition Denied. Chicago, Jan. 18.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has denied the petition of John E. Walsh for a new trial. Immediately following this action the court announced that a mandate committing Walsh to the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth would be issued at once.

Fire Causes Excitement. New York, Jan. 18.—Fire in the warrooms of the White-Mignon Piano Company, on Fifth avenue, created a near panic among the guests at the exclusive Holland House, today, and for a time lightly clad women rushed through the corridors in frantic efforts to learn where the smoke which filled the hotel came from. At the same time members of the Calumet Club were scrambling from their beds and making hurried exits for the same reason. Employees at the hotel finally turned to their rooms. The fire destroyed the stock in the basement and first floor of the piano house.

Committed Suicide Because He Was Broke. New York, Jan. 13.—"When you have money saloon-keepers will be your best friends; when you are broke they tell you to get out." Blowing out his brains because he was "broke," George Rothwell, formerly a prosperous contractor in Brooklyn, left the above little temperance lecture behind. He spent much money on liquor and when he went to the saloon keeper where he spent most and tried to borrow ten dollars he was told the best thing he could do was to kill himself, and he took the advice.

Storm Warning. New York, Jan. 18.—The following special storm warning was received today by the local weather bureau from Washington: "A southwest storm warning was displayed at 9:30 a. m. Brieke and high south to southwest winds, shifting to west and northwest late tonight. Storm of marked intensity over Great Lakes, moving east. Storm warnings displayed from Hatteras eastport, Maine."

AMUSEMENTS. Opera House TONIGHT The Guy Johnson Stock Co. 2 new, funny face comedies. 3 big vaudeville acts. 8 reels new moving pictures. Prices 10 and 15. A few choice seats at 20c.

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A CARD. I desire to thank Mr. Allen Cogan and the other brave firemen who so heroically rescued my son and myself from the third story window of the building at the corner of King and Washington streets, while that building was on fire early Monday morning. Had it not been for the promptness and heroism of the firemen we may have perished, and I desire to thank all sincerely who assisted in bringing my son and myself to safety. Mrs. ELLA CLARK.

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