

Alexandria Gazette.

TUESDAY, EVENING, JULY 26.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Sun and Tide Table.

Sun rises tomorrow at 4:56 and sets 7:17. High water at 10:34 a. m.

Weather Probabilities.

For this section partly cloudy, with probably local thunder showers tonight or Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate southwesterly winds.

THE GAZETTE FOR THE SUMMER.

Subscribers who leave the city temporarily should not fail to have the Gazette follow them. Addresses will be changed as often as requested with out extra charge. Those who are not regular subscribers can have the Gazette mailed to them at the rate of 10 cents per week. Before leaving call or telephone your address to this office.

SENT ON TO THE GRAND JURY.

George W. Bland, the proprietor of a small store at Onocod and Alfred streets, who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of setting fire to his place of business last Sunday night, was arraigned in the Police Court this morning.

Chief Goods was the first witness. He told of the discovery of wall paper, saturated with coal oil, a can of oil and a lantern similar to those used by trainmen, having been found in a hole in the floor where the fire originated.

Officer Bell's testimony was to the same effect, as was also that of Chief Petty.

Three neighbors of Bland testified, but their evidence brought out nothing positive against the accused.

Bland was told he could make a statement if he desired to do so. He said he closed his store about 11 o'clock and went home and was in bed when told his store was on fire. The suspect stated that he had an insurance of \$100 on his stock and that he took out the policy on the 15th instant. He further stated that the lantern which was found in the room where the fire originated had previously been filled with oil and hung close to the hole where the saturated paper was found. Oil from the lamp, he alleged, leaked into the hole.

Justice C. Caton held Bland for the grand jury.

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRE.

Seventy-five years ago today lightning struck the old First Presbyterian Church on South Fairfax street and the fire which followed completely destroyed the structure. Shortly after the congregation had been dismissed on Sunday, July 26, 1835, a cloud gathered over the city. There was some thunder and lightning, but, seemingly, not of a severe nature.

The rainfall was brief, and shortly before the cloud passed over a cry of fire was raised. The hand engines and the bucket brigade were unable to check the flames and the building was entirely destroyed. The present church building was erected shortly after the fire. But few Alexandrians now living have any recollection of the fire.

An aged and well-known citizen, who was a small child at the time, was standing in a front door with his eyes directed toward the church building when the bolt descended. He says the lightning seemingly spread over the roof in the twinkling of an eye. The present church was struck by lightning several years ago but the damage was slight.

DRAMATIC CLUB'S EXCURSION.

Though the city's population is passing through a siege of heat not experienced for several summers, a pleasant thought comes to the people that there is at least 14 hours of relief in a trip to Colonial Beach with the Elks' Dramatic Club tomorrow. The bracing air from the salt water of the lower Potomac is invigorating and will do the young and old good, and besides the pleasure of taking the trip managed by this popular and useful organization should be an inducement to every one to go. The trip will be about in pleasure from start to finish and judging from the tickets sold Alexandria's best people will be represented on the trip. The steamer Queen Anne is large and roomy and every precaution has been taken for the care of the little ones. Tomorrow is the day—9 o'clock is the hour.

POLICE COURT.

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

Melvin Newman, colored, charged with assaulting Fred Diggs, was dismissed, the complainant failing to appear.

James Harris, colored, charged with assaulting Sarah Levi, colored, was fined \$5.

George Bland, suspected of setting fire to his store, was sent on the grand jury.

John Bryant, colored, suspected of being a party to an attempt at house-breaking, was dismissed. Nelson Banks, colored, who was with Bryant at the time, was fined \$10 and sent to jail for 30 days for trespass.

TRAILER STRIKES VEHICLE.

When the 9:30 electric train in charge of Motorman Cline and Conductor Mason left this city this morning for Washington, after it had turned into Fairfax street just about midway of the square it struck a buggy which belonged to Mr. James Patterson and in charge of a young man named Downs. The man in charge of the buggy said the horse was tied, but, the railroad employees say that the horse was not tied and deliberately walked in front of the moving train. The horse was not injured.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Earl Compton, of Fairfax county, and Lillie M. Stephens, of Fauquier county.

Glance over the list of High Grade Shoes sold exclusively by us:

J. A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Miss Sarah E. R. Simpson, who died yesterday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. Hunter Gimes, at Newport News, will take place at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The services will be conducted by Rev. H. M. Canter and the pallbearers will be Messrs. Henry K. Field, S. Frank Field, Wm. C. Field, Lawrence Hufty, French C. Simpson and K. W. Ogden, all nephews of the deceased.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary W. Page, wife of Mr. Melvin J. Page, took place from St. Mary's Church this morning. Rev. Father Cutler officiated. The pallbearers were Messrs. Frank Lucas, James Patterson, Jr., Albert Lucas, Frank Martin, Edward Martin and W. W. Ballenger.

The funeral of the late Shirley Keyes, who died Sunday morning at the Alexandria Hospital, took place this morning from W. Demaine & Son's undertaking parlors. The remains were taken to Sharon Church, Fairfax county, for interment. The services were conducted by Rev. Robert Bartlett.

PUT ON THE ROADS.

Guard R. E. Mitchell arrived in this city yesterday evening and took in charge John Embery, white, and Cluster Wilson, John Wilson, Charles Blain, colored, recently sentenced to terms of imprisonment in jail for various offenses. The prisoners will be put to work on the roads in the neighborhood of The Plains, Fauquier county.

The prisoners who were recently sentenced to terms in the penitentiary are still in the jail in this city awaiting the appearance of a guard from Richmond. It was urged that the reason for the delay in taking them to the penitentiary was the report to the effect that smallpox existed in the jail. The fact that the prisoners sentenced to work on the roads have been taken away shows that there is no longer any reason for delay in taking those to Richmond who have been sentenced to the penitentiary.

FINED AND IMPRISONED.

John Bryant and Nelson Banks, both colored, who were arrested by Officers Knight and Young at an early hour yesterday morning on suspicion of being about to invade the premises of a resident of Royal street, between Queen and Princess, whose case was continued yesterday until today, were again brought before the Police Court this morning. Bryant was dismissed, but Banks was fined \$10 and sent to jail for 30 days for trespass, it being alleged that he was tampering with the gate leading to the house and that he had lighted paper and thrown it into the yard.

BASEBALL TOMORROW.

Tomorrow on the north Alfred street grounds at 5:30 o'clock the Cardinal A. C. will line up against the Swift & Co. nine of Washington. This team is composed of some of the best players in Washington, such as Jimmy Kerr, Jimmy Keen, Archie Smith, "Cy" McDonald and others. Zachary will be on the mound for the Cardinals and an interesting game is expected.

CARDINALS WIN GAME.

The Cardinal A. C. won a six inning game from the Shippings, of Washington, yesterday, by the score of 5 to 4. Snowden's drive in the fourth was the longest hit made on the fair grounds this season, driving it over the center field fence. The score by innings:

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Cardinals 0 2 1 2 0 x-5 6 2. Shippings 0 0 4 0 0-1 4 2.

A. L. I.

At the meeting last night of the Alexandria Light Infantry two members of the executive and two of the membership committees were elected. It was decided to have a sham battle at George Washington Park next Monday night. It was also determined to suspend the weekly drills during the month of August.

THE HEAT WAVE.

The weather has been hot again today. The mercury at noon standing at 93 degrees. Staff breezes have prevailed at times during the day, though the wind has been variable, and no material relief has been experienced. The Weather Bureau today prophesies a continuance of present conditions for several days.

DEATH OF MRS. JEAL.

Mrs. Lillie G. D. Jeal, wife of Mr. Lewis Jeal, died in Philadelphia last Sunday morning. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Isaac C. Barrell, of Alexandria county. She was in her 33rd year. The remains will be brought to Alexandria county for interment.

DIVORCED.

In the Corporation Court today in the case of George W. Hellig vs. Carrie Hellig, a decree was entered in favor of the plaintiff, granting a divorce from the defendant on the ground of desertion. The couple were married in Canada on March 7, 1888.

More Trouble in Cuba.

Havana, Cuba, July 25.—General Minlet, an obscure politician, is said to be endeavoring to foment a revolution in the Santiago province. He has 15 armed followers and no more seem to be flocking to his colors. The "revolution" is said to be a purely partisan political move of the Conservatives against the Liberals, and is not regarded as serious.

Passenger Coach Derailed.

Charlestown, W. Va., July 26.—By the derailment of a passenger coach, which slid over an embankment, one person was killed, two seriously and several badly injured late last night at Decoto, on the Cabin Creek branch of the C. & O. Railway.

All the persons injured were standing on the platform of the car as it was backing into a siding when the accident occurred and were injured by being thrown over the embankment and the coach crushing them.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

A meeting of the Cardinal A. C. will be held tomorrow night. All members are requested to be present.

The schooner C. H. Venner loaded with ice for the Mutual Ice Company, of this city, left the Kennebec today.

A civil service examination was held in this city today for stenographer and typewriter. There were seven applicants.

The excursion given today by the members of the Alexandria police force to Marshall Hall has been well-patronized. A boat will leave about 7 o'clock this evening.

Policeman William A. Ferguson states that he will not be a candidate for the position of second lieutenant at the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners tomorrow night.

Select Soft Shell Crabs on Coast and Deviled Crabs at Spinks's Cafe, Prince and Royal streets.

PERSONAL.

Messrs. Harry L. Ticer, Leonard L. Chesser and Lynwood Kidwell have gone to Colonial Beach, where they will camp for the next ten days.

Miss Ida Virginia Grigg and her cousin, Miss Mary Alena Entwisle, are at Asbury Park.

Capt. Wm. McKenney, and Messrs. Beach, Hall and Crane will leave Sunday for a ten days cruise on the lower Potomac, visiting the principal pleasure resorts. Captain McKenney is thoroughly acquainted with the Potomac river and its tributaries and the Chesapeake bay and the trip promises to be one of real pleasure.

Mrs. Isaac Groves leaves today for a two weeks' visit to friends at Grinders, Va.

Mr. E. J. Howell, son of Mr. C. W. Howell, was operated upon last Thursday week for appendicitis and his condition is reported as favorable. He will leave the hospital on Friday.

Mr. Keith Carlin is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Emmerson, at Cape Henry.

Mr. William E. Toomey has returned from a pleasant trip to Atlantic City.

The condition of Mr. W. J. Boothe, who has been seriously ill, is considered so much improved today that his physicians pronounce him practically out of danger.

The Fight Against Bryan. Grand Island, Neb., July 26.—The question of a county option plank for the democratic party of Nebraska was fought out on the state convention floor at 11 a. m.

"This is no time to talk of a compromise," he said. "I am here to fight, and fight I will do the best of my ability on the floor of the convention. If I see during the convention that I am hopelessly beaten I will still fight and then talk of compromise. I am going into the convention this afternoon and expect to win."

If the Bryanites are finally beaten the compromise proposition is for the convention to refer the county local option matter to the various legislative districts and the nominee for governor to be pledged to sign a county option bill, if such a measure should be passed by the legislature.

It is stated that this compromise would be satisfactory to Governor Shallenbeger.

A meeting was held by the anti-Bryan leaders late last night at which it was decided that county option would be taboed entirely by the convention, if they could control, in favor of the initiative and referendum. After the meeting adjourned and a canvass of the Bryan workers in Grand Island was made it was found that they would not compromise and that county option could not be killed, except on the floor of the convention.

Prepared for Revolution. Barcelona, July 26.—Owing to the report of government spies that a bloody revolution is imminent, 10,000 troops and 2,000 additional gendarmes, armed with rifles and riot cartridges, today occupied strategic positions all over the city of Barcelona, which is practically under martial law, though the constitution has not yet been suspended. Troops are being held in readiness to rush into the city from Saragossa and Valencia at a moment's notice. Troops trains, with engines always under steam, are on the tracks in the two former cities, and the soldiers are being held in their barracks, so that they can depart without the delay of a minute.

A rigid government censorship has been established over all press and personal telegrams from Barcelona and it is necessary to send them by special courier to the frontier to have them sent without mutilation.

Labor agitators are urging a general strike throughout Spain to begin on July 29 in Barcelona.

Pursuing Dr. Crippen. London, July 26.—Scotland Yard this afternoon officially admitted that police Inspector Dew is on board the White Star liner Laurentian in pursuit of Dr. H. H. Crippen and his typist, Miss Ethel Clare Leneve, who are believed to be on the Montrose. The police officials declared that the arrests would be made by the Canadian police, though Inspector Dew would be on hand for the purpose of identifying the couple if "Rev. Mr. Robinson and son" are really the fleeing pair. The moment the arrests are made, Inspector Dew will claim the pair under extradition papers he bears.

Chairman Elected. Lincoln, Neb., July 26.—U. S. Senator Brown wins chairmanship in republican convention over Norris.

Cardinal Gibbons, in a statement, unsparingly condemns divorce, declaring that it is a moral cancer which is eating out the social and family life of the country. He also urged young men and citizens generally to take an active interest in politics. Such matters, he said, should not be left to the few who seek only their personal interests.

Race Riot. Bluefields, W. Va., July 26.—Two men are dead today and six seriously hurt as the result of a riot last night at Ashland, W. Va., in which knives and rocks were used. An investigation by the negroes of the quarters of white men is said to have started the trouble in which twenty-five men took part.

Rockland, Me., put on holiday clothes for its first welcome to a president of the United States today. The president will spend tomorrow at Biddeford Pool, the home of Professor and Mrs. Louis T. Moore.

COMPETITION ONLY CURE.

Senator A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, speaking before a sweltering Chautauqua audience at Holton, Kan., yesterday afternoon, said a systematic arrangement of competition alone could cure America's economic troubles.

"The ironies which the monopolies have made on our industries in the last few years," he said, "have made it necessary for the republican party to declare just what the doctrine of protection is, solely for the purpose of introducing competition. Those entrusted with that duty have not revised the tariff as was promised in the republican platform. It now becomes the true republican's duty to explain what might have been accomplished had its representatives been faithful to their trust."

"The railroads charged excessive rates and accumulated a surplus. They put back into improvement, and they now ask you this surplus obtained through extortionate rates. In ten years the railroads added \$3,500,000,000 to their capitalization on betterments and extensions without the investment of a single penny or independent capital. We must pay interest on this surplus investment."

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