

Alexandria Gazette

WEATHER REPORT.
Showers tonight; Friday fair and somewhat cooler.
Tomorrow high tide: 12:12 a. m.
low tide 6:38 p. m.

ALDERMEN ADOPTS COMMITTEE'S PLAN

New School House Will Not be Built in The Northwest.

TWO OPPOSE REPORT.

Five of Seven Members Averse to Placing Proposed Building Outside City Limits.

At the adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night the report of the joint committee on schools and finance submitted their report on the proposition to erect a new high school building. The report as published in the Gazette on Monday. The report having been amended in some minor details was adopted. Five aldermen favored the adoption of the report, but two—Messrs. Brill and Ballenger—insisted upon carrying out the original intention by placing it on the lot at Cameron and West streets, purchased recently by the city.

After concurring in the action of the Common Council on a number of papers acted upon by the lower board on Tuesday night, Mr. Field, chairman of the joint committee, submitted the report, which was as follows:

Your joint committee, finance and schools, who have had under consideration for some time the erection of a new high school building, feel very keenly the need of such a building in the near future. The lot which we purchased on the corner of West and Cameron streets has a considerable portion lying outside the city limits, and the city has a lot on the corner of Washington and Wolfe streets, adjoining the Washington school building, the size of which is about 87x156 feet.

Our financial condition is as follows: On June 1 we owed a temporary loan of \$45,000. Our appropriation bill for the present fiscal year, including this temporary loan, exceeds by our estimated receipts for the same period \$10,000.

In addition to this, the street work now under construction and other items for which appropriations have been made aggregate \$41,175, making a total of \$51,175, which will be needed June 1, 1914, to carry us through, should we not make another appropriation for any extraordinary purpose during the present fiscal year.

In view of these facts now staring us in the face we deem it advisable to go slow for some months at least. We feel that to erect the high school on the West street lot would be to entail a further expenditure of at least \$40,000, including the approaches to the site, grading, etc., and we recommend in view of these conditions, that the West street lot be sold, and that such a building as some school board needs be erected at some place within limits of the city, either on the lot adjoining the Lee School building on Prince street, or on the lot on the corner of Washington and Wolfe streets, preferably the latter, where we have a lot 87x156 feet, which seem ample for such building as asked for by the school board, and which we understand can be erected for \$28,000 in addition to the amount that can be realized from the sale of the lot on the corner of Cameron and West streets.

Mr. Ballenger said he thought the figures set forth by the committee concerning cutting down the street and construction approaches to the proposed new building at Cameron and West streets were exaggerated. He favored the original plan and said Superintendent Sweeney and City Engineer Dunn thought this the most appropriate site.

President Marbury called attention to the fact that the city would be compelled to purchase a strip of ground in the lot acquired by the city which would necessitate a further expenditure of \$3,500.

Mr. Brill asked Mr. Field if the report had been adopted by the joint committee by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Field—"Five out of seven approved it."

Mr. Brill, continuing, said there was room enough for the proposed building without the strip of ground which belonged to other people, which was concurred in by Mr. Ballenger.

Mr. Field spoke in favor of the report. He said he had endeavored to make himself believe Cameron and West streets was the proper place for

the new building.

President Marbury said the City Engineer had stated it would entail an expenditure of \$12,000 to cut down the street and make the proper approaches to Cameron and West Sts.

Mr. Ballenger reiterated his conviction that the cost of certain street improvements had been exaggerated by the committee. He saw no need of opening up Peyton street should the building be placed at Cameron and West streets.

Mr. Field said he wanted a new high school building as much as any one else, and he respected the wishes of the members of the school board and others who were anxious for this addition to the system but he was averse to constructing it in Alexandria county. Only some members of Council and members of the school board favored the Cameron and West street site, while many citizens had expressed their disapproval of placing the building beyond the city's limits.

Mr. Hill spoke on lines similar to those of Mr. Field. He said had the city secured Rosemont and other outlying territory through the recent annexation proceedings he would have insisted upon using the newly acquired lot for the high school, but under present conditions he was opposed to it. He referred to the fact that the city was about to expend considerable money within the city limits, and made certain observations concerning the present financial condition of the city. He suggested that the matter be recommitted and that the joint committee and the city school board come together and elect some other location which would meet with the approval of all interested.

President Marbury suggested that the building first and last would entail an expenditure of about \$100,000.

Mr. Ogden said when he voted to purchase the lot at Cameron and Queen streets he was not aware of the fact that six-sevenths of it was in Alexandria county. He was averse to building upon a lot belonging to somebody else. He, however, did not believe the lot at Washington and Wolfe streets was a suitable place for the proposed building. Some other place, he suggested, could be procured. He said the city could secure a square of ground on Columbus street, between Pendleton and Oronoco, opposite the baseball park.

Mr. Brill further opposed the proposed change in the location of the building. A lull in the proceedings followed, during which it was suggested that certain amendments be made to the report, to which Mr. Field acquiesced, and after eliminating the words which made it obligatory upon council to build at Washington and Wolfe streets, and also to sell the newly acquired lot, and providing that Council an elect some other location within the city limits, the report was adopted by a vote of 5 to 2, those voting in the negative being Messrs. Brill and Ballenger.

Mr. Fitzgerald offered a resolution providing that when Council adjourned it be to meet again at the call of the presidents of the respective boards. Some objection being urged against adjournment until Common Council shall have acted upon the report on the proposed school house the resolution was withdrawn and the board adjourned.

SEMINARY NOTES.

Three Professors Return From Camping Trip.

Professors Green, Bell and Rollins returned to the Seminary yesterday morning from their camping trip at McNeil, W. Va. They will remain at the Seminary for a few days when Dr. and Mrs. Green will go to Nimrod Hall, in the Virginia mountains and Prof. and Mrs. Rollins will go to Asheville, N. C., early next week.

From advices received in this city today it is learned that Dr. Blackford continues seriously ill at his cottage Orkney Springs.

The floor of the Seminary Chapel, near this city, is now being laid in hardwood, and the pews are also being revarnished, with some other necessary repairs on that edifice.

The walks of the Seminary grounds are being laid in concrete. These improvements are made possible through the contributions received from the Class Plan Fund established by Dr. Crawford some years ago, and annually maintained by the various classes graduated from the Seminary.

Hard and Soft Shell Crabs at Rammel's Cafe.

PRESIDENT HOPES FOR ARBITRATION

Warring Mexicans May Lay Down Arms and Have Election.

TIRED OF BLOODSHED.

Ballots Will Prove More Effective Than Bullets—United States Forbids Shipment of Arms.

Washington, July 24.—Suggestions to the warring factions in Mexico that they lay down their arms and settle their differences at a special election may follow the conference which President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan will have next Saturday with Henry Lane Wilson, the American Ambassador to Mexico.

Convinced that the better element in Mexico is disgusted with the continued bloodshed and destruction of property, President Wilson is hopeful that he can persuade both sides to arbitrate their differences in an orderly manner.

Otherwise, and this, too, depends on what Ambassador Wilson may have to report, the United States may, as a last resort, send troops across the border and make the contestants behave.

In the meantime, the Huerta faction will have no advantages over the Carranza faction in the matter of getting arms and ammunition from the United States. Heretofore, while the Huerta forces were regularly importing weapons from this country, the Carranzistas were shut off from obtaining them.

FIGHT FOR LOWER FARES.

Association Sends Committee To Interview Head of Railway.

Believing that a five cent fare to the District and better and more convenient schedules during rush hours is justly due them, the citizens of Clarendon and Ballston have organized The Clarendon & Ballston Service Association and will make a strong effort to obtain a reduced fare and improved service over the Falls Church Division of the Washington Utilities Co., between these Virginia towns and Washington.

Mr. Wm. Malone, chairman, in an interview recently said: "Yes we are going to fight for a five-cent fare, instead of the present rate of a five-cent fare and a 4-1-6 cent car ticket, and a ten minute service especially during the morning and evening hours; for under the present fifteen-minute service cars are too infrequent and too uncomfortably crowded during these periods of the day. At our last meeting a committee was appointed to appear before the officials of this road with requests. The management at that time promised us better car service between 7 and 9 o'clock in the morning and 4:30 and 6:30 in the evening, but refused to discuss the question of establishing a five-cent rate in place of the present unjust rate of five cents and a car ticket for a six mile ride. We intend to go so far as to take the matter of rates up with the Interstate Commerce Commission and two prominent Alexandria County lawyers whose names can't be made public just now have promised their support in the fight."

During the course of the last meeting it was stated that the methods of operating the draw in the Highway Bridge over which this line runs were lax, so a committee was appointed to wait on officials of the War Department with a protest regarding this last matter. It was also recommended that the Rosslyn station at the south end of Aqueduct Bridge remain as it is and not be removed as contemplated, as it will inflict hardships and inconveniences upon all those citizens of Alexandria County who are compelled to use this branch line of the company.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Ballston at the home of Mr. Lyons.

Hard and Soft Shell Crabs at Rammel's Cafe.

DAILY NEWS TO SUSPEND.

Last Issue of Newspaper to be Published This Afternoon.

Following a report to the Corporation Court that the receivers found no money in the treasury of the Alexandria Daily News; its credit so badly impaired as to make it impossible to raise money to conduct the business, and its liabilities exceeding its assets by more than \$3,000, C. S. Taylor Burke and Walter C. Foster, receivers, were authorized to suspend publication of the paper effective today. This afternoon's issue is the last that will be printed.

The report of the receivers to the court was as follows:

"We, the undersigned, who were by decree entered in this court on the 21st day of July, 1913, named as receivers in the above cause, and directed to take possession and charge of all properties, choses in action and assets of the said defendant corporation, owned by it or which might be in its possession, or under its control, collect all outstanding debts and obligations due to said corporation, and to conduct and continue its business until the further order of the Court, respectfully submit to your Honor as follows:

That the liabilities of the said News Publishing Company, Incorporated, amount to fifty-four hundred (\$54,000) dollars, itemized as follows:

Bills payable, \$1,225.00
Notes due on machinery, . . . \$850.00
Notes due Citizens National Bank, \$2,800.00
Temporary loan for operating expenses, \$200.00
Temporary loan for operating expenses, \$325.00

Total, \$5,400.00

The assets of the said corporation are about two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars of bills receivable, which are collectible, and a plant which in its present condition, in the judgment of your receivers, will not bring over two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars; this makes the total assets of the corporation to be twenty-two hundred and fifty, (\$2250.00) dollars, subject to a lien of \$850.00 due on the machinery.

Your receivers found no money in the Treasury of the corporation, and found the credit of the concern so badly impaired, that it is impossible to raise money to further conduct the business.

Your receivers further report that the editor of the "Alexandria Daily News," published by the defendant corporation, has resigned and that advertisers in the said "Alexandria Daily News" are withdrawing their business from the paper and leaving no working capital to go on.

In the judgment of your receivers, it is impossible to further conduct the business of the corporation, and we respectfully ask leave to suspend the operation of the defendant corporation."

Although the discontinuance of the paper will solve some of the questions confronting those interested in the publishing company, there are still a number of matters to give some one trouble.

A number of sensational rumors have been in circulation today as to action to be taken by individual stockholders and creditors against some of the people who have been interested in the publication and there is a probability of considerable litigation.

The failure of the Alexandria News follows months of struggles in the effort to place the paper on a paying basis. Its first number was published on March 9, 1912, by the heirs of the late Horace B. Ramey, who conducted the job printing business known as G. H. Ramey & Son, on South Royal street. During his life time Mr. Ramey had seen the failure of many newspapers in Alexandria and had always refused to take any part in a number of propositions which had been made to him to engage in the business of establishing a daily newspaper.

His son-in-law, Lawrence W. DeMotte and brother, John B. DeMotte, both of whom claimed to be newspapermen of many years standing started the News shortly after Mr. Ramey's death when they came in possession of the printing office.

They claimed to have been promised assistance from a number of business men and politicians who had become disgruntled when the Gazette had refused to lend itself to their plans. The support was not forthcoming and the DeMottes had a hard struggle to keep the paper from going out of existence.

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BETHLEHEM SCENES AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

Slaughter of Helpless Innocents by Bloodthirsty Bulgars.

HORRIBLE BARBARITY.

Seventeen Hundred Women, Children and Old Men Slaughtered—Confidence in London.

Athens, July 24.—First-hand evidence of the alleged barbarity of the Bulgarians was given here today by Commander Caradale, of the British navy. He said that he counted 1,700 bodies of old men, women and children among the dead at Doxato.

Caradale said that the bodies of many of the little children were pierced through, indicating that the Bulgarians had tossed the little ones up in the air and caught them alive on their bayonets.

London, July 24.—An ambassadorial conference was called for this afternoon at the foreign office to consider the Balkan situation, but it was regarded as unlikely that the consultation would result in any decision regarding Adrianople, because of the well-known divergent views of several of the powers.

The meeting today was merely preliminary, paving the way to other conferences at which the ambassadors will be empowered to take decisive steps to end the Balkan struggle.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt yesterday issued instructions to Lieut. Comdr. Jonas H. Hoiden, inspector of ordnance in charge of the naval proving grounds at Indian Head, that special precaution be taken in the future to prevent any firing while naval vessels are passing the proving grounds.

This action followed investigation of an incident which occurred several weeks ago when the Mayflower, with President Wilson on board, was returning from Chesapeake Bay.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Lewis H. Machen, for the last twelve months editor of the Alexandria Daily News, tendered his resignation to C. S. Taylor Burke and Walter C. Foster, who were appointed receivers of the News Publishing Company Monday.

Some very sweet Florida watermelons on ice are being displayed by the Chesapeake Fish and Oyster Co., who have recently opened a stand in the City Market. Fine select chickens and the best in the line of fish and all kinds of sea foods will be sold by this firm. J. W. Reed and Co., being the proprietors.

STRUCK SUBMERGED PILE.

The oyster sloop Harriet Smith, Captain Bailey in command, seriously damaged her bows yesterday when she struck some submerged piling about 100 yards below the Bryant's wharf.

The boat was heavily loaded with crushed oyster shells consigned to the Bryant's Fertilizer Works, and in attempting to dock the boat struck the piling and a bad hole was torn in her bottom. The deck load was removed as quickly as possible, but the boat being down in the water to her upper deck made it impossible to remove the load in her hold. Workmen will probably attempt to patch the opening in her bows and then pumps will be set to work to remove the water in her hold so the boat can be lightened.

PAVING STOPPED.

The paving of Pitt street has been temporarily stopped by lack of brick, a car load of which was wrecked yesterday in the Potomac yards, when the brakes on the car became loosened, allowing the heavily loaded car to run down an incline and crash into a string of box cars at the foot of the incline, which made kindling wood of several of the freight cars into which the car of brick crashed. As this car of brick was intended to supply the balance of the paving needed to finish Pitt street, the work will be delayed for several weeks or until another car can be shipped.

LEAVING BRADDOCK HOUSE.

The last of a large number of families who had occupied the old Braddock House, in north Fairfax street for several years, moved out yesterday, the owner of the building having served notice to vacate.

FUNERAL OF MRS. DAWSON.

Services Held From Residence This Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Nicholas Dawson took place from her late residence, "Cameron," Strawberry Hill, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The interment was in the family lot, Ivy Hill, where she was laid to rest beside her husband, the late Maj. Dawson.

The honorary pallbearers were Col. Arthur Herbert, Capt. S. B. Davis, Capt. Doan Lee, Maj. John Lee, Col. Robt. E. Lee, Jr., and Dean Crawford, of the Seminary. The active pall bearers being Messrs. A. B. Davis, Leland Dawson, Morris Dawson, Angus Crawford, Jr., A. R. Hoxton, and George C. Stuart. Her son, Philip Dawson, will not be able to arrive from San Juan, Porto Rico, until Monday.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis, of the Seminary.

Among those who attended the funeral from this city were Messrs. Harry R. Burke, C. Taylor Burke, William E. Fendall and Capt. R. S. Knox.

LEGISLATOR ACQUITTED.

Julian T. Christian's Friends Consider Verdict Complete Vindication for Him.

Gloucester, Va., July 24.—Julian T. Christian, member of the Virginia House of delegates, who was charged with feloniously assaulting T. O. Ranjer, in Mathews county last December, was acquitted in the circuit court of Mathews last evening.

Mr. Christian was in court this week for the second trial of his case. The second trial was heard before Judge Clarence W. Robinson, of Newport News. The first trial resulted in a hung jury.

FISH.

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LAMAR'S ARREST EXPECTED TODAY

Agent of U.S. District Court on His Way to Washington.

COUNSEL IS PREPARED

"Wolf of Wall Street" Will, it is Believed, be Indicted for Impersonating Officer.

Washington, July 24.—Arrest of David Lamar, "The Wolf of Wall Street", is believed to be imminent.

It is reported that an agent of the United States District Court in New York is on his way here with a warrant for Lamar, this warrant being based on an indictment supposed to have been found by the Federal grand jury.

Coupled with this report is the appearance before United States Commissioner Anson Taylor, of Henry E. Davis, counsel for Lamar. Mr. Davis gave word that if Mr. Lamar is wanted he will appear.

If Mr. Lamar is arrested his case is likely to be fought out here, and not in New York. It is understood that his lawyer will immediately ask for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that his client has committed no crime. It is thought the court here will be compelled to pass on the question of whether Lamar's impersonating a congressman is impersonating "a Federal officer." This question is obviously the crux of the case.

Attorney General McReynolds, when the case first came up, said that there is a very grave doubt as to where an indictment will lie.

If Mr. Lamar elects to go to New York and fight the case there in the event of his being arrested, a fight will be made on a demurrer to the indictment. Here the question will be on a writ of habeas corpus, but the legal question to solve—whether a Congressman is an officer in the meaning of the statute—will be the same.

Mr. Lamar is reported to have made all arrangements for the procuring of bail in a large sum if he is arrested. No doubt is expressed that he will be admitted to bail, although the sum fixed is likely to be large.

PRESENT CAMPAIGN.

One of the Tamest in the Old Dominion for Many Years.

Richmond, Va., July 24.—The present week witnesses the opening of the campaign in Virginia for the governorship and other State offices to be filled at the election in Virginia next November. The activities of the campaign are confined almost wholly to the Democrats, who will name their candidates at a State primary one week from next Tuesday.

The present outlook is for one of the tamest campaigns the Old Dominion has seen in years. On the Democratic side there are contests for only half of the places on the State ticket. The fact that the farmers are busy with their record-breaking crops is also detracting from public interest in the campaign.

Henry C. Stuart, of Russell, will receive the Democratic nomination for governor without opposition. B. O. James, for secretary of state; A. W. Harmon, Jr., for State treasurer, and R. C. Stearnes for superintendent of public instruction, are also unopposed for the nominations.

The only contests in which any great interest is manifested are those for the nominations for lieutenant-governor and attorney-general.

AUTOMOBILE OWNERS.

The Emerson Steam Pump Company will devote a portion of its shop to repairing and overhauling automobiles. Expert work at reasonable rates. Entrance on Duke St. Phone No. 541.