

Alexandria Gazette

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Sunday;
somewhat cooler tonight;
gentle to moderate westerly
winds.
High tide 4:57 a. m. and 5:24
p. m. Sun rose 5:55. Sun sets
6:05.

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STORM BREAKS UP BIG TENT MEETING

PART OF THE AUDIENCE GET SPRINKLED.

While Evangelist Tells of Storm at Sea Nature Gives Demonstration on Land—Good Order Prevails and no One Injured.

The story of Paul's shipwreck, as told in the 27th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, was selected as the subject of his sermon at the tent by Rev. Gypsy Smith, Jr., last evening. The fact that the evangelist had spent nine years of his life as a sailor previous to entering the ministry enabled him to make use of apt and interesting illustrations, taken from some of his own stormy experiences while on the sea, in describing to his audience the important happenings which marked Paul's eventful trip. And as if to assist in making his description of the wind and storm which overtook the ship on which Paul was, still more realistic and impressive, nature took a hand in the proceedings, when the evangelist was in the midst of that part of his sermon and came on the scene with a real storm. The wind (and it was a south wind, too, the same kind the Bible tells us that Paul experienced) began blowing and was followed in a few moments by a drenching downpour of the wettest kind of rain. If the reader has any doubt regarding the latter statement, a large number of people whose word would be readily accepted in any court could be produced who would verify the truth of it and they might also be able to bring forth this morning numerous articles such as coats, hats, gowns and shoes still showing the effects of the storm, as further evidence.

which were addressed particularly to the students. Prayer meetings were held in 31 homes of the city yesterday which were attended by 491 women. A meeting for men only will be held at the tent tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CHURCH SERVICES

Activities of the Various Congregations of Alexandria

In a majority of the City churches there will be only the morning service and Sunday school tomorrow. The congregations will unite with the Tent service in the evening. A week from tomorrow, however, on the last Sabbath on which Gypsy Smith, Jr., will be here, the churches will be closed throughout the entire day, with one or two exceptions which will appear in the Gazette on next Saturday. There is growing among the church people a strong predisposition to inaugurate many activities during the coming fall and winter to supplement the effect of the campaign. The Gazette proposes to keep in close touch with all these and trusts that the pastors and others connected with church work will take advantage of these columns in order to avail themselves of the publicity which has come to be regarded as a very essential and valuable factor in all religious effort.

Services Tomorrow:

First Baptist Washington street Pastor, Rev. E. B. Jackson, 11 a. m., "What it Costs to be a Christian."

In accordance with an annual custom of the Baptist Churches of the state the Sunday school will participate in a state-wide Sunday school order of service.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Royal, near Duke—Rector, Rev. Father Louis Smet. Services at 7, 9 and 11 a. m. Sunday school immediately after the 9 o'clock service. The celebration of High Mass will commence again a week from tomorrow; also the evening services. Benediction will be pronounced at the close of the 11 o'clock service tomorrow.

Christ Episcopal church, Columbus cor. Cameron—Rector, Rev. W. J. Morton, morning service at 11 o'clock.

Grace Episcopal, Patrick near Prince—Rector, Rev. Edgar Carpenter, morning service at 11 o'clock.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, Pitt near Duke—Rector, Rev. P. Parker Phillips, morning service as usual, evening at 5 o'clock.

Del Ray, M. E. (South), Windsor ave., Del Ray—Pastor, Rev. E. V. Regester. Service in the morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school as usual.

Washington street M. E. (south). Washington near King—Pastor, Rev. J. W. Duffey, morning service at 11 o'clock. Topic: "The Returning Prodigal."

Methodist Protestant, N. Washington, near King—Pastor, Rev. E. F. Kirkley. Morning service 11 o'clock. Topic: "The Traits of a Christian."

Second Presbyterian, Prince cor. St. Asaph—Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jno. Lee Allison, morning service 11 o'clock. Topic: "The Preeminent Christ." Sunday schools at Westminster building and Payne street Chapel at usual hour.

Services will be held by the Salvation Army local corps under Captain Herbert Young at 7:45 o'clock this evening at the corner of King and Royal streets. Sunday school will be held in the Army headquarters at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Members will join the tent services tomorrow evening.

Alexandria City News Condensed

The Daughters of America, Mount Vernon Council, met last night in Elks Hall. Several important matters were discussed.

Mr. A. McK. Lindsey left this week for Staunton where he will resume his studies at Augusta Military Academy.

Elder A. G. Uhler has returned from Culpeper, where he represented the Second Presbyterian Church of this city at the fall meeting of the Potomac Presbytery which was in session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The Presbytery will meet next April in Washington.

Mrs. Frederick Russell, of the Fairfax Apartments, received word this morning of the death of her father, the Rev. Dr. George L. Hunt, in Broadhead, Wis., in which place he was pastor of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Russell, accompanied by her son, Hunt, left this afternoon to attend the funeral which will probably occur on Monday.

An Alexandria lady who had been in Washington yesterday left an electric train at Spring Park about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon with the intention of visiting relatives on Duke street, extended. As the train began to move easterly down King street she remembered she had left her hand satchel in one of the cars. Unable to overtake the train, she told a bystander of her loss, and the latter, who had a wagon nearby, intercepted the train when it stopped at Payne street, but the missing property could not be located. A resident of the neighborhood telephoned to the railway station at Prince and Royal streets, and another search of the cars was made upon the arrival of the train, but no trace whatever of the satchel could be found. It contained a sum of money, jewelry and other valuables.

THOMAS BROUGHT BACK

Negro Will Now Be Arraigned to Answer Charge of Entering and Robbing Store

Officer John Kern arrived here this morning from the Williamsburg Lunatic Asylum with William Thomas, colored, who is charged with breaking into and robbing the store of Sands Co., and stealing \$175. The store was at that time situated on the southeast corner of Gibbon and Alfred streets. The robbery occurred on the night of November 27, 1915. Thomas, after being taken in custody was suspected of lunacy, and committed to the asylum. Recently, however, he became "clothed and in his right mind" He will be brought before the Corporation Court at the next grand jury term. The only case before the Police Court this morning was that of Lee Walker, colored, who was charged with assaulting Nellie Pye, also colored. He was fined \$2.50.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

To Be Held at Tazewell, September 26 to 29.

Owing to the fact of the distance and also that there are no matters of very special importance to be discussed none of the members of Allison Union, W. C. T. U. of this city, will attend the thirty-fourth annual state convention to be held in Tazewell, commencing on next Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, secretary of the Union, who has been to Tazewell and many other points in connection with the affairs of the Union, says that the non-attendance of local women does not in any sense indicate that they are inclined to rest on their laurels now that they have accomplished their purpose in putting Virginia on the dry list. On the contrary, the women realize that there yet remains much to do in connection with the enforcement of the laws providing for prohibition.

One of the features of the convention will be the consideration of educational matters looking toward a spread of the prohibition sentiment in other states.

Oyster season open. When down town visit the Rammel Cafe.

A letter from the border says "First Sergeant Deahl has just returned from a visit to relatives in Austin, Texas.

Prof. Forrest Coles will address the Sunday School of the M. E. Church tomorrow morning, at 9:30 o'clock.

The public schools of Alexandria county opened on Monday with an enrolment of twenty-three hundred pupils.

Mrs. Nellie V. Ramey left today for Atlanta, Ga., where she will spend the next three weeks.

Miss Laura Hoagland will sing a solo as an offertory at St. Paul's Church tomorrow morning.

Mr. James Sidney Douglas, jr., attended the dance at the Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Md., last evening.

Mrs. Grace Ale, who has been spending the last three weeks with her sister in Queen street has returned to her home in Spring City, Pa.

An invitation has been extended to the student body of the University of Virginia to join the choir for the Gypsy Smith, jr., evangelistic services which will be held in Charlottesville during October.

Mrs. Eliza Bayliss, widow of John Bayliss, died at her home 1011 Queen street at ten o'clock last night. Death was due to advanced age. Funeral services will be held at nine o'clock Monday from St. Mary's Catholic Church. Deceased is survived by two sons, John H. and William J. Bayliss.

Mrs. Lewis H. Machen of Richmond is the guest of Miss Kathrin G. Uhler in north Washington St.

COLLIDED WITH FOUNTAIN

While the tempest of rain, wind, thunder and lightning was raging between nine and ten o'clock last night an automobile containing three residents of Washington, ran into the drinking fountain at the intersection of Cameron and Royal streets. The fountain escaped injury, but the machine was badly damaged. The matter having been reported to the station house, Sergeant Roberts made an investigation and ascertained that J. W. Massey, J. H. Massey and B. Rameley were the parties in the auto. Neither was injured.

Mr. Business Man:

As you know Summer has departed into the limbo of other summers. We trust that it has been a profitable one for you, but we wonder what it has left that you would willingly have gotten rid of. Unless you have had quite exceptional good fortune there must be left among your wares of whatever kind, material or article that it will not much profit you to keep until next year.

Of course you know your own business better than we do, but our knowledge of publicity, plus your own special knowledge, will make a winning combination—don't you think so?

Here is a suggestion that we offer you: Why not make a reduction on the price of some of this left-over stuff and make announcement to that effect in the columns of the Gazette? It's not too late and Alexandria has its share of thrifty folks who have plenty of room at home—much more than you have on your shelves—for the storage of things they will want early next summer. That's the sort of far-thinking that gets people ahead in this world. It is not necessary to say more—you've got the idea, haven't you?

Yours for service,
THE GAZETTE.

A final decree has been granted Harry Wagoner in his suit for divorce against Minnie B. S. Wagoner, on the grounds of wilful and voluntary desertion and abandonment.

The thoughtfulness of certain of our citizens who own automobiles during the several hours' rain was falling last night is commendable, and the recipients of their courtesies are loud in their expressions of appreciation. Some of the machines were running until near midnight transporting people from the gospel tent to their homes. Most of the attendants at the meeting last night did not anticipate rain; hence they carried no umbrellas. Considerable rain was falling after the services, and many hundreds of persons, most of whom were women and children, found themselves far from their homes in darkness and rain. A number of automobiles, were parked near the tent, awaiting the appearance of those who had been brought in them to the meeting. Those operating the machines, after carrying the members of their families to their homes, whisked back as soon as possible, took on more human freight and told others to wait until they returned. They made many trips to and from the tent, filling the autos with passengers each time. In some cases the occupants sat in seats in each other's lap so crowded were the machines. Trips were made far into Del Ray in order to land visitors at their homes. There were no selections on the part of the operators of the machines—first come, first served was the principle. In one case an old and good citizen, who has long been blind, had been led to the tent by a little child. He was sought and placed in an automobile and with his attendant carried to his home. A piece of poetry in yesterday's Gazette told of a shoemaker entertaining Christ in the persons of certain unfortunate. If a cup of cold water given to a disciple is to be rewarded, the above good deeds will shine brightly in the good time to come.

THE RAMBLER.

Paragraphs Picked up by Our Man on the Street.

I heard a young fellow last night address an elderly man, who inadvertently pushed against him as he went by as a 'so and so wop.' The man returned no answer and went quietly on his way.

The more ignorant Americans are the most self-sufficient class of people on the top of the earth. They have the supposedly arrogant British backed into the shrinking lily class. One hears them use the terms 'Dago', 'Wop', 'Sheeney', 'Kike', 'Mick', 'Chink,' with reference to certain classes of foreigners among us so frequently that they have become almost a recognized part of our language.

And yet, to be exact, a vast majority of the foreigners thus designated possess infinitely more innate refinement than our citizenry of Anglo-Saxon origin. One almost shudders when one considers what America would have been without the infusion of these foreigners who are so often despised.

Recently, we were told, in Everybody's Magazine, that fifty per cent of the students in the leading art school of New York City came from among the poor Jews of the East side.

From among the families of the poor immigrants from Southern Europe came a vast majority of our musicians. In every branch of creative effort other, perhaps, than writing, among the men and women who have attained distinction, we find a majority of those who are but a generation away from the men and women who are subject to the form of contemptuous address I have mentioned.

In our larger cities we find that the poorer foreigners form a large percentage of the attendants at all worth-while musical events, the art galleries, and all those other institutions which elevate the character and inspire creative effort. They are filling an important part indeed in the forming of the composite American character. To ridicule them is to ridicule a part of the best of ourselves. Let us Alexandrians bear these facts in mind. We have some of those good people among us.

Many otherwise estimable people

THEY ALL WANT TO GET ARMOR PLANT

MANY HEARINGS HELD AND MORE TO FOLLOW.

Southern Cities Anxious to Secure the New Industry— Alexandria's Delegation to Appear Before Secretary Daniels Next Friday.

Among the delegations which appeared before Secretary Daniels yesterday was one from Knoxville, Tenn. Others heard came from Jersey City, N. J., and Perth Amboy, N. J.

It is not believed that any of the three have any chance of securing the plant for the reason that the two New Jersey cities are too accessible to the ocean and a possible invading enemy. Knoxville would appear to be out of the running in that it is not believed by those in a position to know that the plant will go to an inland city.

The hearing of the Alexandria delegation will occur on next Friday. By that time it is said that at least a half dozen other Southern cities will have pressed their claims for the plant.

James T. Preston, secretary of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, discussing this morning the claims advanced by Washington, insisted that everything that could be said in favor of that city could also be said of Alexandria. In addition also he pointed to the fact that this city has superior advantages in the way of a greater choice of sites and, most important of all, greater facilities for the housing of laborers.

Men who have studied the situation are of the opinion that the labor question will be the most important of all to be considered in connection with the establishment of the plant. Large quantities of both skilled and unskilled workmen will be required. A majority of the men will be of the non-floating class who will want homes of their own or at least a permanent residence. The placing of the plant in Washington, Philadelphia, or any other large city would necessitate the living, on the part of the men, long distances away from the plant. Again, in the larger cities, there would be keen competition for the labor of the men employed. This sort of thing is already apparent in the big industrial centers where men of all classes are now at a premium.

The members of the local delegation are working untiringly and assembling every possible influence they can in readiness for their hearing. It is felt by all who are in touch with them that they will make an impressive showing. They are certainly deserving of the hearty support and gratitude of their fellow citizens.

seem to pride themselves upon two little faults—having a quick temper and forming snap judgment. When you stop to think of it they should be a little ashamed of either for the reason that both qualities indicate lack of self control.

You may know people, as that term is understood, for many years, and yet not really know them at all. You sit opposite your own wife or husband for a score of years and yet, in reality, you can not actually assure yourself that you absolutely know what he or she thinks of you. At the very best the human face is the best mask yet devised and we are all, even the most sincere of us, more or less strutters upon the stage of life. So much is this true that we seem to be ashamed of and at times seek to mask even our noblest emotions. Good people seem even more anxious to hide their better impulses than evil people are to hide their unworthiness.

And it is strange, is it not, how we form opinions of people whom we have never seen. We judge them by the things we have heard of them. And most often, we are disappointed. And often again, because of some little fault which has been over-emphasized, we form an entirely erroneous opinion of people in whom we have become interested, perhaps because of their work.

As an instance of this I talked with a very pleasant lady last night about O. Henry who, if he had lived, would have been 54 years old a few days ago. She has read many of his stories and had come to have an entirely mistaken opinion of his personality. I knew O. Henry. His real name was Sidney Porter. He drank very heavily at times and because of this many stories as to his dissoluteness are creeping round. But we who know him and love him, if only through his writings, know that there must have been much of great good in him. How else could he have divined human nature as he did and interpreted it for us as he did? Some wise fellow recently has said that in order to be able to write well one must be a normal man with abnormal sympathies. I am not quite sure that he is right. The normal man does not get much among abnormal people; and when he does he is not able to understand them or the impulses which guide their actions. I think, and I believe that I have Emerson's concurrence in this thought, that men like Burns and Shelley and Poe and Byron were abnormal in many of their moods—hence their genius. And I believe that O. Henry ranks

with these I have mentioned and others of their kind. It's a good and safe rule not to be impatient with people whom you do not easily understand.

Sometimes some of us get a little 'swelled-up' and appear to forget that the Great Leveler may be waiting for us around the corner of the next half hour; and then some little old thing bobs up and we slither back to normal.

On King street, yesterday afternoon, an exquisitely groomed, elderly woman sat waiting for some one or other in a swagger automobile. On the curb nearby were a group of young men who were dressed in their working clothes, and who were rather exuberant in their language.

The woman eyed them very distastefully indeed. Her contempt was as conspicuous as her rather fiery-hued hair.

Suddenly a little black kitten approached the edge of the pavement and then after a brief reconnoitre, started to cross the street. It seemed not to have noticed the approach of a trolley car.

A little girl ran out of the door from whence came the kitten and screamed. A cry of alarm rose also to the woman's proudly pursed lips. In the flash of a second one of the roistering young men, tensed and then sprang out to the rescue of the kitten. He snatched it from the rail barely in the nick of time. The woman hastened from the machine and met him at the curb. Tears stood in the corners of her eyes as she fondled the mite of black fur; they rolled unashamed down the cheeks of the child.

The woman, who knew neither the child nor the kitten, thanked the rescuer profusely. His tanned face had dyed to a darker red when he turned awkwardly away.

For a moment they were just three humans, forgetful of race or position, over a wail of the animal kingdom. It's a great little old world, after all, isn't it?—when we get down to brass tacks and let Old Dame Nature have the right of way.

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