

G. J. COX ELECTED CLERK

Adjourned Meeting of the City School Board Held Last Night in Lee Building to Select Kirk's Successor.

All the members were present at the adjourned meeting of the City School Board last night. The meeting had been called for the purpose of electing a clerk in place of Harry D. Kirk, a former member of the board from the Third ward.

Shortly after the board had been called to order the committee appointed at the last regular meeting to request Commonwealth Attorney Samuel G. Brent to furnish an opinion as to the legality of electing Superintendent Sweeney clerk of the board made their report in which it was stated that, according to the laws of the Legislature of Virginia, the Superintendent is ineligible for the position. The opinion of the Commonwealth Attorney was then read. It follows:

The City School Board, Alexandria, Virginia.

Gentlemen:—Through your committee you have requested me to advise you as to whether or not the Division Superintendent is eligible to the appointment of Clerk of your Board.

The appointment of Clerk of your Board is provided for by Section 1526 as amended, Acts 1914, page 498, and provides that you, in your discretion may appoint a Clerk who may, or may not, be a member of your Board.

This section is qualified by Section 1527, as amended by Acts 1912, page 524, which provides as follows: "No mayor, member of council, treasurer or other officer of a city, town or county, shall be eligible to the office of Division Superintendent of Schools of such city, town, or county." The object expressed by the Legislature in this section is to prevent any "officer of the city" from holding either the position of Superintendent of Schools or Clerk of the City School Board.

You will observe that the words, "officer of a city" applies to all officers of the city, whether they be municipal officers or officers of the State for the municipality. The words "officer of a city," in my judgment, are comprehensive enough to include any one of the officers designated as municipal officers and officers of the State, and as the Division Superintendent is a State officer for the municipality, I conclude that the Division Superintendent is not eligible for appointment as Clerk of the School Board.

Section 1538 provides that the City School Board shall have a Clerk who shall be charged with the same duties as the Clerk of District School Boards. The duties of the Clerk, under a number of sections, would certainly, in my judgment, be incompatible with the duties of the Division Superintendent, for example, take Sections 1462 and 1463, which provide for the taking of the school census, we find that the Clerk shall take the census in "proper person or by deputies approved by the Division Superintendent of Schools." Clearly, here the duties would conflict.

We find the Division Superintendent, as Clerk, appointing his deputies, and as Division Superintendent, approving his appointments made by him as Clerk.

Trusting that I have made myself clear upon the proposition submitted to me, I am,

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL G. BRENT,
Attorney for the Commonwealth.

Mr. Pierce subsequently nominated Gilbert J. Cox, member of the board from the First ward, for the position of clerk, and he was elected by a unanimous vote.

A bill of the Alexandria Water Company, \$110.23, for water furnished the new high school building, caused a ripple among the members it was shown that during the summer recess from July to September about 3,000 gallons of water had been used daily.

Superintendent Sweeney said the janitor of the building was a careful man, and he could not see how such a volume of water could have been used during that short period. The water he said, had been cut off at night.

The committee on school houses and furniture will investigate the matter. The board adjourned about half past nine o'clock.

Supper will be served at Armory Hall each evening during the bazaar at 6 o'clock. There will also be dancing every night.

ODD FELLOWS NIGHT

Attracts Large Attendance at Masonic Bazaar—Ladies Orchestra to be one of features of this Evening's Entertainment

The Odd Fellows turned out to help their step-brothers, the Masons, last night in the bazaar in Armory Hall. The five lodges were well represented and report that they succeeded liberally to the various booths and other money-winning attractions of the bazaar.

One of the features of tonight, which has been designated as "Grotto" night, is to be a musical program rendered by a ladies' four-piece orchestra led by Miss Varney, of Washington.

As on preceding nights much interest centered around the voting for the most popular railroad man in connection with the silver loving cup presented by President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway. To date the vote for this is:

L. O. Hardin, 125; E. F. Ticer, 89; E. H. Kemper, 41; S. L. McEstes, 19; R. W. Goldworthy, 30; K. L. Lambert, 21; A. J. Ross, 41; W. L. Finks, 13; E. Fuller, 6; C. R. Keith, 2; C. E. Dare, 4; W. H. F. Finke, 4; J. W. Gorber, 1.

As candidates for possession of the Masonic Ring Julian Poss has 90 votes to his credit and Claude W. Fletcher has 60 votes.

Today the ladies of Alexandria Washington Lodge Booth served a delicious lunch for business men, which was well patronized, from 11:30 to 2 o'clock. This will be served again at the same hour tomorrow. These ladies serve a supper each night also commencing at 6 o'clock.

Tomorrow night, which has been set aside as Firemen's night, is expected to attract one of the largest attendances of the entire course of the Bazaar. There will be, as usual, dancing during the latter part of the evening. Last night, as on every evening during the week, there were many visitors from Lodges in Washington and other cities.

DANGER TO TEACHER

Didn't Know a Pupil Had Raided Quarry and 70 Volcanic Caps Were in Room

Reading, Pa., Oct. 13.—Oakbrook School was deadlier than a German submarine Wednesday, when Miss Mary E. Dillon spanked one of the boys in entire innocence of the fact that, as the consequence of a raid upon Weidner's quarry by 6-year-old Lawrence Hine, 70 nitro-glycerine caps were distributed around the first grade room, three being in a pocket near to which she applied the ruler.

A special providence spared the school from what might have resulted in death and injury to hundreds of school children, destruction of valuable property and even the wrecking of a train. Shortly after the opening exercises and the spanking, a Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman rushed breathlessly into Miss Dillon's room and asked whether any of the boys had stolen any dynamite. A search of the desks revealed four of the caps. But that left 66 unaccounted for. Accordingly every boy in the building was required to turn his pockets inside out. From the pockets of 365 boys 18 more of the caps were recovered.

ATTACK ON CHILD KILLS HIM

Father Falls Into Ditch and Breaks Neck

Duncannon, Pa., Oct. 13.—In chasing his daughter, to chastise her, John Matlack, aged 33, fell in a ditch and broke his neck, dying a few minutes afterwards.

Matlack spent the day in Harrisburg, returned home intoxicated and started to beat his wife. She is in a serious condition, but will recover. His 10-year-old daughter, Flora, endeavored to aid her mother, when the father attacked her. She eluded his grasp and ran across a vacant field, and Matlack, pursuing, fell into the ditch.

NOTICE SOMETHING CHEAP

While it lasts, 50 cords of first class cedar kindling wood at DeW. Aitchison's, 107 south Royal Street. Both phones.

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

Among those present at the meeting of the Board of Lady managers of the Alexandria Hospital yesterday were Mrs. R. M. Ballenger, who presided and Mrs. L. Wilbur Reid.

L. L. Whitestone, of Whitestone and Clarke, the Alexandria wholesale produce company, has just returned from an extended trip in territory adjoining the Rappahannock river. He is a constant booster for Alexandria, and has been successful in diverting to this city much trade which has hitherto gone to Washington.

For the information of the parents of young boys in Alexandria the Gazette has been requested to state that no obligation is assumed for military service either in the regular United States army or the National guard by those who join the Junior organization which is simply an auxiliary to the Red Men. The aim is to instill into the hearts of the boys a greater spirit of patriotism and also to train them up as useful and serviceable citizens of the community in which they live. Therefore the friends of the order believe that it behooves parents to encourage their boys to unite with this movement as they have nothing to fear from compulsory military service.

SUPT. HODGES RESIGNS

George W. Zachary Will Be Head of County School System Until Vacancy Shall Have Been Filled.

Professor W. T. Hodges, who has been Superintendent of the Public Schools of Alexandria county during the past seven years, has tendered his resignation to the State Board of Public Instruction, to take effect October 15th.

George W. Zachary, member of the County School Board, has been appointed superintendent pro tempore, or until the State Public Board of Instruction shall have elected a successor to Professor Hodges. The latter came to Alexandria county from Farmville.

Professor Hodges has been appointed by the State Board of Public Instruction one of the assistant State Superintendents of Public Schools. He will receive \$2,500 annually and his traveling expenses. His duties will be concentrated in rural districts throughout the state.

The County School Board will later recommend a candidate to the State Board to succeed Professor Hodges.

BUSINESS AND MATRIMONY

New Alexandria Manufacturer Takes Partner For Life

Harry S. Marine, one of the latest additions to the commercial life of Alexandria, is on the verge of two new undertakings. He enters into his active business life in this city next week when he opens his new factory on the second floor of the Gazette building, but he is to enter the estate of Holy Matrimony tomorrow evening in partnership with Miss Rebecca Simon.

Miss Simon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Simon, 1311 north Capitol street, Washington. The ceremony will be performed in their home at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening by the Rev. Dr. Louis Stern, of the Reformed Temple, Washington.

Mr. Marine is just now busily engaged in installing his machinery and after a brief honeymoon will come to Alexandria and take up his residence, with Mrs. Marine in the Wagar apartments.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The management of the Richmond Theatre desire to announce to the public that beginning Monday, October 16, a high class union orchestra will furnish the music for the evening performance. Owing to the high salaries, paid, the stars that will be seen at the Richmond and the quality productions, it is necessary to increase the price at night, at the Richmond only, to 10 cents for children and 15 cents for adults. The matinees will be 10 cents.

It will Pay Advertisers to Watch The Gazette—Its Circulation is Climbing Each Day.

Miss Nannie Janney, is visiting Mrs. W. W. Chamblin, in Leesburg, Va.

Mrs. Henry Harrison has returned to her home in Leesburg, after having been the guest of Mrs. Sara L. Lee, of Alexandria.

The will of the late Mrs. Babette Eichberg was admitted to probate yesterday in the circuit court. Louis Eichberg qualified as executor. The testatrix leaves her property to her children and grandchildren.

At a meeting held in Christ Church Parish Hall one night recently 26 men enrolled in the Bible Class to be led by Judge Louis C. Barley. It is stated that double that enrollment is expected when the class convenes in Christ Church on next Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

William Hinken, of this city, went to Washington yesterday evening in his automobile for the purpose of attending a performance at the Cosmos Theatre. At the close of the play his machine could not be found. He returned home on an electric train. Today he ascertained the whereabouts of his auto, and learned that it had been commandeered last night by joy riders.

WHEELS WILL NOT STAND IDLE

Brewing Company to be Succeeded by Milling Concern

Wheels will continue to turn in the plant of the Robert Portner Brewing Company even after prohibition goes into effect, but the product will be feed and not beer. It is said that the Virginia Feed and Milling Company, recently granted a State Charter with a capital stock of \$50,000 will be one of the largest in this section of the country with an estimated capacity for an output of 200,000 tons of feed per year.

Alvin O. Portner, of Washington is the president of the new concern, and George H. Beauchert, of Alexandria, secretary and treasurer. It is estimated that the new concern will employ, approximately, as many men as the brewing company and that it will prove a valuable factor in northeastern Virginia in that it will afford those farmers engaged in the growing of grain a new market.

The company has engaged an expert for the management of its business in the person of Mr. W. Stark who, among other things before coming to Alexandria, assistant state chemist of Mississippi. Mr. Stark has been on the ground for sometime and engaged in making the necessary preparations for the opening of business about the first of the coming year.

ROUGH PLAY KILLS A MAN

Climbing Tree to Escape Stream of Water. He Fractures Skull.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 13.—John Carr, aged 30 years, of Philadelphia who had been boarding at No. 211 West street, died at the Homeopathic Hospital Wednesday as the result of a fall from a tree. Carr with several friends was romping around the yard at his boarding house several days ago, and he started to climb a tree. His friends turned a hose on him and in trying to go up the tree faster he fell, fracturing his skull.

REVIVAL CONTINUES.

A delegation of young people from the Columbia Heights (Washington) Christian Church, Sunday School will participate in the revival services of that denomination, now being held in the Old First Presbyterian Church, tonight.

There will not be any services tomorrow night, or Sunday night, but there will be a Sunday School at 2:30 o'clock and a preaching service at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The subject of the Rev. Robert W. Stancill's address this evening will be "The Obedience of Faith."

Alderman Maurice Williams, who has resigned the chairmanship of the committee on health of the city council, has been succeeded by Councilman George H. Evans, and Councilman C. Keith Carlin, has been elected as secretary of the committee.

A. H. Schwarzmann returned from a trip to Greensboro, North Carolina, last night.

Professor C. J. Ryan has been appointed critic of the High School Literary Society.

Judge Louis C. Barley will deliver an address to young men this evening at the Young People's building on Washington street.

An important business meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church south, will be held tonight at 7:30, at which time officers will be elected.

A varied and promising program has been arranged for the reception and concert of the H. S. Literary Society to be held in the school auditorium this evening.

Commander C. T. Jewell, U. S. N., Superintendent of St. Margaret's Protestant Episcopal Church, Sunday School, Washington, D. C., will on next Tuesday evening, October 17th, at 8 p. m., in the Norton Memorial of St. Paul's Church deliver an address on "Holding the Sunday School Pupil." Sunday School workers and the public, in general, are invited to attend.

SOON RETURNS TO LOCKUP

Dipsomaniac. After Spending Ninety Days in Jail Was in the Dock Again This Morning.

An old offender, one who has spent most of the past few years in jail or the work house for his Bacchanalian propensities, was released yesterday after having spent the summer as a guest of the city. He was soon back upon his old job, and Chief Goods coming along and finding him drunk escorted him to the station house.

The delinquent was brought before the Police Court this morning to answer the old charge—drunk in the street. The prisoner alleged that he had signed to go down the river with the captain of a vessel, and if liberated would give no farther trouble to the officers. Justice Caton asked him what day had been set for the sailing of the craft. The prisoner replied "Tomorrow." The man was ordered to be held and the captain of the vessel notified to come and get him. Should no demand be made the prisoner he will be turned to the place from whence he came.

SANG AFTER KILLING WIFE.

Concert Hall Performer Gives Himself Up, Confessing Murder.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 13.—Admitting that he sang on the stage of a concert hall only a few hours after he had brutally murdered his young wife and written "Justice No. 1" on the mirror of her room, Louis Schupp walked into police headquarters Tuesday afternoon and gave himself up. Schupp, is 23 years old. His wife, to whom he was married five months ago, was of the same age. He was a singer in moving picture and concert halls. The murdered woman had followed the same occupation, but recently had not worked. They lived with Schupp's mother.

Schupp's mother went out to work Monday morning. She says there had been no trouble between her son and his wife. Neighbors saw Schupp leave the house about 11 o'clock. When his mother arrived home in the evening she found her daughter-in-law murdered in her bed. Some one had crushed in her head with a baseball bat and then plunged a carving knife five times into her neck. The murderer then wrote on the looking glass with a piece of soap: "Justice No. 1."

The police at once set out to find Schupp, but without success. When he appeared at headquarters, he said to Lieutenant Moran: "I am Louis Schupp, who committed that murder, and for whom you are looking."

The lieutenant replied: "Well, why did you murder your wife in that horrible manner?" "I'll tell you that later," replied Schupp.

The principal reason most of Alexandria's rivals for the Armor Plant seem to have to offer is: "We want it!"

FINE OF \$25 ASSESSED

Maryland Automobilist, Drunk While Operating Automobile Yesterday Afternoon, Runs Machine on Side Walk.

Among the cases on the docket of the Police Court this morning was that of Roland Hamilton, a Maryland saloon-keeper, who visited this city yesterday. He came here in an automobile and visited the northeastern section where he later became under the influence of liquor. While attempting to run his car in the "Petersburg" section of the city he ran it upon the sidewalk, attracting the attention of Officer Zell, who immediately took him in charge. Hamilton left \$20 collateral for his appearance in the Police Court this morning.

He was on hand when the case was called. Officer Zell described all the circumstances in connection with the case, alleging that Hamilton was drunk when on Princess street about four o'clock in the afternoon. Hamilton, when asked if he had anything to say in refutation of the charges urged against him, made no statement save that he had placed his foot upon the wrong lever of the machine. Justice Caton assessed him \$25, and the remaining \$5 was paid.

The above is but one of the many cases where reckless and often drunken men are found in charge of automobiles in our streets. It is but seldom, however, that a policeman happens to be nearby by when such dangerous procedures are in evidence.

OPENING AT SWAN BROS.

Attractive Showing of Fall And Winter Goods.

The house of Swan Brothers has been established in Alexandria for sixteen years past, but not in all that period, perhaps, has a handsomer stock of goods been displayed there than is to be found now at their annual fall opening. The line of ladies' and misses' suits and coats is especially fine, while the dress goods department is filled to overflowing with an elegant assortment. The men's and boys' department is another that should not be overlooked. In fact the entire two stores are full of fresh, new fall and winter goods, which would do credit to the establishments of much larger cities. It will be a pleasure to the patrons and friends of the Messrs. Swan Brothers to learn that the present year has been one of the most successful they have ever known.

SOCIAL CENTER EXHIBIT.

Under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association there will be an exhibit of Social Center work at 602 King street, tomorrow from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening. Miss Harriet Kail, of Washington, who had charge of the playground work of the association during last summer, with Mrs. J. C. Howard, chairman of the association, will be present.

There will many samples of work of the children of Alexandria during the summer and much interesting data concerning playground and social center work.

The center of activities of the association, during the three years at has been in existence, has been on the inadequate playground of the historic old Washington school. A move this year to extend these took the form of the employment of William Shafer, a recent graduate of the High School, as athletic director.

The members of the association, numbering about 140 of the best known women of Alexandria, are planning to greatly extend their range of work next year. They look forward to engaging a superintendent and to having amusement centers, with adequate paraphernalia, in connection with each of the schools of the city.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company will be held at the office of the Company, 111 North St. Asaph St., on Monday, November 6th, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock for the election of officers and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

GEO. UHLER, Secretary.

VISIONS OF COAL DEPOT

Extension of Western Maryland Railway Would Make Alexandria One of the Largest Coal Distributing Centers in the Country.

In the interview accorded Alexandrians yesterday by Secretary Daniels, who listened attentively to the many arguments to show that this city should be selected by the government as the site for the new armor plant, it was stated that the Western Maryland Railway Company is preparing to build a branch to connect with the Washington and Old Dominion Railway, and when this shall have been done Alexandria will again become a much larger coal distributing center.

The route for the proposed road has been surveyed and the Rockefeller interests have investigated it thoroughly. It is believed by people in position to know that the road will be built.

What is now the Washington and Old Dominion Railway was known in the latter part of the fifties as the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad. The object of the projectors was to build the road to the Hampshire coal fields in what is now West Virginia, but the civil war came on when the road had only reached Leesburg, and Alexandria's vision of a coal depot from that source vanished.

It was stated by the projectors of the old Manassas Gap Railway that that road was to be extended to the Moorfield coal fields, but when rail had been laid to the Valley Turnpike the road was continued to Harrisonburg instead of going to the coal fields.

The Alexandria canal, extended from this city to Georgetown, made Alexandria a coal shipping point, but the miscarriage of the plans of the two railroads limited the business.

Should the Western Maryland build its lateral branch our city will again be a larger coal shipping point, and should we succeed in getting the armor plant the Southern, Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western roads would also deliver coal here. Cars of these roads now pass through Alexandria daily.

COMIC PAGE CAUSES SUICIDE.

Chisholm, Minn., Oct. 13.—Because friends say he believed the "funny" sections of Sunday newspapers were making him a subject of ridicule and that persons were ridiculing him because of resemblance to a funny page character, Charles Marila, 25 years old, a miner unmarried, committed suicide yesterday by blowing himself up with dynamite.

POLICE COURT

(Justice H. B. Caton, presiding). The following cases were disposed of this morning.

Roland Hamilton, charged with recklessness and operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was fined \$25.

A white man, charged with being drunk in the street, was ordered to be held.

W. S. Tavenner and R. M. Tavenner, charged with drunken and disorderly conduct, forfeited their collateral by failing to appear.

Bettie McPherson, colored, charged with stealing chickens from Samuel Meadows, colored, was committed for five days.

In his advertisement on another page Frank B. Howard, 822 King St. calls attention, among many other things, to a fine opportunity to obtain a very high grade coffee at a very low price.

Between 500,000 and 800,000 more men will be required for the British army within the next six months.

Kedrick Reid, the 14 year old son of John Reid, was shot and probably fatally injured Wednesday afternoon at Purcellville, He and a 10 year old negro boy had been shooting at a mark with a rifle. Both wanted the gun at the same time and in the struggle for it the rifle was accidentally discharged. The bullet lodged in the abdomen of the Reid boy.