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ALEXANDRIA IN 1861—The year which passed away with midnight, has been to Alexandria the most eventful of its existence. We make up, from the files of the Gazette and Local News, and memoranda made during the interim between the two papers, our usual chronological table of a greater portion of the local events which have been chronicled in the newspapers. The following is the table:

Jan. 1. Exhibition by the village Sabbath school; public hiring at Catt's.

Jan. 2. Opening of soup-house by city authorities.

Jan. 3.—Death of Anderson Hepburn, a colored native of Alexandria, who had, during his life, saved twenty-three persons from death from drowning.

Jan. 4.—Day of humiliation and prayer for the Union proclaimed by the President of the United States; observed with great devotion in Alexandria. The churches were crowded, and prayer meetings conducted with much solemnity.

Jan. 5.—Fort Washington garrisoned by a force of U. S. marines, under Major Terrett.

Jan. 7.—Old Dominion Rifles completed their organization by the election of officers.

Jan. 8.—Quarterly Court; eight indictments found. The Alexandria Riflemen resolve "that our first allegiance is due and shall be rendered to Virginia; that we will obey her commands and abide her fortunes; that in her defence against all assailants whatsoever, we are ever ready to risk life and all that renders life desirable; and that, for the vindication of her sovereignty and her honor, we pledge the faith of soldiers and the sacred affection of sons."

Jan. 9.—John Peveril killed by falling in the canal lock.

Jan. 10.—Organization of the Alexandria artillery, at Elcomix Hall; Del. Kemper elected captain.

Jan. 15.—David Funster, W. H. Fowle, Edgar Snowden and Geo. W. Brent named, by their respective friends, candidates for the Virginia State Convention. Kitcher burned on St. Asaph; streets quite slippery from sleet. Land slide on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.

Jan. 19.—The Marshall House reopened. Jas. W. Jackson, proprietor. Another land slide on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.

Jan. 21.—Annual meeting in aid of the Orphan Asylum—collection \$800.

Jan. 23, 24 and 25.—A series of meetings in reference to the State Convention, and addresses by Messrs. Fowle, Thomas, Funsten, Stuart and Snowden.

Jan. 27.—Barn of James Roach, in Alexandria county, burned by an incendiary.

Jan. 28.—Mechanics' and workmen's meeting at Liberty Hall, S. H. Devaughn, presiding. Great excitement and confusion, and some fist-cuffs. Union resolutions declared by the Chairman to have been adopted, but this strenuously denied by large numbers of persons.

Jan. 30.—Address by G. W. Brent.

Jan. 31.—Address by David Funsten; G. W. Brent selected by a caucus of Union men as the candidate of the Union party; the Mount Vernon Guards complete their instructions under Capt. Bragonier.

Feb. 2.—Grand Union torch light procession; addresses by Messrs. Fowle, Snowden, Wallach and G. W. Brent—the latter of whom advocated the Union so long as it could be maintained consistently with the honor and safety of Virginia, but declared, "if the time should come when the safety of the State demanded a severance of the bonds which united her with the Federal government, she would be a unit, and there would be no division among her sons."

Feb. 4.—Election for Convention; Alexandria votes—Brent, 1119, Funsten, 438; for reference of secession to the people, 1216; against, 202.

Feb. 7.—High wind; roof of Nightingale's house burned.

Feb. 13.—Alexandria Riflemen passed inspection, preparatory to receiving new arms.

Feb. 15.—First thunder of the season.

Feb. 19.—Volunteer battalion formed by the uniformed companies of the town.

Feb. 22.—Celebration of Washington's birthday; military parade; State flag presented to the Alexandria Riflemen at Lyceum Hall; Farewell Address read at Liberty Hall by Dr. Harold Snowden, and oration delivered by K. Kemper; the Leesburg Guards also paid a visit to the city.

Feb. 25.—Hon. John Bell, of Tennessee, passed through Alexandria; arrival of the first car load of cotton from Memphis.

Feb. 28.—Union nomination convention at Liberty Hall; the U. S. steamer Pawnee passed up the Potomac.

March 5.—Municipal election; Union nominees elected.

March 10.—The Alexandria Artillery fully organized, and pass their first inspection.

March 13.—Rev. G. W. Carter, of Texas, addressed the people of Alexandria upon the subject of secession.

March 14.—Last snow of the winter.

March 19.—Especially cold weather.

March 20.—B. C. Crook appointed mail agent on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.

March 22.—Considerable excitement in town about the "Birthlow pikes"; new volunteer battalion dissolved for want of sufficient companies; first sturgeon caught.

March 24.—Difficulties between Bernard C. Crook, newly appointed mail agent on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, and citizens of Charlottesville.

March 25.—An American flag presented to the Mount Vernon Guards from the Lyceum parties, the presentation being made by Dr. H. Snowden, and the reception by Captain S. H. Devaughn, after which the Guards visited Washington City; F. W. Bruce appointed mail agent on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.

March 28.—The City Council protests against the Strasburg Extension.

April 1.—Quarterly Court—four indictments found; protracted meetings in many of the churches commenced.

April 4.—Hon. J. B. Baldwin, of Augusta, addressed the people of Alexandria in favor of a reconstruction of the Union.

April 5.—Rev. G. W. Carter addressed the people here in favor of secession; Board of Pilots organized, C. F. Lee, President.

April 7.—Union meeting to send delegates to Congressional nominating convention held.

April 9.—Storm, high tide, wharves submerged, and some damage done; woman found drowned in the canal.

April 10.—New volunteer battalion organized.

April 13.—The Alexandria Artillery, Captain Kemper, fire a salute of seven guns in honor of the success of the Confederate States at Fort Sumter.

April 14.—Quarterly meeting of the Sunday School Union of Alexandria.

April 17.—The flag of the Confederate States was hoisted upon the Marshall House, and greeted with cheers and salvos of artillery; a number of United States flags were displayed from private residences.

April 18.—News of the passage of an ordinance of secession by the State Convention of Virginia received in Alexandria at noon; considerable excitement.

April 19.—The Mayor issues a proclamation urging the citizens to moderation and quietness; organization of the Home Guard, C. F. Suttle, Captain; U. S. steamer Pawnee passed the town with all her guns run out.

April 20.—Washington Home Guard (cavalry) organized, E. B. Powell, Captain; the ladies of Alexandria at work, at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, making clothing, bed ticks and cartridges for the State military.

April 21.—Two heavy guns at Fort Washington announced, on Sunday night, to the people that the United States had established a surveillance over vessels passing on the Potomac.

April 22.—First troops pass to Washington via the Potomac; new police established; Hon. James M. Mason arrives in this city, and, with Gen. Cooke, was serenaded at the Mansion House, both gentlemen replying to the compliment; Messrs. Crook and Bruce, new mail agents, resign; organization of the Emmett Guard, Capt. Triplett.

April 23.—The Mount Vernon Guards ap-

peared on parade, carrying the flag of the Confederate States; the Irish volunteers, Capt. Towson, organized; the Alexandria Riflemen, Mount Vernon Guards, Old Dominion Rifles, Alexandria Artillery and Washington Home Guard volunteered in the Provisional Army of Virginia, and were mustered into service.

April 24.—The Leesburg Loudoun Guards arrive in this city, and, with the Alexandria companies, go into barracks; the "O 1 Guard," of Rappahannock Court House, Captain Green, pay Alexandria a flying visit.

April 25.—Irish Volunteers and Emmett Guards mustered into the service of the State.

April 26.—The Fairfax Cavalry, Capt. Ball; the Fairfax Rifles, Capt. Barnes, and the Madison Guards, Capt. Welch, arrived in Alexandria.

April 27.—Gen. Cooke issues General Orders No. 4, declaring the organization of the 6th Battalion Virginia Volunteers, composed of the Alexandria Companies, and assigning the command to Major M. D. Corse—The refugees from Washington organize three Volunteer Companies under the title of National Volunteers—The Warren Rifles, Capt. Simpson, arrived in this city.

April 29.—Gen. Cooke removes his headquarters from Alexandria to Culpeper C. H., leaving Major Corse in command at Alexandria—Small tement belonging to a colored man named Williams, and situated near the Tunnel, burned.

May 2.—Death of Rev. N. S. Greenaway.

May 6.—Major Terrett takes command of the troops in Alexandria.

May 8.—Terrett Guard, Capt. Funsten, organized at the Armory of the Alexandria Riflemen—all the troops ordered to Culpeper Court House.

May 10.—R. v. Mr. Bixio appointed Assistant Pastor of St. Mary's Church—troops returned except the Artillery—the telegraph having changed the order, "send up the battery" to "send up the battalion."

May 12.—The U. S. steamer Pawnee steamed down from Washington, and anchored off this port, her guns out, and commanding the town.

May 20.—Circuit Court, Judge Tyler, opened its May term—O'Connell Guards, Capt. Pressman, organized.

May 22.—Havelock Guards, Capt. W. D. Corse, organized.

May 23.—Election, H. W. Thomas chosen State Senator, and W. G. Cazenove member of the House of Delegates from Alexandria. The vote on ratifying the Ordinance of Secession stood: For Ratification 938; against it 43. For Equal Taxation 983; against it 20. At night, serenade and speeches by H. W. Thomas, W. G. Cazenove, Col. Terrett, and Capt. Ball.

May 24.—There was in Alexandria the following companies of military in the service of the State of Virginia: Mount Vernon Guards, companies A and B, Capt. Devaughn, of Alexandria; Alexandria Riflemen, Capt. M. Murry, of Alexandria; Old Dominion Riflemen, Capt. A. Herbert, of Alexandria; Warren Riflemen, Capt. Simpson, of Warren; Loudoun Guards, Captain Tebbs, of Loudoun; Fairfax Cavalry, Capt. Ball, of Fairfax, and Washington's Home Guard, Capt. Powell, of Alexandria; also, the O'Connell Guards, Capt. Pressman; the Terrett Guards, Capt. Wallace, both of Alexandria, and a company of National Volunteers, Capt. Schaffer, of D. C. The latter three companies were not fully armed, and had not been mustered into the service of the State. Early in the morning, the N. Y. Zouaves, Col. Ellsworth, and the 2nd Michigan Volunteers, Col. Wilcox, entered the city, the Virginia Companies retiring in accordance with orders. A portion of the Fairfax Cavalry were surprised, captured, and carried to Washington. Col. Ellsworth, of the N. Y. Zouaves, after he had removed the Confederate flag from the roof of the Marshall House, was killed by Capt. James W. Jackson, who was, also, killed by a party of Zouaves, who had accompanied Colonel Ellsworth. Col. Wilcox made a requisition upon the City Council for stables and forage which that body declined to furnish. The Federal troops took possession of the Market Buildings and several other buildings, pre-

viously occupied by the Virginia troops—also, some warehouses and residences. Business was almost entirely suspended; nearly all the stores being closed.

May 25.—Col. Wilcox, commander of Federal forces, issued a proclamation; announcing that he had occupied Alexandria for the United States, assuring peaceable citizens of protection to their persons and property; ordering the closing of all establishments for the retail of ardent spirits, and declaring that all combinations and conspiracies against the United States would be punished. The Alexandria Gazette issued a small Extra, and then suspended further publication, and the steamers G. Peay and Collyer taken possession of.

Sunday, May 26.—The New York Fire Zouaves entered and searched a large number of houses, taking away all sorts of fire arms, and sometimes other articles. The offices of the Alexandria Gazette and of the Virginia Sentinel, occupied by the military, McBurney's, Hart's, and other stores entered by Zouaves, and considerable amounts of goods taken—rape committed upon a sick woman, near the Orange Railroad Depot, and many other outrages committed.

May 28.—5th Pennsylvania and 71st New York Regiment arrived in this city—The steamer Thomas Collyer resumes her trips to Washington—Company C, 1st Michigan Regiment, detailed for police duty, and Capt. Whittlesey named Provost Marshal.

May 29.—The U. S. forces commence to throw up intrenchments west of Alexandria.

May 30.—Messrs. Kelly, McPherson, and Smith, of Pennsylvania, delivered addresses to the Military on King street, between Pitt and Royal streets—71st New York Regiment left Alexandria.

June 3.—County Court, June term—F. L. Brockett appointed Deputy Clerk, vice B. H. Berry absent.

June 6.—City Council discuss and pass the Revenue Bill—Col. Heintzelman ordered to the command of the U. S. military post at Alexandria—The members of the Fairfax Cavalry took the oath of allegiance to the United States, and were released.

June 7.—Union meeting at Marshall House, H. S. Martin, Chairman, and C. E. French, Secretary. Speeches of W. E. Parsons, of New York, and James E. Close, of Alexandria; H. S. Martin and J. T. Close, elected delegates to a Convention, to be held on the 11th instant, at Wheeling. The New York Tribune announces that sixty citizens endorsed the proceedings.

June 8.—It is stated in the N. Y. Herald that "Mr. Ball, the captain of the secession cavalry, who was released from custody on Thursday on taking the oath of allegiance with some others of his company, asserts that the oath was forced from them and will not be considered binding."

June 10.—The 5th Massachusetts Regiment arrived, and soon after go upon police duty—Lieut. C. H. Shepherd, Provost Marshal—The Pocahontas off the port, doing guard duty in the river.

June 12.—Steamer Star on the ferry route between Alexandria and Washington; connection made between the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad.

June 14.—City Council meeting; no business of interest.

June 15.—General parade of all the U. S. troops in Alexandria.

June 16.—Charles Martin arrested by military forces, and afterwards released.

June 17.—The military seize a portion of the camp equipments of the Mount Vernon Guards, from a house on Fairfax street; Jno. A. Rudd arrested by the U. S. military, and afterwards discharged; skirmish at Vienna station between a portion of the Alexandria Artillery and some companies of Ohio volunteers.

June 22.—Death of James English; Rich. L. Rotchford, R. R. Snyder and E. Carson arrested, and afterwards discharged; Ridgely & Hunton's store broken into.

June 27.—The following despatch appears in the Baltimore Sun, dated at Alexandria, "It being understood that the flag staff erected by the Bell and Everett party during the last campaign in the lower portion of this city was about to be used at Fort Ellsworth,