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SATURDAY..... July 7, 1900.
Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and Vicinity.
 Partly cloudy and continued warm weather.

IT LOOKS THAT WAY.
 It is often the way of political leaders when the people demand a thing in opposition to their wishes to seemingly acquiesce and to use the knife later on. This appears to us to be the tactics of Croker and other prominent Democrats. At heart they were opposed to Bryan, but early in the game they saw that the rank and file of the Democracy wanted him. The leaders feel that he cannot be elected and so they have decided to give him plenty of rope, knowing that in no other way can they get rid of him. The conservative element, like David B. Hill and the delegations from Virginia and most of the Southern and Eastern States, have been over-ruled at Kansas City and the radical sixteen-to-oneers have won out. This is a great pity; for the Democratic ticket it makes victory doubly hard—even if it does not put such a thing beyond the pale of possibilities. Defeat for the ticket means much to the interests of the country, but in our judgment the most potential-one will be the assumption by Mr. McKinley and his political family that victory at the polls is an endorsement of his imperialistic policy. He and Mr. Hanna will be more determined than ever to pursue an autocratic course; but in this they cannot be greatly blamed, for has not the Democratic party made their endorsement more than probable and does not the Republican party bend the knee and say "amen?"

In the reported massacre of all foreigners in Pekin but one poor consolation remains to the Anglo-Saxon race, and that is, that the forlorn garrison no doubt were true to their predecessors of the Alamo and cut a wide swath in the Mongols before going down. There may be nose left to tell the tale, but we warrant many a yellow skin bit the dust before the last white man perished.

What effect will the Chinese war have on "boiled shirts"? We should say that just at present they are roasting most of them—spitted on missionary frames.

When the Missouri mule is turned loose over the timber the Boxers will sprint for the tall timber of the sprouts and kopjes.

IGNATIUS DONNALLY will undoubtedly discover that "troglydotes" is only a synonym for octopus, so far as he and the vice-Presidency are concerned.

MR. FORAKER is authority for the statement that the Republican camera wouldn't photograph the original of the Philadelphia platform.

It now begins to look as if snarling and bellowing are going to have a good hot mix-up and bang the bottom out of the Chinese pot.

The Presidential campaign will not rob Europe of its annual loquacious treat—Mr. Dewey sailed on the 27th ultimo.

It is said that Teddy Roosevelt fears a November ballot-box more than he does the crack of a Mauser.

CELESTIAL BOXERS sounds a little paradoxical. Can it be that Chinese cannon will shake some of the doctrines of Holy Writ?

MR. BRYAN'S "16 to 1" "consistency" theory may prove a jewel of lost brilliancy.

THE WILLIS key, forged over night, honored THE FREE LANCE'S requisition.

It remains to be seen whether or not the silver "16 to 1" policy has lost its magnetism.

The Kansas City Convention at least provided an opportunity for Mr. Croker to "croak."

Cigarettes Killed Him.
 Charles H. Fricka is probably the only man on record who died from the smoke of a cigarette, and yet never smoked in all his life. Fricka was twenty-three years old and had weak lungs.
 While seated on a bench at Willow Grove near Philadelphia a youth came along and sat down beside him. Presently the youth lit a cigarette. Fricka was inhaled a little of it and coughed.
 In a moment he was in a paroxysm of coughing and fell to the ground. He died before a physician could be summoned. The coroner declared that the cigarette smoke was the immediate cause of his death.

VIRGINIA NEWS.
 James C. Weaver, a prominent citizen of Accomac county, is dead.
 The post office at Severn, Gloucester county, was entered by burglars and robbed of \$21.
 Arrangements are being made for the organization of a Knights of Pythias lodge at Orange Courthouse.
 Caterpillars are said to be especially numerous this season and in many sections are injuring fruit trees.
 Rapid progress is being made on the mammoth \$1,000,000 dry dock at Newport News.
 One hundred and fifty additional workmen have been called into the Norfolk Navy Yard.
 Mrs. Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson is at Saratoga, N. Y., being treated for a painful malady.
 Charlottesville District M. E. Conference will meet at Culpeper on July 17th.
 Ninety-three corporations, with an aggregate capital stock of \$36,235,000, were formed in Baltimore this year.
 Miss Mary Yost, daughter of ex-Congressman Jacob Yost has passed the examination and will enter Vassar College next year.
 The supervisors of Richmond county have declared a "no-tolerance" law for Washington, Marshall and Farnham districts.
 The British steamship Accomac, with 3,600 tons of New river coal, sailed from Newport News Saturday for Cronstadt, the Russian stronghold.
 Donovan Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Mathews county will give their annual Masonic excursion from North End wharf on July 17th.
 The farmers of Gloucester county are pleased at the prospect for a good crop of corn, after an almost entire failure in the wheat and grass crops.
 A three thousand acre tract of woods, belonging to Joseph Gauthier, near Irvington, Lancaster county, has been on fire for several days.
 Mrs. W. E. Wright of Tappahannock, who with her five children, has been on a week's visit to her uncle, Thomas Wright, near Westwood, Wednesday morning—Southside Sentinel.

The report of the largest yield of wheat in the Northern Neck comes from Warsaw, and says that a farmer near there raised 60 1/2 bushels to the acre.
 The recently organized Tropical Fruit Company has secured a fleet of 13 steamships, of which will ply between Newport News and the South Atlantic fruit countries.
 The new \$10 and \$100 bonds issued by the city of Staunton are ornamented with Gen. John Echols' picture, and the \$500 bonds with the picture of the Hon. A. H. Stuart.
 The first new Southern wheat of this season arrived in Baltimore June 21st. It consisted of 70 bags from Northampton county, and was shipped by J. F. Burgess. It sold for 90 cents per bushel.
 The corner store of Hill Bay Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F., Sandy Bottom, Middlesex county, was laid July 4th, 1900; ceremonies were performed by the brotherhood. Dinner and refreshments served at the lodge-room.
 The so-called "Jim Crow" car law went into operation July 1st. The railroads report that whites and blacks both respected it and each race seemed to be well pleased with having separate cars to ride in.
 The Shenandoah County Bank, of Woodstock has become the Shenandoah National Bank. E. D. Newman is president, Mr. N. E. Schmitt, vice president, Mr. M. Coffman, cashier, and Mr. E. O. Geary, assistant cashier.
 The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company is making ready to bid on the five new battle ships authorized by Congress, for which bids will be opened at the Navy Department next November 15.
 The opening of the magnificent new hospital at Roanoke Saturday night was a brilliant affair and largely attended. The Norfolk and Western R. R. and many of Roanoke's most prominent citizens are interested in the enterprise.
 The Board of Health of Lancaster county, Drs. W. J. Newbill, H. J. Edmonds, and F. W. Lewis, and Mr. Wm. Ohlton, clerk, met at Lancaster O. H. last week and considered methods looking to the improvement of the health of the county.
 W. H. Newman, colored, charged with killing William Math, colored, was tried at Montross last week, resulting in a verdict of not guilty. Math, in company with friends, who were drinking, attended a fair at Newman's house, and attempted an assault on Newman, when the shooting occurred.
 The William R. Trigg Company, of Richmond will no doubt get the contract to build the battleship Virginia, as favorable responses to their bid have come from the Navy Department. The company will also bid for the contracts to build submarine boats of the Holland type.
 Twenty-five of the thirty-seven graduates of the medical department of the University of Virginia have already received important appointments, many of them through competitive examinations. Of the remaining 12, by far the largest number are in lucrative private practices.
 William Woodson, the negro convict who on May 19th killed his cellmate, Ambrose Ferebee, in the shoe shop at the penitentiary, was convicted in the Richmond Circuit court of murder in the first degree. The light of a dozen convicts in their striped garb sitting in the courtroom as witnesses was quite an unusual one. The convict will be hanged in the penitentiary as a warning to other prisoners.

Mrs. Charles Reiley and little son, of Louisa, went out into a field Tuesday by a negro man unknown to her. The lady, who is about thirty year of age and fairly stout, screamed and resisted so successfully as to frighten her assailant away. The neighbors were summoned and came to her aid in every direction, but he had escaped and there is no clue to his identity.
 A collision, arising from a misunderstanding of signal whistles, as a result of which 19 colored longshoremen have probably lost their lives, occurred in Norfolk harbor, off Lambert's Point, Sunday night. The vessels in this accident were the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company's steamer Essex, and the Old Dominion Steamship Company's tug Commodore Duryea, which had in tow transfer barge No. 6. On board the barge were upward of 100 colored laborers, returning from Pinner's Point. The Essex was bound out to Providence, and did not have many passengers. The transfer barge was at the Old Dominion wharf, a sunken wreck. The tug was not damaged and the Essex only had her sides scratched and perhaps a few dents in her bow plating. When the vessels were going down close together a collision was inevitable the barge's passengers were a rush for the tug and nearly swamped her. Not one of the 19 men missing had reported for duty Sunday.

Argument on a motion for a new trial in the case of A. O. Gilligan, convicted at Isle of Wight Courthouse of the murder of O. Beverly Turner, has been postponed until August term of court. Gilligan has been put in Petersburg jail, where he will be kept until the August term of the county court of Isle of Wight county.

POLITICAL.
 In the 10th Congressional District it now looks like Senator Flood may be nominated on the first ballot.
 The Democrats of the Fifth District have renominated Hon. Claude A. Swanson for Congress and reaffirmed the Chicago platform.
 It is stated that the Republican convention of the Eighth Congressional District will meet in Alexandria between the 10th and 15th of July.
 This day seems to have been chosen, by a most unhappy coincidence, for a declaration of the dependence of the Democratic party, on one man—Richmond News of July 4th.
 The Virginia Citizen says that Miss Corinne Coles, formerly of Northampton County, Va., but now of Baltimore, has been appointed to a position in the Census Department at Washington.
 The Democratic Congressional primaries in Amherst county resulted in favor of State Senator Flood. His friends feel confident that he has practically won the nomination in the tenth district.
 The Social Democratic party held its congress in Baltimore this week and nominated Presidential electors. The party's Presidential candidates are Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana, for President, and Job Harriman, of California, for Vice-President.
 The Republican State committee of Indiana cancelled all its arrangements with W. S. Taylor, ex-governor of Kentucky, and Charles Finley, former secretary of Kentucky, for Republican speeches in the coming Indiana campaign. The matter was discussed among Republican leaders at Philadelphia, and it was agreed that Indiana has enough issues for one campaign without adding the Goebel issue from Kentucky.
 The Democrats of Richmond county have elected the following delegates to the congressional convention July 26th: W. Y. Morgan, J. E. Crook, W. G. Wallace, Fred Dowling, Dr. E. A. Middleton, E. E. Davert, John M. Lyle, E. W. Pinkard, Dr. L. G. Mitchell, F. N. Hutchinson, J. T. Lampkin, T. C. Marks, R. O. Wellford, and Joseph W. Chinn, Jr.
 The Democrats of King George Thursday elected the following delegates to the Democratic Congressional convention, which meets in Alexandria July 15th: Rappahannock district, Alexander Potts and Allan Smith; Potomac district, Alexander Pratt and J. N. Peed; Shiloh district, J. H. Thompson and H. O. Garnett, and O. F. Parks; delegate-at-large, Resolutions by Hon. G. Garnett, instructing delegates by Hon. J. R. Hixey, were carried unanimously.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.
 Emperor William will insist on full satisfaction for the death of Von Ketteler and will send 20,000 men to China.
 A hopeless feeling regarding the ministers in Pekin pervades all foreign capitals. Definite news of their massacre is daily expected.
 More murders are rumored and there is no improvement in the outlook at Pekin.
 126 bodies have been recovered from the water of the North River victims of the disaster at the North German Lloyd Steamship docks. There are yet over one hundred and twenty-five people missing.
 The U. S. battleship Oregon, which ran ashore northeast of Chefoo, June 28th, has been floated off, and is expected to reach Port Arthur safely the dock at Port Arthur. Japan has offered every facility for docking.
 "Not a single foreigner is now alive in Pekin and the city is a heap of ashes," is the latest Chinese report which has reached Shanghai. Other Shanghai reports describe the condition of the British Legation as awful. It is said that the rooms of the legation were filled with sick and wounded, the killed lying unburied in heaps. It is believed that many members and officials of the German guard, maddened by the murder of Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister set fire to the building. That the foreigners at the Chinese capital have been abandoned to their horrible fate, seems no longer open to doubt.

GENERAL NEWS.
 The tenth international convention of the Baptist Young People's Union will be held in Cincinnati July 12th-15th inclusive.
 The St. Louis strike has been declared off by a compromise agreement.
 An American was killed in an uprising at Fez, due to it, native resentment on account of alleged French encroachments on the Oasis of Touat.

THE VIRGINIA MEMBERS.
 Every member of the Virginia delegation at Kansas City was opposed to explicit declaration of free coinage. Senator Daniel was chosen to represent Virginia on Committee on Resolutions. There was no unanimity of sentiment among the Virginians regarding a vice presidential candidate. Lewis E. Nixon, of New York, was frequently mentioned for the vice Presidency. He is a native of Leesburg and was appointed to the Naval Academy by General Egpa Houston in 1874. He is now a Bridge Commissioner of New York city. He designed the Oregon. Judge Charles M. White of Fauquier, cast the vote of the Virginia delegation, having been chosen chairman at a meeting of the delegates at Virginia headquarters.
 Hon. B. F. Buchanan, of Marion was chosen honorary Vice-President from Virginia. Captain P. H. O'Bannon, of Rappahannock, was chosen on the committee to notify the nominee, Captain O'Bannon being a near kinsman of Mr. Bryan's Mr. Panfill Roeker, of the Fifth District, was made a member of the committee to notify the vice-presidential nominee. H. G. Buchanan of the Third District, was made a member of the committee on Credentials; Judge J. F. West, of the Fourth District, of the committee on Permanent Organization, and E. F. Montague, of the Second District, of the Committee on Rules.
 The following delegates were present: Delegates-at-large, Governor Tyler, Senators Daniel and Connelley, and Delegates: First District, J. H. Whelton and R. L. Allworth; Second District, W. W. Sale and E. E. Montague; Third District, Horace G. Buchanan, O. C. Manning; Fourth District, J. F. West; Fifth District, R. F. Tompkins, Panfill Roeker; Sixth District, R. H. Logan; Seventh District, P. H. O'Bannon; M. M. Johnston; Eighth District, Judge Charles White, R. W. Harper; Ninth District, B. F. Buchanan.
 "If Mr. Bryan should insist on 16 to 1," said a prominent delegate, "it will be done. But if the Democratic party is to be defeated in November, the responsibility will be his. It will be the end of Bryan's leadership."

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.
 Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, favors the discontinuance of Governmentshipments of charity food supplies to that island after July 15.
 A writ of extradition for Charles E. W. Neely was moved for in the United States Circuit Court of New York and the case went over until July 25.

TREASURER'S REPORT.
 Amount of receipts from all sources by Robt. T. Knox, Treasurer of City of Fredericksburg for year July, 1899, to July, 1900:
 1899.
 June 20. By balance in Treasurer's hands due Corporation June 20, 1899, 6,169 22
 June 24. By amount received for stamp from party wall from Geo. T. Downing July 3. By amount received for fines from Mayor A. P. Rowe from April to July 1, 1899, 94 80
 July 4. By amount received from W. E. Bradley from J. R. Evans, rent of pasture to April 1, 1900, 1 year, at Alms House, 45 60
 July 10. By amount received from Geo. Freeman for rent of pasture from April, 1898, to April, 1899, at Alms House, 25 00
 October 2. By amount received from Mayor A. P. Rowe for tax on dogs from January, 1899, to September 30, 1899, inclusive, for 16 dogs, 2 of them 50c each and one female, 15 50
 Less his fee 15c. for each dog, 2 40
 By amount of fines received from Mayor A. P. Rowe from July, 1899, to September 30, 1899, 130 10
 October 30. By amount received from sale of calf at Alms House, 10 00
 Less 2 barrels corn, bought for hogs at 1.75, 8 75
 November 20. By amount fines received from Mayor Rowe for September, 13 00
 By amount fines received from Mayor Rowe for October, 25 00
 1890.
 January 2. By amount received from Mayor A. P. Rowe for dog licenses, 234 00
 By amount received for ypps (34 at 1.50), 51 00
 Less Mayor's fee 15c on 317, 47 25
 201 45
 January 17. By amount received from A. P. Rowe, Jr. Collector, for collecting and payment bills, Charity School, 39 87
 For curbing and pavement bills, Masonic Lodge No. 4, 19 93
 59 80
 February 2. By amount fines for November, 1899, from Mayor A. P. Rowe, 39 00
 By amount returned for December, 1899, from Mayor A. P. Rowe, 35 50
 74 50
 By amount fines for January, 1900, 1 00
 By amount received from A. P. Rowe for Corporation seal to dead, 9 00
 By amount received for fines for February, 1900, 8 00
 By amount received for seal Corporation deed, 1 00
 9 00
 By amount received for rent of hay from A. P. Rowe, Jr., 31 00
 Less Com. 5 per cent., 1 65
 29 45
 By amount received for fines for month March from A. P. Rowe, 9 50
 By amount returned from Mr. E. D. Cole for head stone, 50 50
 By amount received from W. S. Embrey for iron railing around Court-house, sold by Finance Com., 35 00
 June 15. By amount returned by O. M. Kempf Manufacturing Co. paid twice by mistake, but returned, 36 78
 By amount from appropriation to Army of Potomac, etc., May 25 and 26, 43 43
 June 18. By amount returned by W. D. Marrow deposited with Conway, Gordon & Garnett, 1,150 00
 January 27. By amount delinquent real estate taxes paid to Treasurer statement rendered Finance Commission, prin. \$27, pen. 15, int. 20, 33, cost 4 55, 431 19
 For years 1896, 1897 and 1898, Less Com. 5 per cent., 21 66
 409 63
 By amount from Martha Grayson 1896, 1897, 1898, 15 int., 66 cents; 1897, 3,000 pen., 15, int., 26 cents, 7 55
 By error found in E. L. Washington's tax bill, 1 80
 8 55
 February 2. By amount delinquent real estate sold for Corporation to others than the Commonwealth per statement rendered to M. G. Willis, Chairman of Finance Commission, prin. 7.21, pen. 17, int. 13, costs 72, 8 12
 Less 5 per cent., 41 7 71
 February 15. By amount received from Miss Carrie H. & K. N. Williams delinquent real estate taxes for year 1897 and int., 10 61
 Less 5 per cent., 53 10 08
 March 16. By amount received from Mrs. Eunice A. Goldman, for years, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, 21 43
 Less 5 per cent. commission, 1 07
 20 36
 March 19. By amount received from Mr. E. W. Mills for J. W. Mills real property delinquent real estate for years of Corporation 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897, 16 62
 Less 5 per cent., 83 15 69
 March 23. By amount received from William Shaw delinquent tax 1896, 1897, 1898, 4 05
 Less 5 per cent. Com., 20 3 85
 June 18. By amount received from delinquent taxes Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts estate due Corporation, 8 72
 1899, tax \$3.00, pen. 20, int. \$2.43, 8 37
 1890, tax 6.00, pen. 30, int. 2.07, 8 01
 1891, tax 6.00, pen. 30, int. 2.71, 7 65
 1892, tax 6.00, pen. 30, int. 1.35, 7 29
 1893, tax 6.00, pen. 30, int. 99, 6 94
 1894, tax 6.00, pen. 30, int. 40, 6 76
 June 13. To int. on \$42.00 from Sept. 15, 1896, to date, 9 45
 1898, tax 6.00, pen. 30, int. 1.20, 7 56
 1897, tax 6.00, pen. 30, int. 1.10, 7 46
 78 16
 Less 5 per cent. Com., 3 91 74 25
 April 14. By amount received from William Shaw delinquent tax 1896, 1897, 1898, 425 00
 By amount received from dray licenses 1899 and 1900, 23 75
 451 34
 Less A. P. Rowe Com. 2 1/2 per cent., 4 55 177 41
 1899.
 Nov. 15. By amount received from A. Rowe, Jr. Collector, from taxes 1899 Less 5 per cent. of 1/2 prompt payment, 19,250 45
 962 52
 19,387 93
 457 39
 19,845 32
 April 14. By amount from A. P. Rowe, Collector, taxes, for 1899 \$451.74, pen. \$23.55, 475 60
 Less A. P. Rowe, Jr., Com. 5 per cent 23 75 451 34
 June 14. By amount from general license 1900-1901 from A. P. Rowe, Jr. Collector, 6,113 80
 Less 5 per cent. of for prompt payment, 305 66 5,807 64
 Less 2 1/2 per cent. A. P. Rowe Com., 145 19 5,662 45
 June 20. By amount received from dray licenses 1900-1901, 152 00
 Less 5 per cent for prompt payment, 7 00 144 40
 Less A. P. Rowe, Jr., Com., 3 61 140 79
 By amount received from Opera House license 1899-1900 from A. P. Rowe, Jr. Collector, 79 00
 Less 5 Com., 3 95 75 05

By amount received from dray licenses for 1900, 4 00
 Amount received from general licenses 1900-1901, 13 76
 17 76
 Less 2 1/2 per cent Com., 44 17 22
 June 25. By amount received from A. P. Rowe, Jr., Collector, for tax for following years:
 For year 1899 \$200 penalty \$67.33, 974 03
 " " 1898 527 23 " 43 80, 571 03
 " " 1897 91 13 " 17 30, 108 43
 " " 1896 31 13 " 7 80, 38 99
 " " 1895 8 88 " 2 54, 11 12
 " " 1894 1 61 " 2 40, 4 08
 " " 1893 1 62 " 2 15, 2 15
 " " 1892 1 50 " 74, 2 24
 " " 1891 1 00 " 53, 1 53
 " " 1890 22 " 29, 29 51
 " " 1889 50 " 32, 82
 " " 1888 50 " 35, 85
 " " 1887 50 " 38, 88
 " " 1886 50 " 41, 91
 " " 1885 50 " 44, 94
 " " 1884 50 " 47, 97
 " " 1883 50 " 50, 100
 " " 1882 50 " 53, 103
 1,721 61
 Less A. P. Rowe's 5 per cent., 86 08 1,635 43
 By receipts from water, 6 235 97
 By receipts from Gas, 10,242 43
 Total receipts, 51,198 45
 Total expenditures, 44,890 51
 By bal. in hands Treas. due Corporation, 6,307 94
 Amount expenditures paid by Robert T. Knox, Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg, Va., for all purposes by orders Court, Council and Finance Committee, and Water, Gas, Street, Public Property, Alms House, Health and Police and Fire Department Committees:
 Orders Water Committee, 2,239 71
 Orders Gas Committee, 4,382 05
 Orders Street Committee, 1,644 63
 Orders Public Property Committee, 1,952 62
 Orders Free Bridge Committee, 653 63
 Orders Fire Department Committee, 2,019 40
 Orders Health and Police, 169 86
 Orders Ordinance Committee, 326 96
 Orders Electric Light Committee, 2,301 78
 Orders Street Gas Lamps, 3,019 40
 Orders Alms House Committee, 1,398 47
 Mayors orders, 106 21
 Orders of Court, 399 46
 Orders Finance Committee, 496 10
 Coupons Water Bonds, 5 per cent., due July 24 January, \$750 each, 1,500 00
 Coupons Free Bridge, due July and January \$750, 1,500 00
 Coupons Gas Bonds, due July and Jan. 1,515 00
 Coupons 7 per cent. City Bonds, 448 00
 Coupons 7 per cent. City Bonds, due November, 4,126 60
 Coupons 7 per cent. City Bonds, due May, 3,692 50 13,782 00
 Orders of Council, 3,428 17
 Appropriations for Public Schools, 3,450 00
 Judges salary, 700 00
 Jas. P. Corbin, salary Clerk of Court, 399 99
 A. T. Embrey, salary Com. Attorney, 400 00
 Salary of Police for year, 1,440 00
 Salary of Supt. Alms House, 100 00
 Salary of Sergeant of Corporation, 275 00
 Salary of Treasurer, 500 00
 Salary of Clerk of Market, 75 00
 Salary Clerk of Council, 75 00
 Salary of Mayor A. P. Rowe, 326 67
 Special Street Committee, 640 00
 Special Mint Spring appropriation, 154 92
 Special appropriation cleaning out canal, 254 20
 Salary S. J. Quinn, Supt. of Water, 900 00
 Salary Wm. Fitzpatrick, Supt. Gas, 750 00
 W. D. Marrow, check returned, bid rejected, 1,150 00
 44,890 51
 Amount receipts for the year, 56,198 45
 Balance in hands Treasurer, 6,307 94
 June 25, 1900. ROBERT T. KNOX, Treasurer.
 The certificate of the Auditing Committee is as follows:
 Fredericksburg, Va., June 26, 1900.
 To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council, Fredericksburg, Va.:
 Gentlemen—We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the City Treasurer, Gas and Water Works, and have found the same correct.
 Very respectfully,
 W. H. HURKAMP,
 H. B. LANE,
 GEO. W. WRITEN.

The above reports are very full and clear and need no comment by your committee. It will be observed that all the officers' salaries due July 1st, 1900, are included herein. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is \$6,307 94, which with the July water rent will amount to about \$8,700. This gives the city ample funds, if judiciously used, to meet all needs until the October taxes are paid. The gas bonds have been funded at four per cent., and the bridge bonds will on July 2nd be funded at the same rate, which will be a saving in interest on these two amounts of \$200 each, or \$1,000 per annum. The bonded indebtedness of the city is as follows:
 7 per cent. due 1900, \$110,420 00
 5 per cent. water bonds, 30,000 00
 4 per cent. bridge bonds, 25,000 00
 4 per cent. gas bonds, 25,000 00
 \$190,420 00
 The sinking fund is \$8,873 57.
 We would recommend that your committee be instructed to advertise for \$1,000 of the seven per cent. bonds to be added to this fund, and that the lowest bid be reported to this Council for its action.
 The delinquent real estate is about \$3,200, and the amount due by the late W. W. Adams' estate, \$1,004 73 with interest should be collected as early as possible and added to the sinking fund.
 You will see by the Treasurer's report that the collections from all sources exceed last year by about \$3,800. You will also see that our extraordinary expenses have reached about \$2,600.
 Respectfully submitted,
 E. D. COLE,
 W. S. EMBREY.

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.
 First—Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that the following appropriations be made for the year ending July 30th, 1901:
 Interest and sinking fund, 7 per cent. bonds, \$100,000 00
 Interest and sinking fund, 5 per cent. water bonds, 1,800 00
 Interest and sinking fund, 4 per cent. bridge bonds, 1,250 00
 Interest and sinking fund, 4 per cent. gas bonds, 1,000 00
 Alms House, 1,400 00
 Police, 1,440 00
 Public Property, 625 00
 Streets, 1,000 00
 Light, 3,500 00
 Public Schools, 3,000 00
 Health and Police, 100 00
 Fire Department, 60 00
 Contingencies, 5,010 00
 \$35,500 00

Second—That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of appropriations aforesaid, and it shall be his duty to notify the Common Council at the next meeting if any of these appropriations are exhausted, and not to pay any order on him until further appropriations are made to meet them.

TAX BILL.
 Tax Bill for the city of Fredericksburg for the year 1900-1901:
 Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Fredericksburg, That the following taxes on property (real and personal) shall be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1900-1901 for the support of the municipal government, public schools, for the poor, for the lighting of the streets, for interest on bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the city debt, viz:
 1st. On every male person over 21 years of age (not legally exempt) 50 cents.
 2nd. On all real and personal property, income, toll bridges, mortgaged capital in any business, investments in bonds in or out of the State, and stock in incorporated companies, on every (\$100 one hundred dollars \$1.15.
 3rd. On any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be the same as that fixed by the State.
 4th. A deduction of five per cent. shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th day of October next.
 5th. On all taxes remaining unpaid on and after the 15th day of October next, there shall be added five per cent. and interest from that date till paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law and the ordinances of the city.
 6th. The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in National currency of the United States, and in the coins of the 7 per cent. bonds of the city, and on the first day of November next (without rebate) in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject.

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