ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

PROPOSITION FOR LOCAL OPTION ELECTION DISCUSSED.

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Sentiment in Favor of Prohibition Said to Be Increasing—General and Personal.

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It is stated that several representative people of this city are considering the advisability of applying for a local option election in Alexandria in the near future. The sentiment in favor of it, it is said, is growing apace with the general movement in Virginia to restrict or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor. Under the Mann law the corporation court of this city and the county court of Alexandria county have refused to graht renewal of licenses to a number of applicants. Under the provisions of this law yesterday was the last day on which applications for license to sell liquor could be filed.

In the corporation court Judge Barley was busy the greater part of the day in considering applications. Renewals were refused in three instances. They were for the saloons of George Finch, corner of Oronoco and Royal streets; Richard Burnett, 1450 Duke street, and Thomas F. Kelley, 329 South Alfred street. The court also refused to grant an application in the name of Baier for license to conduct a saloon at the northwest corner of Fayette and Cameron streets. The proprietors of only two or three places, which were located on the outskirts of the city, failed to apply for renewal.

Youths Fined for Fighting.

Stephen Davis, Frank Wilkins and Johnnie Vasacaluko were arraigned before Mayor Simpson in the police court this morning on the charge of disorderly conduct and fighting. Two girls who were called as witnesses told the court that they had been annoyed on the street by the attentions of one of the accused, and that a fight between the three young men had developed. Other testimony exonerated Wilkins, who was dismissed, but the other two were assessed $5 each.

Melissa Piper and Lizzie Richardson, both colored, were up to answer the charge of engaging in a fight on the street. Both were drunk, and one had a bottle of pop which the other forcibly seized, which precipitated trouble. Melissa was sent to the work house for twenty days and Lizzie was required to deposit $2.50.

General Matters.

Brown's University School base ball team of Charlottesville will play a game tomorrow afternoon with the Episcopal High School on the grounds of the High School near this city. As both teams are among the best from the schools of Virginia a hard fought and interesting game is expected. It will be called at 3:30 o'clock.

Miss Blanche May Keppler and Mr. Edward Vincent Havenner, both of Washington, came to this city last night to be united in the bonds of matrimony. They were accompanied by several friends, and were met by Mr. George Pettey, jr., a friend of the groom, who had procured the license. The parlor at the residence of Fire Chief Pettey, on North Fairfax street, was placed at their disposal, and after the harmonious settlement of some slight religious differences Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's Church, was called, and performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Washington.

Mr. Sidney Pulman died yesterday afternoon at his home in Fairfax county near this city after a protracted illness of pulmonary disease. His wife and five young children survive him. He was a son-in-law of Chief James F. Webster of the police force. The arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

The funeral of Mrs. Honora Ryan, whose death occurred yesterday, will take place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from her late home, 320 South Alfred street, thence to St. Mary's Catholic Church, where requiem mass will be said. The interment will take place in St. Mary's cemetery.

HAGERSTOWN NEWS GRIST.

Items of Interest From Western Maryland and Vicinity.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., April 30, 1903.

Prof. Frederick D. Kershner, a member of the faculty of Kee Mar College, this city, left this morning, in company with his brother, Andrew J. Kershner, for Asheville, N. C., where the latter will remain some time for his health. On May 5 Prof. Kershner si scheduled to lecture before the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching in Philadelphia. He will on March 7 sail for Genoa via the Hamburg-American twin-screw steamer Phoenicia. He will spend some months in Florence and other cities of northern Italy securing material for a course of lectures upon which he is now engaged.

At a special meeting of the mayor and council of Hagerstown last evening a permit was granted the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to lay a conduit through Court Place alley, across Washington street and down the alley between Hotel Hamilton and First National Bank buildings to cross the alley in the rear. Mayor Holzapfel and Attorney Mason were constituted a committee to confer with the telephone officials today, when the necessary papers will be prepared and signed. Work on the conduit will begin at once.

The bill appropriating $32,000 for the erection of memorial tablets or monuments to mark the positions on the Antietam battlefield of the Pennsylvania commands that participated in the battle of September 17, 1862, and, having no monuments elsewhere, has been approved by Gov. Pennypacker, who is himself a veteran of the civil war. The commands thus to be honored are the 45th, 48th, 50th, 51st, 100th, 124th, 125th, 128th, 130th, 132d and 137th Pennsylvania Volunteers, the 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry and Durell's Battery. Each of the above named organizations will expend in the erection of their respective tablets $2,500.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has secured an option on ten acres of land belonging to C. W. Henderson at Hancock. The land adjoins the pessenger depot, and, it is said, it is the purpose of the company to build a new depot. Several new sidings and other improvements at that point are also contemplated. The option price is $10,000.

At the Byron tannery, Williamsport, the nine hour system went into effect Monday, notices of the change being posted in all the departments. The men will continue to receive the same as they did under the ten-hour system.

Montraville J. Draper, near Williamsport, several days ago presented each of his three children—Mrs. George W. Hurd, Mrs. Samuel Frush and Daniel S. Draper—with a fine farm. All three farms are in Washington county and are very valuable.

Dr. J. H. Wisherd, Leitersburg, is planting an orchard of over 2,000 apple trees near Edgemont.

Workmen are putting Pen-Mar Park in shape for the excursion season. One of the most appreciated improvements to be made is the enlargement of the space for dancing in the pavilion. In tearing up the slatted platform the workmen found many pieces of small coin.

D. W. Sage, sculptor, of Washington is here for the purpose of doing the figure modeling in renaissance style above the entrance of the room to be occupied by the People's National Bank, Hagerstown.

Mr. Levi Meredith, Washington, is visiting relatives at Boonsboro'.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Betts, Hagerstown, will leave this week for Washington, their future home.

Mr. George A. Davis, this city, is visiting at Washington.

Mrs. Edward Kale, this city, is at Washington on a month's visit with relatives.

Mrs. George Norris and son Ralph, Washington, are guests in the family of James Norris, Boonsboro'.

Miss Eliza Meredith has returned to her home at Boonsboro' from a visit at Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have returned to their home, this city, from a visit at Washington.

Mrs. John L. George has returned to Williamsport from a visit at Washington.

FOR MACHINE SWEEPING

BIDS OPENED AT THE DISTRICT BUILDING TODAY.

Work of Flushing Streets Included—Total of 200,000,000 Square Yards of Surface.

Bids for machine sweeping and flushing the streets of Washington were opened today at the District building. While a majority of the principal thoroughfares of the city are now swept by hand, the laborers being employed directly by the District, contracts are entered into yearly for the sweeping of about 200,000,000 square yards of street surface by machine. This year the specifications require that the Commissioners may order the flushing of 25,000,000 square yards during the year. It is estimated that this will permit the flushing of the streets in the business section on at least two nights each week. It is expected that the experiment will be something in the nature of an object lesson as to what may be accomplished in the way of cleanliness on the streets by flushing. Then Congress next year may allow a separate appropriation for this class of work.

The first bid opened was that of the Washington Sanitary Street Cleaning and Flushing Company of St. Louis, Mo. This company bid only for the flushing work. For the one-year contract the price named was 35 cents per 1,000 square yards, for two years 32½ cents and three years 29½ cents, the flushing to be done with the company's improved flushing machine.

Bid of Present Contractors.

Lilly & Robinson of Indianapolis, Ind., and Washington, the present contractors for machine sweeping, offered to do the sweeping and flushing on the one, two and three-year contract basis, as follows: One year, 20 cents per 1,000 square yards; two years, 20½ cents; three years, 21 cents. The increase in the price for the longer contract was explained by the estimated increase in the length of hauls to dumps in that length of time, and the consequent necessary employment of more teams. This firm proposed to do the flushing by hose until some better system could be devised.

The third bid was from R. V. Rusk of this city, who at present holds the contract for alley and unpaved street cleaning. Mr. Rusk bid only upon the basis of a three-year contract, and submitted detailed drawings of the machines and flushing apparatus to be used. He offered to do the work for three years at 16 13-16 cents per 1,000 square yards. This was the lowest bid received.

Alleys and Unpaved Streets.

Mr. Rusk was the only bidder for the contracts for alley and unpaved street cleaning. He proposes to clean the alleys under a one-year contract at 37 cents per 1,000 square yards. Under a two-year contract he will do the work for 36 cents and under a three-year contract his price is 35 cents. To clean the unpaved streets he proposes to furnish a force of thirty-two adults and ten horses, carts and drivers for $66 a day under the one-year contract, $65 a day for two years and $64 a day for three years.

Each bid was accompanied by a certified check for $2,000.

COOL, BRACING WEATHER.

Sudden Fall in the Temperature Occasioned by Northwest Winds.

The sudden change in the atmosphere from muggy, sultry heat to clear, dry cold has caused more than the usual comment today. All day yesterday the good citizens of the District sweltered in their winter clothes. Last night people slept with difficulty in some portions of the city, and a general discard of heavy clothing was the result. But the atmosphere was entirely different this morning. A cool, bracing wind from the west sent shivers running up and down the spine of the man clad in summer garb.

All this was promised yesterday by the weather bureau. The hot weather that prevailed during the early part of the week was caused by the winds from the south which drove the heavy rain-laiden atmosphere toward the District. A rain storm of no mean proportions was doing an extensive business not very far to the south during the early part of the week, and was headed directly for the District. A strong breeze from the west deflected the course of the storm, however, and it passed to the east of the city, on its way north. The breeze veered to the northwest and the atmosphere became cooler immediately. The temperature has been falling ever since then, although it is promised that it will not become colder than it has been today.

PENALTY INFLICTED.

Policeman Fined $25, Warned and Transferred.

Police Lieut. F. F. McCathran has charged Private Charles F. Osterman with being absent from duty without leave. Major Sylvester, in his indorsement, states that the officer absented himself for three days, owing to over-sensitiveness and disobedience of orders.

"There is no doubt that the officer violated the regulations," says Major Sylvester, "but I have no evidence before me that he had been drinking. He possesses the elements of a good officer if he will apply himself, and I am willing to give him an opportunity to redeem himself, not, however, without recommending that he be fined $25, be transferred and warned that a repetition of the offense will result in his removal from the force."

This recommendation has been approved by the Commissioners.

Forfeits Bond by Non-Appearance.

Joseph Von Jenney, indicted for falsely pretending to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company that he was the agent of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Company and authorized to receive on its account two tonophones, each of the value of $600, failed to appear when called for trial today in Criminal Court No. 1, and his bond in the sum of $1,500 was declared forfeited.

PLACED UNDER GROUND.

Ten Miles of Overhead Wire Removed to Conduits.

Mr. Walter C. Allen, the electrical engineer of the District, today reported to the Commissioners that the field force of the department has completed the work of removing the poles and overhead wires belonging to the District along 14th street from L street to U street. The line on L street between 14th and 15th streets has also been taken down. In all nineteen poles were removed and ten miles of wire cut down. These poles and wires formed an important part of the fire alarm and police telegraph systems of the District government. Their removal was made possible by the new underground conduit construction of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. The law authorizing the underground work provided that the telephone company should reserve so many ducts for the District and the United States By running the fire alarm and police cables underground, the overhead wires were abandoned and removed, thus greatly improving the appearance of things along the thoroughfare in question.

The new type of underground connected fire alarm posts have been erected along the entire distance of 14th street up to and including Mount Pleasant. From U street northward the District wires are still on the telephone company's poles, which are not quite ready for removal. The new fire alarm poles are surmounted by a red globe and are easily located by day or night. The police patrol boxes have also been placed on the small iron posts through which the underground connection leads.

Robbed of $400.

Santo Castellany complained to the police at an early hour this morning that he had been robbed of $400 while in house 309 13½ street northwest. Castellany conducts a fruit and confectionery store. His complaint was investigated by Precinct Detective Estes and several colored people were arrested on suspicion, but no money was recovered. The persons who were placed under arrest deny that they know anything about the missing money. They are held while the case is being further investigated.

Hearing in Habeas Corpus Case.

Hearing was had today in connection with the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by Charles S. Peter for the purpose of securing the release of his sister-in-law, Helen Geddes, from the girls' reform school, where, it is alleged, she is unlawfully detained. Attorney D. W. Baker appeared in support of the petition and United States Attorney Beach in opposition thereto. Chief Justice Clabaugh took the matter under advisement. He will announce his decision later.

The Rev. George Dana Boardman, one of the best-known Baptist preachers in the country, died in Atlantic City, N. J., Tuesday after a long illness.

Six store buildings in the central part of the Canadian Soo were wiped out by fire. The total losses aggregate $100,000.