

LOCAL NEWS.

To-morrow being the 4th of July, in accordance with the old and honored custom, this office will be closed, and no paper issued on that day.

We had intended to have issued the Gazette to-day on an enlarged sheet—but an unexpected delay in receiving the proper materials for the change in the size of the forms, prevents us from doing so. As soon as the rules, changes, &c., reach us, we will make the proposed change.

COUNTY COURT—QUARTERLY TERM—FIRST DAY.—Present Justices McKenzie, Penn, Taylor, Nowland, Beach, White, Slater, Daw, Wade, Harmon, Corbett.

A communication from Presiding Justice Wunder was read, tendering his resignation as Presiding Justice, in consequence of failing health. The resignation was accepted.

Wm. H. Dulany, esq., was appointed acting Commonwealth's Attorney, during the present term of the Court.

W. C. Yeaton, Esq., was appointed a Commissioner in Chancery for this Court.

H. B. Zeffler appeared in court, and having taken the usual oaths of naturalization became a citizen of the United States.

The bills of A. Hardie, for \$49 05, and J. Stanford, for \$35 50, for repairs on public buildings were passed.

Taxes were remitted to George McCleish, and C. F. Taylor.

Administration upon the estate of Stephen Woolls was granted to Wm. Woolls, and that of Julius Morse was granted to B. F. Price.

Justices White, Beach, Harmon and Daw appointed to examine the accounts preliminary to the County levy.

The Grand Jury was called and sworn, with P. G. Henderson as foreman.

The Attorney for the Commonwealth charged the Grand Jury, and then retired.

And our report closed.

The British Minister, Sir Frederick Bruce, with his niece, Lady Elmer, Mr. Thurlow, secretary, and other members of the Legation, and a few guests, visited Mount Vernon on Thursday last, and spent some time in going over that interesting place. They found the premises and grounds in excellent order; but the superintendent complains of the petty depredations (committed by visitors) of articles secretly carried off as mementos.

The alarm of fire about 6 o'clock this morning, was caused by the accidental taking fire of the dwelling of Mr. Lambdin, on Patrick street, in the N. W. part of the city. The fire was soon extinguished without much damage.

The project for the purchase of Ford's Theatre in Washington, by the Young Men's Christian Association, has been abandoned, they not receiving sufficient guaranty to warrant them in closing the bargain.

A severe thunder storm occurred on Saturday afternoon, and a heavy rain fell for sometime. The lightning was sharp, and the peals of thunder loud. We have heard of no damage in town or neighborhood from the lightning.

CLOSING EXERCISES.—St. Mary's Academy, Miss Roach, Principal, closed on Friday afternoon last, with appropriate exercises.—The following rewards were distributed to the various classes:

SENIOR CLASS—1st. Class—Gold Medal equally, to Misses Aehsah Roberts and Laura McGraw. Premium Improvement Mathematics, Mary Garwood; Premium Composition, L. McGraw; Honorably Mentioned, Aehsah Roberts.

2d Class—Gold Medal, Miss Fannie Langley; Honorably Mentioned, Misses Ada Collins, Ada McGraw. Premium Mathematics, Miss Ada Collins; Honorably Mentioned, Misses Ida Hunter, Ada McGraw. Premium Improvement Composition, Miss Annie Crawford; Honorably Mentioned, Mary Powers, Mary Morrow.

Languages—French Improvement, Miss Aehsah Roberts; Honorably Mentioned, Ada McGraw. Premium Latin, Laura McGraw; Honorably Mentioned, Mary Garwood. Spanish, Premium, Kate McGraw.

For amiable deportment, the Premium, to Miss Mary Morrow.

Miss Weinberg, who was promoted during the year, and M. E. Harrison, who entered too late to complete for the honors, deserve to be honorably mentioned.

JUNIOR CIRCLE—1st. Class, Silver Medal, Miss Ellen Murphy; Honorably Mentioned, Emma Burroughs, Sallie Steiner.

2d Class—Silver Medal, Miss Alice Price; Honorably Mentioned, Misses Jennie Young, Ella Langley. Arithmetic—1st. Class, Improvement, Miss Alice Rudt; Honorably Mentioned, Misses Florence English, Katie Brodbeck.

2d Class—Premium, Miss Ada Warfield; Honorably Mentioned, Miss Farns.

3d Class—Premium, Miss Emma Burroughs; Honorably Mentioned, Sallie Steiner, Maggie McCarthy.

4th Class—Premium, Alice Price; Honorably Mentioned, Misses Annie Campbell, Jennie Young.

6th Class—Premium, Miss Katie Hammill; Honorably Mentioned, Sophia McIntyre, Bettie Watkins.

PRIMARY—Premium for diligence, Miss Ellen Johnson; Improvement in Reading, Misses Ella McJaffity, Jennie Cozan.—Writing, Misses Florence Bladen, Linnie Appich. Arithmetic, Misses Carrie Appich, Alice Vermillion. Tables—Misses Fannie Smith, Alice Brodhead.

Observance School Rules—1st. Premium, Miss Emma Burroughs; Honorably Mentioned, Mary Wheeler, M. E. Dougherty. 2d—Miss S. McIntyre; Honorably Mentioned, Bettie Watkins. 2d Premium, Miss Ella Barker. Epistolary Correspondence, Misses Steiner, Jennie Young. Keeping desk in order, Misses M. E. Dougherty, Annie Campbell, Bettie Watkins.

The exercises took place at the school rooms, No. 42, south Washington street, and although not public were attended by many of the former members of the school.

Mr. George R. Blacklock, has not been, and is not a candidate for office, and the vote cast for him in the balloting for Collector at the last meeting of Council was without his knowledge or consent.

We are pleased to welcome back to his home, our townsman and former mayor, Wm. B. Price, who has been temporarily sojourning in Baltimore.

Thirty five deeds have been admitted to record, in the Clerk's office of the County Court of this County, since the last term.

Gen. Augur has directed the nuisance of the dead horse boiling establishment in this county, between this city and Washington, to be abated.

President Johnson has issued a proclamation appointing Benjamin F. Perry, provisional governor of South Carolina, and providing for the reorganization of that state precisely as in the case of North Carolina, Mississippi, &c.

Rev. Donald McLeod, was run over and killed by the Inman's train, last week.

ORANGE & ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD.

On and after Monday next, July 30, a train will leave for Manassas daily, as follows:
 Train leaves Washington at 9 00 a. m.
 " " Alexandria, " 9 45 "
 " arrives at Manassas, " 11 45 "
 " leaves Manassas, " 4 00 p. m.
 " arrives at Alexandria, " 6. 0 "
 " " Washington " 6 45 "
 Tickets from Alexandria to Manassas and return will be issued at Alexandria.
 Fare \$2 00. W. H. McCAFFERTY,
 July 29—1st General Superintendent.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.

Great Eastern, Western and Southern EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

This company is now prepared to give facilities for the transportation of FREIGHTS and VALUABLES over the Orange & Alexandria Railroad.
 The public will be advertised as the work of repairing and extending progress to points accessible on the line.
 July 29—1st W. B. DUNGAN, Agent.

4TH OF JULY!

FIRE WORKS!
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 Depot of
 LITTLE DABLES
 EXCELLENT FIRE WORKS!
 Wholesale and Retail
 at 1 LITTENS Tobacco Store,
 July 27—1st Cor. King and Fairfax sts.

TO THE LADIES OF ALEXANDRIA AND VICINITY.

On Thursday morning next, (the 6th) at 10 o'clock, at my store, corner of King and Water streets, I propose offering for sale a variety of Nice New Goods, suitable for Ladies, such as Combs, Hair and Finger Brushes, Silver Trimbles, scissors, Knives, Fans, Cases, Morocco Bags, (large and small) cardcases, Albums, Portfolios, Magazines and Rosewood Writing Cases, Tea Bells, Portemonnaies, Chessmen, Baggammon Boards, Drawing Paper, Osborne's Water Colours, Camel-hair Brushes, Hair Pins, Head Dress Pins, (very handsome) Children's Games, Parlor Balls, Key Rings, Scrap Books, Thread and Kid Purces, Sheet Music and many other articles too numerous to name.

JOHN H. PARROTT, Auctioneer.
 July 3—2d

FOR SALE—A SORRELL HORSE, four years, perfectly sound. Can be seen at Lent's stable on Washington street. The horse will be sold on Thursday morning, by public sale, at the Market House, at 10 o'clock.

B. F. PRICE, Administrator of Julius Morse.
 July 3—3d

VEGETABLE COVERS, AND WATER COOLERS.

Just received an assortment of the above for sale at reduced rates.

JAMES F. CARLIN,
 23-24 1/2 King Street.