

ALEXANDRIA IS DESERTED

Thousands of Neighboring City's Residents Come to Inauguration.

Brave Storm to Witness Big Pageant in the Capital—Virginia Troops Combine.

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In spite of the inclement weather thousands of Alexandrians came to Washington yesterday to witness the inauguration of President Taft, and throughout the day, the streets of that city were practically deserted. When the Washington Guards, of Fredericksburg, arrived there early yesterday morning it was determined to merge them with the Alexandria light infantry, and those members of the local company who did not care to brave the weather were excused by Capt. Slaymaker.

The combined Alexandria and Fredericksburg companies and the Farmville Guards, who were quartered there, left for Washington on special cars about 11 o'clock and were a part of the Virginia division in the inaugural parade.

PATTIE AGAIN LOCKED UP.

Harrie Pattie, of Warrenton, Va., who was arraigned in the Alexandria corporation court several months ago on a charge of assaulting and attempting to rob James Pulman, and was released under bond of \$1,000, with the understanding that he would lead a better life, yesterday was surrendered to the police by his bondsman, J. H. Crilly, and is held at police headquarters.

Shortly after his release from jail Pattie left Alexandria for North Carolina, but it is said that he returned recently and his conduct has been such that Mr. Crilly would no longer be responsible for him. Pattie probably will be brought before the corporation court at its next session.

Chartered to Sell Water.

The State corporation commission of Virginia has granted a charter of incorporation to the Paradise Springs Com-

pany, of Alexandria, the purpose of which is to sell spring water for drinking purposes. The maximum capital stock is to be \$50,000 and minimum \$10,000, and the officers and incorporators are Mary Merwin, of Clifton Forge, president; R. E. Lee, jr., of Washington, vice president, and E. S. Wolf, of Washington, secretary and treasurer.

Blaze in Storeroom.

Fire in a brick building on the East side of Union street, between Duke and Wolfe streets, used by Aitcheson & Brother, manufacturers of doors and blinds, as a storeroom, called out the Alexandria fire department about 7 o'clock yesterday morning. The roof was considerably damaged before the blaze was extinguished. The fire is supposed to have been started by an electric wire.

Edward Cornwell Dead.

Edward Cornwell, for 50 years an employe of the Southern Railway and its predecessors, died Wednesday night at his home, 918 Prince street, aged 70 years. The funeral will take place at the family home at 3 o'clock this afternoon and burial will be private.

HALF OF FRUIT CROP LOST.

Snowstorm and Chilly Blasts Blight Hopes of Virginia Farmers.

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Richmond, Va., Mar. 4.—Virginia fruit trees have suffered severely from the storm. Latest reports, meager though they are, indicate that probably half of the crop has been lost. The mild weather which has obtained for the last few weeks brought all the trees to bloom, but the chilly blasts coming in with March have blighted all hopes of the farmers for a record crop. The loss in dollars and cents cannot be computed.

Telegraphic communication with northern Virginia is interrupted. Wires are down and the telegraph companies are putting hundreds of men to work to repair the damage. The velocity of the wind in Richmond has reached 60 miles an hour. A portion of the lower gas works was wrecked, and several houses were unroofed. Trains are all delayed, and Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York are effectually cut off, and conditions are such as to cause alarm. No mails from the North have reached the city.

TRAIN WRECKS WAREHOUSE.

Special to The Washington Post.

Williamsburg, Va., Mar. 4.—A Chesapeake and Ohio local freight train in shifting loaded coal cars on the siding here yesterday wrecked three cars and crashed into Bozarth Bros' warehouse, wrecking it. Nobody was injured.

The train was shifting two coal cars onto the private siding of the Eastern State Hospital, when the one broke through the trestle, piling another car and a box car upon the first one. The warehouse, being in close proximity, was knocked from its foundation, and machinery and other contents were badly damaged.