

HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

WAS SHOOTING AN ACCIDENT?

William Erpenback Sent Pistol Bullet Entirely Through His Body in Phoebua.

MEMBER SOLDIERS' HOME BAND

Lives in Asylum Street and His Family Claims That the Affair Was Purely Accidental—Wound is a Serious One, But Attending Physicians Think He Will Recover.

Mr. William Erpenback, a drummer in the National Soldiers' Home band, shot and seriously wounded himself in his residence in Asylum street, Phoebua, at 1:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

There was a rumor in circulation to the effect that Mr. Erpenback attempted to commit suicide, but members of his family declare that the shooting was accidental. From the course the bullet took it is the opinion of a physician that Mr. Erpenback probably attempted to end his life.

The shooting took place on the back

porch of Mr. Erpenback's home in Phoebua. The bullet entered his left breast just at the nipple, took a downward course and came out through his back, probably ten inches below the point where it entered. The ball fell upon the floor and was recovered. The wound is dangerous, but the physicians are hopeful that Mr. Erpenback will recover.

Was Cleaning Revolver.

For several days Mr. Erpenback has remained away from the Home, and, according to his family, yesterday afternoon he attempted to clean a .38-calibre revolver, which he keeps in his residence. Going to the rear porch, Mr. Erpenback, so members of the family, was working away on the revolver, when it was accidentally discharged.

As soon as the family realized that Mr. Erpenback was wounded hurry calls were sent for physicians. Dr. George K. Vanderslice soon reached the residence and was later joined by Drs. W. G. Reid, George W. McAllister and Fayette Shrelair, a member of the physicians' staff at the National Soldiers' Home hospital. Dr. Vanderslice dressed the wound and as the bullet had passed entirely through Mr. Erpenback's body it was unnecessary to do any probing.

Lung May Be Hurt.

It is feared the lung has been damaged considerably, although Mr. Erpenback complained only of great pain in the abdomen.

Police Officer L. L. Johnson was seen on the scene and Town Sergeant E. S. Wallace also went to the home of the wounded man and rendered all the assistance possible.

Mr. Erpenback made no statement concerning the shooting, but while the physician was dressing his injury the wounded man asked for a cigarette.

Mr. Erpenback is married and has a wife and two children. He has for several years been the drummer in the Home band and was for sometime the trap drummer in the Buckroe Beach orchestra. He is well known in musical circles.

Served in the Navy.

He served for a number of years in the United States navy, having been retired some years ago on account of disability. He is about fifty years old. Mr. Erpenback is better known among his acquaintances as William Gross, owing to the fact that his step-father was named Gross.

Mr. Erpenback will likely be removed to the Home hospital for treatment this morning.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

The Coming and Going of the People You Know.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, of New York, are the guests of friends in Hampton.

Miss Eva Tignor has returned from a visit to Philadelphia and New York.

Miss Jannett Townsend, of East Hampton, is visiting friends in Fox Hill.

Miss May Lettenberger has returned to New York, after a visit to friends here.

Mr. W. S. Wyatt is quite sick with typhoid fever at his residence in Chapel street.

Mrs. John Davenport, of Richmond, is stopping with Mrs. W. L. Jones, in Hampton.

Mr. George Pace has left to become a member of a house party on the Great Lakes.

Mr. J. T. Lee, of Melrose avenue, has as her guest, Miss Annie Dalk, of Smithfield.

Mrs. P. W. Phillips has left for a visit of several weeks with friends in Richmond.

Mr. R. Stacey Townsend has left for a business trip of several weeks on the Eastern Shore.

Mrs. Vaughn Jones left yesterday to spend a month with her sister, Mrs. Young, in Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. James Ramsey, of London, England, is visiting Mrs. S. A. Townsend, in East Hampton.

General John R. McGuinnis, of Chicago, spent yesterday as the guest of Mr. M. Otto Lackey.

Mrs. Preston Richardson and children will leave next week for a visit to friends in Fauquier county.

Miss Blanch Speyer, of Wheeling, W. Va., is the guest of Miss Clara Kaufman, in Newport News avenue.

Messrs. Allen Gardner, John Moore, William J. Krauch, of Baltimore; E. W. Hauke, of Washington; and William Acon, of Charles county, Md.,

Phoebus W. C. T. U. Officers. The Phoebus Woman's Christian Temperance Union has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Mrs. Mary C. Bradley; recording secretary, Mrs. Avis McNally; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. A. Townsend.

OTHER HAMPTON NEWS ON PAGE EIGHT.

KECOUGHTAN DRY GOODS COMPANY

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA.

Comparison Sale

If you will take the prices we quote in this sale, and compare them with those of other sales in this town, you will see that we are offering you MORE FOR YOUR MONEY than elsewhere.

50 silk stripe organdie, per yard

14c

All 12 1/2c Lawns, per yard

6 1/2c

40-inch India Linon, 12 1/2c value, per yard

7 1/2c

40-inch Curtain Swiss, 10c value, per yard

5c

\$1.50 Shirtwaists 92c

\$1.25 Shirtwaists 89c

50c Shirtwaists 31c

20c silk stripe Dimities, reduced to, per yard

8 1/2c

\$1.00 colored Portieres, reduced to

69c

Misses' \$2.00 tan blucher Oxfords, extension edge one-half heel, snap-up style

\$1.33

Misses' \$2.50 ribbon blucher Ties, turn sole, genuine Russia calf

\$1.69

Misses' kid blucher Oxfords, extension edge, one-half heel

\$1.19

Misses' \$2.00 box calf Oxfords, extension edge, English walking style

\$1.49

No Goods Charged at Sale Prices.

KECOUGHTAN DRY GOODS CO.

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA.

THIS and THAT

WHERE one man gets rich through hazardous speculation a hundred get POOR.

WHERE one man stays poor through the slow methods of saving, a hundred get RICH.

THE WISE MAN CHOOSES THE BETTER PART AND PLACES HIS MONEY IN OUR BANK.

BOYENTON & CO., Bankers.

Next Masonic Temple.

A

"Wonder"

Huck linen towels, red border, 36 x 18; worth 19c, for 9c

(Six to a Customer.)

ROWE'S

HAMPTON'S ONLY DEPT. STORE

A

"Wonder"

40-inch white lawn; very fine and sheer; well worth 12 1/2c yd, for, 8 1/2c yard.....

The "Wonder" Sale

BEGINS TODAY

The word 'BARGAIN' will surely find its true meaning during this great sale. Amazing and unlooked for prices prevail in every department. Seasonable goods at substantially reduced prices will make this event the greatest money-saving opportunity offered you in years. Here are just a few articles at "Wonder" prices, but the entire store is literally filled with tempting bargains.

20c silk Gloves, double fingers, white and black 29c	12 1/2c Curtain Swiss, per yard 6 1/2c	25c white wash Belts, embroidered 9c	25c embroidered wash Collars 11c
15c Floral Net 7 1/2c	\$1.00 Waist patterns, embroidery to match 59c	50c Jap Silk, all colors 39c	30c Linen Lawn, 22c 36 inch 22c
50c Lawn Waists 36c	25c Queen Quality, Oxford, any style \$1.23	\$3.00 Queen Quality Oxford, any style \$2.19	10c fancy Lawns 7c
\$1.25 White Lawn Waists 89c	\$3.00 Douglas Oxfords, for men \$2.33	\$3.50 Douglas Oxfords, for men \$2.65	12 1/2c fancy Lawns 9c
\$1.00 Men's top Shirts 75c	12 1/2c Ladies' Vest tape neck and shoulder 7 1/2c	25c B. can of Talcum Powder 19c	15c and 19c fancy Lawns 11c
50c Men's top Shirts 39c	39c Dotted Swiss 29c	50c Velvet Belts, for ladies 10c	19c Corset Covers 11c

Get Your Coupons

ROWE'S

Get Your Coupons

ALL OLD TEACHERS ARE RE-ELECTED

But the Matter of the Selection of a Principal For Phoebus Deferred Until Later.

The Phoebus school board met last night and elected teachers for the coming term. All the old teachers who applied for reelection were again elected, but the board deferred the selection of a principal until a later meeting.

Prof. George W. Guy has for several years been principal of the Phoebus Graded Schools, but for some reasons the board decided to leave the principalship open for another month.

Miss Charlotte Merrill was elected to succeed Miss Harriet Cowles, who resigned early in the summer, and Miss Charlotte Massenberg, was chosen a substitute teacher.

The teachers reelected were Misses Mary Massenberg, Drow Gatewood, Sallie Furness and Jennie Bryant.

The members of the Phoebus board are Major J. D. Winne, Capt. J. N. Smith and Mr. LeGrand Donohoe.

County Board to Meet.

It is expected that a meeting of the Elizabeth City county school board will be called for next week, when the teachers of the Hampton High school, Syms-Eaton Academy and other schools throughout the county will be chosen.

The most important matter to be considered in the election of a successor to Prof. E. Stanley Brinkley as principal of the West End Academy. It is understood that there are several applicants for the place.

Henry L. Schmelz President. Frank W. Darling Vice-President.

The Bank of Hampton

Hampton, Virginia

IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST BANK IN EITHER HAMPTON OR NEWPORT NEWS

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND PROFITS, \$100,000.00 \$ 95,000.00

Deposits Over One Million Dollars.

The only designated Depository for the State of Virginia in Eastern Virginia.

We make Loans on Real Estate—Not Prohibited,—as are the National Banks.

Four Per Cent. Interest Paid on Savings Deposits

Nelson S. Groome, Cashier.

SOMERSET SQUARE.

Greatest Bargains Yet Offered to the Public.

I have just placed on sale 50 or more lots on the old car line, opposite Hampton Heights. This property is near the new car line barn now being built, at the very low prices of \$100 and \$125, on the following terms: \$10 cash, the balance \$5.00 per month, without interest; also option on adjoining lot for 6 months without any cost to purchaser. Will allow 5 per cent. on all amounts of \$25.00 or more paid at any one time.

Other properties for sale and rented.

For further information see

GEO. W. PHILLIPS,

Real Estate, Rental, Insurance, Loans, Auctioneer and Notary Public.

9 AND 11 N. KING ST.

HAMPTON, VA.

PHONE 50.

Daily Press 10c Per Week.

Frankel & Eisenman,

Outfitters for Both Men and Boys....

HAMPTON - VIRGINIA.

Greatest Opportunity

for buying Clothing at less than ever before.

Since our sale started the lots are getting smaller and smaller and we make the cut in prices larger and larger.

Two-Piece Suits

Almost cut in half. They must go and price is no object. They start from \$25.00 up.

STRAW HATS

Cut right in half of the original price. Lots of good ones here yet. Hurry to get your size.

Outing Trousers

Powerfully reduced in price. Splendid assortment here yet.

\$5.00 Pants now	.....\$3.75
\$4.50 Pants now	.....\$3.50
\$3.50 Pants now	.....\$2.50
\$3.00 Pants now	.....\$2.25
\$2.50 Pants now	.....\$1.75
\$2.00 Pants now	.....\$1.50
\$1.50 Pants now	.....\$1.15

CHILDREN'S Wash Suits

50c Suits now	.....33c
75c Suits now	.....40c
\$1.00 Suits now	.....69c

BIG REDUCTIONS ALL OVER THE HOUSE TO "CLEAR THE DECKS" FOR INCOMING FALL STOCK.



(Continued on Eighth Page.)