

### LOCAL YARD LOWEST BIDDER FOR CONTRACT

Hundred and Ninety-six Thousand Dollar Job Probab'y Will be Landed.

### SMALL STEAMER FOR MINE LAYING

Proposed New Vessel Will be the First Ever Built by the War Department Especially For this Service—Bids Should be Passed Upon Within Next Few Days.

Bids for the construction of a mine-laying steamer have been opened by the war department at Washington, and the bid of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, \$196,000, was the lowest submitted. The contract will be let within the next few days, and there seems no reason to doubt that it will be given to the local plant.

General Manager W. A. Post, of the shipyard, said last night that he had received a long-distance telephone message notifying him that the local company was the lowest bidder, but he had received no detailed advice concerning the bidding.

This will be the first vessel ever built by the United States for the purpose of laying mines. Heretofore all mine laying has been done by government tugs, or other small vessels in the service of the war department. The new vessel will be about 128 feet long. She will be designed especially for carrying cargoes of combustibles and will carry all of the special apparatus necessary for mine laying operations.

### Social-Personal

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Powell entertained a number of friends at a delightful musical last night at their home, 2806 West avenue.

The condition of Dr. R. T. Styll, who has been ill at his home on Thirty-second street for a week, was somewhat improved yesterday and he was able to sit up in his room for a short time.

Mrs. Louis Frazier, of Norfolk, has returned home after a visit to her son, Mr. Louis Frazier, in this city.

Mr. R. T. Curtis, who has been ill at the Elizabeth Buxton hospital, has returned to his home at Lee Hall.

Miss Ida Merritt, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her cousins, the Misses Merritt, on Twenty-seventh street.

Miss Laura Bartlett, of Elizabeth City, N. C., is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Matilda Avery has returned home after spending several weeks in Staunton.

Miss Miriam Shoen has returned from a visit to Richmond and Petersburg.

Miss Grace Claiborne has returned from a visit to her sister, who is attending school in Washington.

Miss Katherine Harrison, of Bloomsburg, Pa., is visiting her cousin, Miss Eloise Clay, on Twenty-seventh street.

Miss Mille Richardson, of Richmond, is visiting her cousins, the Misses Richardson, on Twenty-eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Payer have returned from a business trip to New York and other Northern cities.

Mr. E. A. Cooke, assistant yard master for the Chesapeake & Ohio is out again after being ill for a week.

### Sale Postponed.

The sale of the Pocahontas Hotel, which was scheduled to take place at noon yesterday, was postponed until 11 o'clock this morning. Several parties are here with the view of buying the property.

### Fishing Rights Secured.

A number of local sportsmen have acquired the fishing rights of the Curtis estate, which has a half mile frontage on the reservoir. Permission also has been secured to dam Curtis' creek near the reservoir.

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### WANT PASTOR TO STAY

Baptists Unanimously Ask Dr. Porter to Reconsider.

### RESIGNATION LAID ON THE TABLE

Announcement That Popular Minister Has Decided to Accept Call From Lexington Church Grieves Congregation—Final Decision Expected.

By a unanimous vote, the congregation of the Newport News Baptist church last night asked that the resignation which had just been tendered by its pastor, Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D., be reconsidered. After taking this action, the congregation laid the resignation upon the table, to be called up again at any time the pastor might insist.

Since it was announced recently that Dr. Porter had received a call from the First Baptist church of Lexington, Ky., one of the foremost churches of Kentucky, the congregation here has been anxiously awaiting the doctor's decision. Dr. Porter returned Tuesday from a trip to Lexington. The news that he would make known his decision at the prayer meeting service, caused the attendance last night to be the largest in the history of the mid-week meetings of the church. In spite of the stormy weather, the auditorium was filled. The pastor briefly stated that he had decided to accept the call from the Lexington church, and tendered his resignation with strong expressions of regret. The congregation was visibly affected by the announcement, and there were few dry eyes in the church.

Several of the most prominent members urged that the resignation be reconsidered, and then the unanimous request was made to the pastor.

Dr. Porter consented to allow the resignation to lay on the table for the present, but it is generally understood that he will ask within the next few days that it be taken up and accepted. The doctor would not discuss the matter for publication last night.

One of the leading members of the congregation stated that the church offered last week to increase the pastor's salary to the amount offered by the Lexington church, but that Dr. Porter had said before making the trip to Lexington that he would not accept the increase if he should decide to stay.

### ALIA'S CASE WILL GET TO THE JURY TODAY

Only Two Witnesses Placed on the Stand by Defense and They Were Doctors.

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, COLO., March 11.—Evidence in the trial of Giuseppe Alia, charged with murdering Father Francis Leo Heinrich at the altar in St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic church on February 23, was concluded today.

Alia was not placed on the stand, the defense calling only two witnesses, Dr. Joseph Cuneo, formerly Italian consul in Denver, and Dr. Baron Gustave Tosti, the present consul. Both testified as physicians. Dr. Cuneo acknowledged that he was not an expert on mental diseases and testified that he had not had time to form an opinion as to the sanity of the prisoner.

Dr. Tosti believed Alia insane, because he killed his victim without a cause.

No evidence that Alia was an anarchist or had ever been a member of a society or that he had been a reader of anarchist literature was adduced.

Adjournment was taken until tomorrow when arguments will be made and the judge will deliver his instructions. The case will probably go to the jury tomorrow.

### Prisoners Taken Away.

Guards from the state penitentiary came here yesterday and carried away two negro prisoners. The prisoners were Milton Jones, who was given two years for housebreaking, and Sallie Faulk, who got a year for felonious shooting. The same guards took 19 prisoners from Norfolk.

### Tar Heel Democratic Convention.

(By Associated Press.) RALEIGH, N. C., March 11.—The state Democratic convention committee in session here tonight selected the twenty-fourth of June at Charlotte for the meeting of the state Democratic convention.

### Good for Everybody.

Mr. Norman R. Coulter, a prominent architect, in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled, 50c at all druggists.

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### THEATRICAL

#### Vaudeville and Pictures.

Emerson & Van Horn, the sketch team, now at the Academy of Music, seem to have made a hit with the patrons of the theater. Their curtain raiser, "The First Rehearsal," has met with great favor and is said to be one of the best skits ever produced in the city. It affords the pair a fine chance to do some dancing and singing.

The moving pictures displayed at every performance are the latest and afford much amusement for all who see them.

Adelaide Thurston's supporting company the coming season is said to be the best that clever little artist has ever had. That is saying a great deal, as Miss Thurston's support has always been above the average as a usual thing and generally receives a great deal of praise.

Speaking to a friend recently, Miss Thurston said: "It took Pauline Phelps and Marion Short three years to complete the manuscript for 'The Girl From Out Yonder' and it took me as many months to determine who should assay the various roles. I feel sure that the majority of my audiences will agree with me after seeing my present company, when I say it is by far my best."

Miss Thurston will be at the Academy on Monday night.

### GROSS ELECTION FRAUDS OCCURRED IN LOUISIANA

Second Election for Lieutenant Governor Said to Have Been Full of Corruption.

#### (By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 11.—Details of frauds in the recent primary election for lieutenant governor of Louisiana were today placed before the Democratic state central committee in formal charges by both candidates for lieutenant governor. This election, while the second for the office, was part of Louisiana's first attempt at primary elections.

Affidavits charging that the names of several dead men appeared as voters in the precincts of New Orleans and that scores of others who cast no votes appeared on the returns as having voted for his opponent, were made by J. J. Bailey, the defeated candidate. In addition to citing these alleged specific instances, Mr. Bailey made the sweeping charge that about 9,000 votes were fraudulently counted in New Orleans.

Paul Langrenon, the successful candidate, introduced charges attacking the legality of many tallies as returned throughout the country districts. The committee tonight voted to investigate the charges of both candidates. The committee also voted to restrict the evidence in this investigation to the official election returns in the hands of the secretary of state, the chairman of the state central committee and the chairman of the Parish Democratic committee.

### REPORT ON DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

School Board Will Act on the Question Tonight.

When the school board meets in regular session in the High school building tonight at 8 o'clock, the committee appointed to look into the advisability of abolishing the department of domestic science of the High school will make its report. While the committeemen decline to make public their report, it is said that they will recommend the abolishment of the department.

There has been considerable discussion of the department by the patrons of the High school during the past week or so, and it is expected that a good crowd will attend the meeting of the board tonight.

### STEAMER SHORT OF COAL.

Cuban Vessel Regina Delayed on Passage to New York.

The Cuban steamship Regina, Captain Basti, enroute from Guantanamo, Cuba, for New York with passengers and merchandise, was compelled to put into this port yesterday morning for fuel coal.

The steamship was delayed on her run up the coast and ran short of fuel. She took 96 tons of coal and proceeded yesterday afternoon.

### Voluntary Bankruptcy Petition.

Patrick H. Furlong, of this city, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the Federal Court at Norfolk, asking relief from debts amounting to \$1,087.50, of which \$3,987.50 are unsecured claims. The petitioner's only assets are \$500 in household furniture. Captain C. C. Berkley is counsel for Furlong.

### Hargis' Trial Postponed.

JACKSON, KY., March 11.—Upon affidavits filed by the defense the case against Beech Hargis, for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, the fourth trial, was continued and set for the seventh day of the next term.

### NO LAUGHING ALLOWED THERE.

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### HAMMERED AT POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

Committee's Bill Changed in Many Important Particulars—Prohibitionists Gain a Point.

#### (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Determined and persistent assaults on the post office appropriation bill in the House of Representatives today resulted in the amplification of that measure in many important particulars despite the protests of Chairman Overstreet and his committee.

The letter carriers finally won their long fight for \$1,200 salaries when an amendment by Mr. Goebel, of Ohio, granting the same was adopted.

The House also allowed an additional \$25,000 for clerks in the third class offices where the salaries of the postmasters range from one thousand to twelve hundred dollars, and

fifteen thousand dollars additional for contract stations.

The prohibitionists also had their say when, through an amendment by Mr. Houston, Tennessee, there was incorporated in the bill a provision prohibiting the transmission through the mails of intoxicating liquors, which was later amplified so as to include cocaine. Altogether the appropriations carried by the bill were increased to the extent of \$1,225,000. Consideration of the measure had not been concluded when the House, at 5:13 p. m. adjourned.

### ASSIGNED TO NORTH CAROLINA.

Commander Guy W. Brown, U. S. N., Ordered Here for Duty.

Commander Guy Warner Brown, U. S. N., has been detached from duty in the Eighth Lighthouse district, New Orleans, La., and ordered to Newport News for duty in connection with the fitting out of the new armored cruiser

North Carolina. He will be assigned to that vessel when she is commissioned next month. Commander Brown is expected to arrive here within two weeks.

Commander Brown is a native of Wisconsin and was appointed to the Naval Academy from Indiana on June 24, 1875. He has been connected with lighthouse establishment on the Gulf of Mexico for many years. He has had a total sea service of 28 years and ten months.

### High School vs O. P. College.

Accompanied by a hundred or more members of the "Rooters' Club" of the school, the baseball five of the local High school will go to Old Point Comfort college tomorrow afternoon to meet the team of the college. This will be the second time these teams have met this season, the locals defeating the collegians here several weeks ago by a good margin.