

PORTSMOUTH NEWS

STRAY ITEMS FOUND

By a Hustling Virginian Reporter, and Put in a Readable, and Condensed Shape.

THAT MURDERER'S CELL MATTER.

We Wanted to be Locked Up and Was Accommodated—Celebrated His 54th Birthday—Broken Water Pipes—The Virginian's Exclusive Story—The Pythian Fair.

Election day. There are no courts in session. Let a full vote be polled to-day.

The Board of Supervisors will not meet until Tuesday next.

The jury will be sworn to-morrow for the grand jury Thursday.

The Montgomery will come up to the yard this morning for repairs.

Arthur Copeland was fined \$1 for having a dog in the streets.

Rev. Mr. Sims will be considered a farewell reception by his members.

The Methodist ministers will leave for Conference on Tuesday, the 12th inst.

High street can easily be paved now. It has settled all it is going to by this time.

The work of building the strand pipe for the water work is being pushed ahead rapidly.

All the bar-rooms closed yesterday at sun-down and will remain closed until Wednesday morning.

The attempt to break jail Saturday night was published in The Virginian exclusively on Sunday.

The committee from Park View will appear before the Council Thursday night when they meet.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. to-day at 12 o'clock.

An account of to-day's election day there will be meeting of the Councils until Thursday night.

The Chambers' engine-house has been draped in mourning through respect to the late George James, who died on Sunday.

Miss Bettie Humphlett, of Effingham street, has returned home after spending two months with relatives in North Carolina.

A negro man named Turks and Cherry, who had a fight in Burke's store Saturday night, were both fined \$2.50 each.

There was a large colored funeral Sunday. The deceased party was a member of several orders, which turned out in a body.

Quite a number of people have engaged tickets for the Pythian excursion to Atlanta, which leaves here on Sunday, the 10th.

The funeral of H. B. Mason, who died at Port Norfolk yesterday morning, will take place at the Baptist Church, in Scottsville, to-day.

The sidewalk on Water street, in front of the St. Elmo Hotel, has thrown several people down. It should be repaired before some one is injured.

Monroe Kenney, who has been on a drunk for some time, walked in the station-house Saturday night and asked to be locked up. He paid a fine yesterday.

The public was surprised on Sunday when they read in The Virginian an account of the attempt to break jail. They thought such a thing an impossibility.

There was a large crowd at the pavilion at Port Norfolk last night. Dancing was kept up until 11 p. m., when they all left for home, but with a sigh of regret.

All the ladies who intend to take part in the Pythian fair are requested to meet this afternoon at Pythian Hall at 3:30 o'clock for organization. A full attendance is desired.

Constable Isham returned Sunday from Petersburg with Joe Haley, a negro who, it is reported, was with Brown when he killed Joe Fine in this county a few months ago.

Two of the water pipes have burst and are flooding the streets. One of them on County street, between Green and Effingham, and the other on High, between the same streets.

A well known young Portsmouth gentleman and a lady from Norfolk will be married next Sunday afternoon and will go to Atlanta with the Pythians, he being a member of that order.

The employes on Capt. John Wallace's farm, at Walleton, killed a bear weighing 250 pounds with a trap gun Saturday night and caught five large fat coons in steel traps. The bear and coons are doing much damage in that locality.

The Sunbeam Society of the South Street Baptist Church held their regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon. A most excellent programme had been prepared for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Allison gave them a pleasant talk, which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. James Shannon, one of Portsmouth's best known citizens, celebrated his 54th birthday yesterday. He is well and hearty and is as active as some men at 60. The Virginian extends to him its best wishes and hopes that he may live many more years.

Mr. W. B. Wilder, who has been connected with Mr. P. C. Truglen in publishing the Portsmouth Star since it began, has severed his connection with the same, and has accepted the position of business manager of the Norfolk Pilot. He entered upon his duties yesterday.

A white man, who gave his name as Pete Shores, was arrested Saturday night for drunkenness and trying to force his way into the variety show, on County street. The same man was begging around the streets Saturday night and was very impudent when he was refused.

The people want to know what steps the Council will take in regard to the manner in which they have been swindled in reference to the murderers' cell in the jail. The Council paid \$1,000 for it, at the same time it was put up out of cast iron, like it is, for one-fourth of that amount.

Children's Suits and Reefers. All the newest things known for boys. Never saw such beauties for half what they used to cost—\$1.25, \$2, \$3 and \$4. M. ROSENBAUM, 116 and 118 High street.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Will be Allowed a Day's Pay.

An order arrived from Washington Saturday authorizing the Construction Department, on the recommendation of Constructor A. W. Stahl, to allow one day's pay to the following named men, who are members of the fire organization, and who were on duty under Naval Constructor Stahl at the recent fire in the city of Portsmouth, Va., viz: R. A. Meads, shipwright in charge of mold loft; John Nolan, quartermaster; Thomas Miller, leading machinist; John Warren, leading man chipper and calker; Joe Ellis, first-class shipwright; William Fleming, first-class shipwright; Theo. Tyler, first-class shipwright; Geo. West, first-class shipfitter; I. Howe, first-class shipfitter; R. Coffman, second-class machinist; John Forbes, second-class cooper; R. Drake, first-class boatbuilder; Benjamin Martin, first-class boatbuilder; Wilson Butt, first-class chipper and calker; C. Ballinger, first-class chipper and calker; W. L. Dilburg, first-class shipfitter's helper; M. Sullivan, first-class shipfitter's helper; Frank Smith, first-class plumber's helper; Alexander Grant, first-class cooper; R. T. Tomson, first-class laborer; John Fanning, fourth-class rigger; C. Thompson, first-class rigger's helper; James Powell, apprentice shipwright; F. Simmonds, apprentice shipfitter; Charles McDonald, first-class joiner; Benjamin, second-class boy; G. Buchanan, second-class boy; Jesse Bell, second-class boy; Thomas Newbie, second-class boy.

The order also states that the recommendation that W. S. Meads, a second class joiner, who was recently discharged from the yard on account of lack of work, be given special preference for employment when the force is again increased, in consideration of the voluntary service rendered by him during the fire, and when the force is again increased the constructor will direct the Labor Board to carry out the recommendation of Naval Constructor Stahl in Meads' case when the latter's services can be utilized.

Deaths.

Mr. George James, a well-known young man, died at his residence, corner High and Washington street, on Sunday at 7 a. m. He was a member of Monumental M. E. Church, and died in the hope of a blissful hereafter. He was a member of Chambers' Fire Company, and will be buried at his funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from Monumental M. E. Church. Mr. Hosea Balloo Mason, a resident of Port Norfolk, died at his residence yesterday in the 51st year of his age. He was a brother of Mr. W. W. Mason, the proprietor of Port Norfolk and the railroad leading to the same. Mr. Mason had resided in this community for about six years. His funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock from the Scottsville Baptist Church. The interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Excursion to Atlanta.

In another column an advertisement of the Portsmouth Excursion appears, in which they announce that they will give an excursion to Atlanta on the 17th inst., via the Norfolk and Carolina road. They state that they will make every effort to make the excursion of the season. A special train will be run with sleepers attached. A committee has been appointed to look after the comfort of the ladies who may occupy the train. The fare will be very cheap. For particulars see advertisement and consult any member of the committee.

Sent On as an Accomplish.

Samuel Yancey, a negro prisoner in the city jail, was tried yesterday for aiding the prisoners in jail to try and make their escape. He admitted giving Stetson a file and said that Stetson asked him to get it for him to file a die. He said that he felt that his trying to make his escape, after hearing the testimony of Stetson and others, His Honor concluded to send Yancey on to the Hustings Court. His term in jail would have expired to-morrow, but for the trouble he is now in.

Grand Jury for the City.

The following gentlemen have been summoned as the grand jury for the city, and will be convened on Thursday, the 7th instant: James T. Roman, Morris Rosenbaum, C. W. Walker, Geo. H. Barrett, Samuel S. Peck, Zach. Kohnkin, Mr. Elliott, Robert Trafton.

Special Values for This Week at Hammill's.

Another Case of Those Apron Check Gingham and Three-Quarter Cents a Yard, Worth \$5. Together with 500 yards new fall shades dress goods, at 19c. a yard, worth 25c. 15 pieces 40c. dress goods (extra wide) will go at 24c. a yard. One lot 16-2-3/4c. Satens will go at 12c. One lot \$1 kid gloves will go at 79c. One lot 40c. table linens will go at 29c. a yard. One lot 75c. white counterpanes will go at 59c. each. One lot \$1 counterpanes will go at 66c. each. One lot 5c. cotton towels at 3 1/2c. each. One lot 25c. linen towels at 19c. each. One lot 16-2-3/4c. beautiful worsted dress plaids, double width, at 12 1/2c. One lot beautiful bordered table napkins will go at 4c. each, worth 10c. One lot 50c. table linens will go at 37 1/2c. a yard. These prices are positively for cash. Hammill's, 320 High street.

Truthful Advertising.

Sensible people don't believe in flaring advertisements when they read them in the daily papers or the different concerns who advertise clothing at half-price, &c. We believe in stating facts. When we claim that we sell goods as low as the lowest, our claim can be substantiated when our stock this season is beyond comparison. We have clothing for all—for the young, and the old, and prices to suit the times. BRESLAUER & ANTHONY, 114 High street.

Bicycle Free.

A bicycle free, now running in Charles R. Welton & Co.'s window. Everybody has a chance at it by buying \$1 worth of goods. Call and see it. 322 and 324 High street.

Sister Margaret Goes to Nurse the Lepers

A striking example of the devotion of the sisters of charity to duty was afforded yesterday afternoon when good Sister Margaret, of St. Joseph's School, bid farewell to scholars and companions to enter the Leper Hospital at New Orleans, La., to nurse the sufferers from this dreadful malady. Some time back it became known that three of the sisters attached to St. Joseph's Academy had volunteered for this service, the choice falling on Sister Margaret, who is eminently qualified. Sister Margaret has been in this city for nearly fourteen years and it was a truly affecting sight to see her friends and scholars streaming around her with tears streaming down their faces, to bid her good-bye, and it is safe to say that many, very many, prayers will be offered in this community that God in His mercy will spare their loved teacher and friend from the terrible leprosy. In the meantime, the Sister is quietly happy that she may do the will of the Father. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Meeting of Police Commissioners.

The Board of Police Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting last night. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Chief of Police submitted his report for the month of October, showing the number of arrests that were made, &c. The investigation of a charge against Officer Dickerson, who it was reported could not be found on his beat, was investigated. The cause of the fire at E. B. Lakin's was taken up, and the board went into a private session. Mr. Lakin stated that the fire was incendiary, and his suspicion rested upon four parties, but that he was afraid to say who they were. He had nothing definite to tell the Board. A number of witnesses were examined. When our report closed, at 11 p. m. the Board was still in session, and had not reached any decision in either Dickerson's case or the investigation.

Members' Entertainment.

The first Young Men's Christian Association's Members' Entertainment of the season will be given in the Association rooms this evening at 8:15 o'clock. The following programme has been arranged: Vocal Solo—"Spring Song"—Miss Bessie Williams. Recitation—Selected—Miss Young. Vocal Solo—Selected—Mr. Harry Butt. Vocal Solo—Selected—Miss Pendleton. Recitation—"Aunt Jemima's Courtship"—Miss Young. Vocal Solo—Selected—Mrs. Cora Fulford Pulley. Vocal Duett—"Marguerite"—Misses Williams.

Turn Out and Vote.

To-day is election day, and every Democratic voter in the city should go to the polls and cast his vote for the regular nominee of the party. A large vote should be polled, to show other parts of the State that the Democrats of Portsmouth are always alive to their duty. Members of the ladies' Auxiliary are invited.

Sent On to Court.

The case of Stetson, who struck Mrs. Isentoot on the head with a hammer on Saturday, October 25th, was called in the Mayor's Court yesterday. Dr. Hindwood testified to Mrs. Isentoot's condition and said that she was unable to come in court on account of her condition, but that she was out of danger. A number of witnesses were examined who saw the negro strike her. After hearing all the testimony His Honor sent him on to court for trial.

Married to a Japanese.

Miss Sue Archer, of this city, was married in Baltimore a few days ago to Mr. Klekkie Nakamura, a Japanese, who is employed as a butler for Rear Admiral Brown, in the Navy Yard. When she was visiting in Baltimore she was married to him. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. H. Mitchell, of that city. The bride party returned to this city and are now living in South Portsmouth.

Death of Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Adeline Williams, wife of Mr. Curtis Williams, died at the residence of her husband on Pearl street, Park View, Sunday, in the 79th year of her age. The funeral will take place from the residence of her husband at 3:30 o'clock.

Attempted Burglary.

Some time Saturday night attempts were made to burglarize the residences of Mr. Alex. P. Vermillion and Mr. J. H. Adams, in Park View. Slats were cut from the window shutters, but no entrance was made, the burglars probably being frightened off.

A Child Expires.

The pleasant flavor, gentle action, and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative, and if the father or mother be constive or bilious, the most gratifying remedy for its use, so that it is the best family remedy known, and every family should have a bottle on hand.

They Are Beauties.

What? Why our line of men's suits, which we are selling from \$7.50 upwards. For a good suit or overcoat for yourself or boy we are headquarters. Our goods fit better, look better and are better than others. LEVY & JACOBS, 200 High street.

Change of Schedule.

On Wednesday morning from 10 o'clock until 12, we will again give Portsmouth people an opportunity to buy \$1 bills for 95 cents. Any show money, as the person getting the 50-cent dollar will be given one genuine dollar free. In connection with the above we will sell one Line of Goods, All Wool, 1 1/4 yards wide, for 25 cents. This is a rare bargain, which all should avail of. Under Oxford House, 502 and 304 High St., Portsmouth, Va.

Spot Cash Brings Down Prices.

To-day a good suit costs but \$5, \$6.75 or \$7. Mind you, a good suit. M. ROSENBAUM, 116 and 118 High street.

The Result for Cash.

\$7.50 for Black Worsted or Cheviot suits. It's the lowest net yet. M. ROSENBAUM, 116 and 118 High street.

Important Naval News.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.—The President has approved the records of the following naval cases: Commodore T. O. Selfridge, to be Rear Admiral; Commodore A. A. Cook, to be Captain; Lieutenant Frederick Singer, to be Lieutenant Commander; Ensigns H. P. Jones, Jr., and W. O. Hulme, Lieutenants, Junior Grade; Assistant Engineers A. S. Halstead and W. B. Day, classed Assistant Engineers, and Surgeon Dwight Dickinson, a Medical Inspector.

The General Baptist Association to Meet on the Fifteenth—A Negro Murderer Taken Away—Norfolk and Western Railroad Officials Pass Through.

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—The congregation occupied the auditorium of the First Baptist Church yesterday morning for the first time since the new improvements have been made to it. The room is now a beautiful one. A description of the improvements have already been given in these dispatches.

The committees from the different Baptist churches in the city are busily engaged securing homes for the delegates to the General Baptist Association, which convenes in the First Church on the evening of the 15th inst. The opening sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Lanning, of Richmond. Several important matters are to come up for consideration. Chief among these is that in reference to the consolidation of the State Mission and Sunday-School and Bible Society (Rev. I. M. Pilcher, D. D., of this city, is the General Superintendent of this latter board. Much interest is felt by the Baptists throughout the State as to what action will be taken by the association in this matter.

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F. K. Kimball, President of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company; I. H. Sands, vice-President and General Manager; Mr. Hibby, Superintendent; and Major E. L. DuBerry, Superintendent of the Norfolk Division, passed through here yesterday morning on a special train from Roanoke en route to Norfolk, on a tour of inspection of the road.

The new addition to the Central State Hospital has about been completed and will be ready for occupancy next Wednesday, when it will be turned over by the contractor, J. C. Rowell, to the Executive Committee of the Hospital. The building, which is three stories high, and its dimensions are 37 feet 4 inches by 51 1/2 feet. It has fifty cells, three stairways, and three corridors. The cost of the addition is \$6,230.30.

In addition to the primary department of the Anderson School building in Washington street is about completed, and will be occupied sometime next week. It will give accommodation for a hundred or more children.

But little interest is being manifested in the election here to-morrow for members of the Legislature from Petersburg. The Democratic candidates are Messrs. W. P. McKee and Thomas R. Ivey, whose election is considered. Mr. McKee is an ex-member of the House of Delegates, and Mr. Ivey is a prominent member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of which order he is State secretary. The contest in Dinwiddie county is between Mr. T. J. Clark, Democrat, and Mr. S. J. Gilliam, who was nominated by the "Fair Elections" party. It is thought that the contest between these two candidates will be a close one. The Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates from Prince George and Surry counties is Colonel S. B. Barham, who has no opposition.

The corporation Court of Petersburg (Judge J. M. Allen presiding) has been engaged all to-day hearing testimony in the suit of Drumwright's administrator against the Petersburg Street Railway Company for \$10,000 damages, due the wages of the motemen and conductors on the Petersburg Street Railway were reduced yesterday from \$1.50 per day to \$1.35.

Mr. W. B. Dyson, a prominent merchant of Chester, was in the city to-day.

North Carolina Negroes to Meet.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 4.—To-day a formal call for a State ratification meeting to be held day after to-morrow during the colored State fair. It is to be held here last September on matters pertaining to the welfare of the negro in North Carolina, those who held the conference are accused of assisting the Democrats, but they deny it. They declare that some persons fear negro organization. They also declare they are Republicans, but will be with the Republicans on his financial and currency questions, and say "we want no Tillmanism." They assert that they are not bound by the late State Silver Convention, which resolved that no man should be voted for until he declares on the stump that he is for the free coinage of silver.

A Schooner Capsized at Sea.

New York, Nov. 4.—The three masted schooner Martin C. 21st had been capsized at sea. The fate of the crew of the men is unknown. The steamer City of Washington arrived here to-day from Tampa and reports having passed the Edible yesterday in latitude 35.57, longitude 75. She was lying broadside on the water, with masts and rigging intact. The deck load was spread over the sea near by.

The schooner had but recently capsized. She was bound for Philadelphia from Jacksonville.

A \$2,250,000 Deal.

Pittsburg, Nov. 4.—The H. C. Frick Coke Company has purchased the plants, property, and franchises of the W. J. Rainey Coke Company, the third largest producers of coke in the Connellsville region. The money consideration was about \$2,250,000.

The Crisis is Passed.

London, Nov. 4.—The office in this city of the Ottoman Bank has received reassuring advices from Constantinople regarding the financial situation in the Turkish capital. The advices say it is believed that the crisis is passed.

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Largest Hosiery Mills in the South.

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Three Rebels Killed.

Santiago de Cuba, Nov. 4.—Colonel Teodoro's column on Thursday last surprised a rebel camp on the Sierra de Ysabella farms, in the Longo district. The rebels fled, leaving behind them three dead. The troops captured a quantity of effects belonging to the insurgents and destroyed the camp.

Quarrymen on a Strike.

Middletown, Conn., Nov. 4.—This morning the employes at all three quarries in Portland were ordered on strike for seven hours a day at 14 cents an hour. They refused the terms and demanded the old wages. The quarries were closed. Both sides are determined. The quarrymen are applying to the railroad for work.

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Or in Other Words, What is Comparatively a New Place of Worship

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TO ATLANTA EXPOSITION.

Excursion by Atlantic Division No. 1, T. R. K. E., SUNDAY, November 10th, via Norfolk and Carolina railroad, six days. Leave Norfolk at 6 p. m.; Portsmouth, 6:30 p. m.; Suffolk, 7:15 p. m. For rates apply to any member of the committee. E. S. Anderson, 337 High street; R. P. Bunting, C. R. Warren, committee.

WHAT FRANCE WILL DO,

According to the Statement of M. Bourgeois, the New Leader.

Paris, Nov. 4.—M. Bourgeois said to-day that it was the intention of the Government to adopt a policy prohibiting senators and members of the chamber from holding positions as directors of any companies, having control of the production of a part of the necessities of life, such as sugar, oil, or the nation now awaits the methodical efforts necessary to obviate the existing deadlock.

Canadian Bank Troubles.

Montreal, Nov. 4.—The Banque Du Peuple, which suspended payment on July 15th, reopened its doors this morning. The wicket of the paying teller was at once surrounded by a large crowd of depositors to draw the twenty-five per cent, which the directors had decided to pay.

Ambassador Bayard Waiting.

London, Nov. 4.—Ambassador Bayard still awaits a more definite reply to the memorandum of Secretary Olney, defining the United States interpretation of the Monroe doctrine as applicable to the Venezuelan situation. In acknowledging the receipt of the document, Lord Salisbury intimated that Mr. Bayard had desired to consult legal advisers. Those international jurists, it is stated have not yet made their report to Lord Salisbury.

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Get rid of it at once by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Be sure to get Hood's.

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FOR RENT—House 705 Court street; immediate possession. Apply 727 County street.

FOR RENT FOR 1896—Double store on High street with dwelling above. For particulars apply to H. L. PAGE & CO., 225 1/2 High street. (129-1w)

WAIT FOR THE SOLDIERS.

ON TO ATLANTA! The Third Battalion, composed of the Old Dominion Guards, and the 10th and 11th, will run a special train to Atlanta ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, leaving Portsmouth at 6:30 p. m., and Suffolk at 6:30 p. m. Ample accommodations have been made for all friends desiring to go with us. A Pullman sleeper will be attached to the train. This is now the best chance to attend the Exposition. For rates and other information apply to Maj. R. E. Warren, Capt. G. M. Reynolds, Lieut. E. W. Owens, and J. G. VILKOR, nos-4

COAL.

We are still doing business at the old stand and solicit your orders for COAL.

The E. C. Brooks Comp'y.

NOTICE. I have this day appointed Mr. J. B. FANNY as my agent for me and in my name to conduct, superintend and carry on the GENERAL GROCERY AND MEAT BUSINESS in Portsmouth, Va. not-2w H. D. FANNY.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Just received at 215 High street the cheapest line of colored and pattern frames ever offered in the two cities. Full line of notions, etc., at lowest prices. GEO. S. LEITCH, Agent, 215 High Street, Building.

\$5,000 Accident Insurance.

\$3,000, 25c a Day, \$1.50 a Month. You need it permanently. Do not travel without it. JOHN L. W