

PORTSMOUTH NEWS

AFFAIRS IN GENERAL

Success Statement of News Events, Stripped of Much of the Details.

YESTERDAY'S NEWS BRIEFLY RECORDED

Short Paragraphs Personal and Otherwise—Accounts of Events Interesting to Every Reader—Topics Discussed on the Streets and in Offices and Homes.

The grand jury will meet on Thursday. Big fight in granting licenses yesterday. All the churches were well attended Sunday.

Judge Portlock adjourned for the term yesterday. "Esmeralda" promises to be the event of the season.

The Finance and Fire Committees met last night.

There is nothing startling in the fire bug matter yet.

The election for city officers comes off on the 27th of May.

"Princess Bonnie" will be repeated to-night at the Opera House.

Mr. Mason will complete his contract with the Council to-night.

The plank walk on South street extended in bad condition.

The City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting to-night.

The paving from South to Wythe streets is nearly all completed.

The Portsmouth team began practicing yesterday for the season.

Mr. W. B. Sturtevant will celebrate his 75th anniversary this week.

There will be a big excursion down the Seaboard Air Line to see the circus.

The largest quantity of berries was shipped yesterday than for many years.

The county authorities are working up a large robbery that occurred recently.

Rev. W. H. Atwill will preach at Wright Memorial church Sunday morning.

There was a scrapping match at the cotton factory on Saturday. No one was hurt.

There are more prisoners in the city jail now than there has been for some time.

Mrs. H. C. Boyd was stricken with paralysis Sunday and is in a dangerous condition.

The Independent Fire company have their parade and banquet on the 11th of this month.

County politics are all in a muddle. Indications are that there will be three tickets in the field.

The Portsmouth team will be represented in Suffolk to-day by Pete Hall, manager of the team.

Miss May Crumb, of Cheriton, Va., is visiting Mr. E. S. Anderson's family, on Washington street.

The Rev. W. E. Lacey preached at the Court Street Presbyterian church. There were no services at night.

The Republicans will hold a mass-meeting at Getty's Station to-day to nominate township officers.

Seventy-four men were suspended from the construction department last night and sixteen discharged.

There was a big time at the South Street Baptist church Sunday. There were nearly thirty conversions.

The only business in the Mayor's Court yesterday was three white drunks. One was let go, and the others were fined.

Justices Haves and Hollinden examined the parties charged with cutting a few weeks ago, and fined six of them.

The Rev. Mr. Craig, of West Norfolk, addressed the Seaboard of the South Street Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

It is hardly probable that Cook will be examined before a magistrate, but will go before the grand jury for examination.

Mr. W. E. Virelson, of the firm of W. E. Virelson & Co., has gone to the Northern cities to replenish his stock of straw goods.

Sunday morning a car on the Seaboard Air Line jumped the track and came near causing a smash up. It was gotten on by the wrecking car.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their regular monthly prayer meeting at the Y. M. C. A. to-day. Mrs. C. Miley, the district president, will preside.

The Rev. J. Addison Smith addressed the Makemie League at the Presbyterian church last night. He took for his subject, "The Old Historic Church—for What It Stands."

The Board of Police Commissioners met last night and had an informal talk among themselves concerning certain matters. No business for publication was transacted.

Passengers are now transferred by tug to Norfolk to connect with the Bay Line boat. This is done in order to get all the freight on in time to leave. This will be only for a short while.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given to-night at the residence of Mrs. John Hart, on Harrison street, Park View, for the benefit of the new Episcopal chapel. Refreshments served.

The Rev. George E. Truitt and wife, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mr. George Bentley's family, on Harrison street. Mr. Truitt was pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist church for a long time.

Attention is called to the fact of John A. Butler, executor of the late Thomas Owens' estate, in which he requests all parties who are indebted to the estate to come forward and settle, and all having claims to present them for payment.

Mr. John C. Ashton, superintendent of the public schools in this city, and Willis A. Jenkins, principal of the second district, left for Richmond yesterday afternoon to attend the conference of superintendents in that city, which will last for several days.

Mr. A. B. Courtney, night worshipful grand master, and George W. Carrington, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Virginia, arrived here from Richmond yesterday evening by the Chesapeake and Ohio road for the purpose of an official visitation to the Masonic lodges of this city.

Most of the Baptist ministers of this city will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Wilmington, N. C. They will leave here on Wednesday, and return to fill their pulpits on Sunday, except Dr. Owen, who will go to Staunton, Va., to represent Old Dominion Lodge.

I. O. O. F., at the Grand Lodge, which meets May 11th. The annual encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Soldiers Home to-day. Both encampments in this city will attend.

The Democrats will hold ward meetings to-morrow night to elect members of the Executive Committee. They will be held at the usual places.

A Royal Sportsman.

In anticipation of a visit from T. H. Keller, a popular sportsman and a representative of the Peters Cartilage company and King Powder company, of Cincinnati, Pete Gallagher and W. N. White, the leading spirits of the Portsmouth Gun Club, arranged for a shoot Saturday, but the elements prevented. By main force and the promise of a beautiful repast of soft crabs Mr. Keller was persuaded to remain over, and as a further inducement a friendly match against the veteran shooter, Captain Cramer. After the match a team shoot was gotten up and a most enjoyable afternoon spent. Keller and Cramer picking the teams. Mr. Keller is one of the best known shots in the country, a thorough sportsman and a capital shot follow.

Mr. Gallagher used the ammunition that Keller represents while at Richmond last week and is a firm believer in its killing qualities.

The following scores were made: INDIVIDUAL MATCH—25 TARGETS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2. Includes Keller, Gallagher, Small, White, Reynolds, Cramer, Peed, Marshall, Reynolds.

TEAM SHOOT.

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, Score 1, Score 2. Includes Cramer, Peed, Marshall, Reynolds.

Robbed of their Dinner.

Some time during the early part of Sunday morning some one forced an entrance into Mr. R. D. Hamilton's kitchen in Park View, and carried off their Sunday dinner and a bag of flour and other groceries. Mr. Norman Hamilton heard them and went down stairs in time to see them make their escape.

The kitchen of Mrs. Harroll was also visited and her Sunday dinner and some groceries was carried off.

Thieves also entered the kitchen of Mrs. A. E. Carter, on B street, Park View, and carried off lard, butter, sugar, lard, and a lot of other articles. They gained an entrance by cutting a slot in the shutter and raising the window.

They also took the wood house key out of the kitchen and went in, but did not see anything they wanted and carried off lock and key. There was also a box of burnt matches found on the floor.

City Circuit Court.

The spring term of the City Circuit Court began yesterday, Judge Prentiss presiding.

The only matter of interest was the motion to quash an attachment in the suit of the Portsmouth Gas company against Sumner, Brooks & Bonsal, the late sewerage contractors. The latter garnished several thousand dollars due the contractors by the city pending the issue of the suit. The motion was argued by Major J. F. Crocker for the plaintiff and Mr. G. Patton for the defense and was taken under advisement by Judge Prentiss.

A number of cases were set for different days.

Navy-yard Notes.

The Standish sailed Sunday for Annapolis, having on board a steam launch for the Naval Academy.

Lieut. J. B. Collins reported at the yard yesterday for duty.

The officers have been ordered to the Cushing, which will probably go into commission this month.

Assistant Engineer D. E. Dismukes, of the yard, has been ordered to examination for promotion.

An examination for master joiner in the construction department will be held Wednesday.

Admiral and Mrs. George Brown and son left on Saturday night for New York City, to remain for several days.

Officers Elected.

The Court Street Missionary Society held their regular meeting Sunday afternoon, and after transacting the usual routine business, the following officers were elected for the year: E. R. Barksdale, president; E. D. Burgess, vice-president; L. B. McClure, secretary; Jarvis Askew, treasurer; Miss Lottie Friedlin, organist; Calvin O. Casey, musical director.

An Accident Sunday.

Sunday afternoon the little daughter of Mr. Butt, who lives on Fayette street, accidentally fell and broke her arm in two places. She was carried to her home, where a physician was summoned.

The Blessing of Strong Nerves.

Is recoverable, not by the use of mineral sedatives, but by a recourse to effectual treatment. Opates and the like should only be used as auxiliaries and then sparingly as possible. Vigorous nerves are quiet ones, and the direct way to render them so is to reinforce the vital energies. That sterling invigorant, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, will be found sufficient for this purpose, since it entirely removes impediments to thorough digestion and assimilation of food, so that the body is insured its due amount of nourishment, and consequently of strength. Rheumatic tenderness and affections of the kidneys and bladder are also counteracted by the Bitters, which is besides a powerful medicinal stimulant, infinitely preferable to the laxatives and emetics, which react injuriously upon the nervous system.

From May 1st to 15th.

Our entire stock at cost, \$8.50 suits, \$5.50; \$10.00 suits for \$7.50, \$12.50 suits, \$9.00; \$15.00 suits, \$11.00; \$1.00 children's suits, \$2.00; \$3.50 neckwear, \$2.25; \$4.50 suits, \$2.50. All our 50c neckwear, in the latest and newest designs, 45c; all our 25c neckwear, 21c. The same proportionate reduction all through our stock. After the above date regular prices will prevail. BRESLAUER & ANTHONY, 114 High street.

ROLL OF HONOR

In the Public Schools for the Month of April, 1897.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Third Grammar—Laura Friedlin, Pauline Williams, Blissoly Higgins, Homer Wemple, Robert Zink. First Grammar—Lester Markham, Susie Porter.

Second Intermediate—Elizabeth Earnest, Lela May Ballentine, Hilda White, Mary Williams.

Third Primary—Mary Curlin, Lela Morgan, Fannie Petet, Ethel Only, Katie Frangle, Elsie Vincent, Josie Taylor, Raymond Rogers.

Second Primary—Samuel Boyce, Walton Flyth, Sophie Woodward, Mary Williams, Addie Pringle, Mary Manning, Jennie Manning, Elsie Funsten, Ruth Boyce, Anice Armstrong.

First Primary—Lella Betty, Agnes Earnest, Sallie Dunn, Lena Morris, Jennie Mitchell.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Third Grammar—Katie Hope, Mary Thompson, Mary Williams.

Second Grammar—John Cumming.

First Grammar—Bessie Hope, Ora Pruden, Charlie Fraley, Pendleton Minster.

Second Intermediate—Richard Williams, Della Bullock, Nellie Bayle, Irene McMorney, Alice Onst, Pauline Pearce, Annie Pruden, Hermena Rapp.

First Intermediate—Lola Brewer, Bessie Perman, Gracie Armistead, Kittie Barrett, Jennie Myers.

Third Primary—Sarah Jarvis, Harriett Tee, Gracie Ziegenhall, Fannie Spindle, Marie Ennis, Willie Bullock.

Second Primary—Annie Myers, Lulu Park, Nellie Lathmer.

First Primary—Genevieve Ballance, Hilda Hudgins, Frank McLean, Rena Wilkins.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Grammar Grade—Everett Bensten, Cleveland Herbert, Fannie Turner.

Primary Grades—Willie Turner, Frank Lawrence, Elmer Myers, Sidney Morecock, Ashton Porter, Lella Gary, Virgie Armstrong, Agnes Manning.

Election of Officers.

At a meeting of the Independent Fire company, held last night, the following officers were elected: J. F. Paee, foreman; C. R. Warren, first assistant foreman; Charles T. Bland, second assistant foreman; F. W. Wiersdorf, first assistant chief engineer; Dr. F. S. Hope, surgeon; George M. Peed, secretary; Joseph F. Weaver, financial secretary; F. J. Friedlin, treasurer; Charles M. Wood, steward; William Smith, engineer; W. T. Hyslop, driver of engine; Osele Dashiels, driver of hose cart; Joseph D. Knopp, H. F. Butt, C. B. Lash, and C. W. Murdaugh, standing committee; John P. O'Connor, D. R. Renshaw, John P. Niles, site committee.

The treasurer submitted his annual report, which showed the finances to be in a good condition.

Delegates to the convention at Winchester—F. Wiersdorf, J. F. Paee, C. R. Warren, C. T. Bland and F. J. Friedlin.

Meeting of the Makemie League.

The monthly meeting of the Makemie League was held at the Court Street Presbyterian church last evening, a large and cultured audience being in attendance.

The event of the evening was an address by the Rev. J. Addison Smith, D. D., of Baltimore, and his subject was "The Old Historic Church and For What It Stands."

The speaker delighted his audience with brilliant oratory, evincing rich historic research and thorough scholarship. The theme was evidently in the hands of a master, and his audience was soon aglow with the fire of his enthusiasm. Numerous citations from history and quotations from authors exhibited the church of which he spoke as venerable in its antiquity, a champion of civil and religious liberty, and throughout its history an eminent patron and promoter of education.

Refusal to Grant Them.

There was a lively fight in the County Court yesterday. Application was made by Mr. Wm. F. Whitehurst for a license to sell liquor on the corner of South and Pine streets. It was fought by property holders on South street and Prentiss Place. Judge Watts appeared for the property holders, Mr. Irving for Mr. Whitehurst and Captain Marsalis for the Commonwealth. After hearing all the testimony the Judge refused to grant a license.

There was also a request to revoke the license issued a few days ago to Mr. Cosgrove on the corner of Pearl and South streets. This the Judge refused to do, but said that Mr. Cosgrove would be required to conform to the law in every respect else he would lose his license.

Reorganization.

The Baptist Young People's Union met Sunday, and reorganized with renewed vigor. The following were elected officers: J. Stroud Roper, president; Evan Morgan, vice president; Joseph Culpepper, secretary; W. H. Rodman, corresponding secretary; Miss Minnie Merkle, treasurer; Miss Edith Ford, organist; Miss Maud Dill, musical director. They will meet the first Tuesday in each month.

Meeting of Western Branch Democrats.

The Democrats of Western Branch were dissatisfied with the nomination of Mr. John A. Codd for Supervisor, met last night at Hotel Vernon, and nominated Mr. R. H. Norfolk for Supervisor, and left the balance of the ticket vacant. The meeting was large and enthusiastic. The friends of Mr. Norfolk will use every effort to elect him.

Grand Jury for the Hustings Court.

The following gentlemen have been summoned as grand jurors for the Hustings Court: James T. Borum, A. A. Martin, F. P. Nash, James O'Tourk, C. W. Walker, S. P. Gast, C. O. Virelson, W. H. Elliott, George E. Bentley, S. D. T. Manning, Herbert Williams, H. L. Watts.

Children's Suit Sale.

Messrs. Levy & Jacobs, 200 High street, have a special sale this week in children's suits. If you want to save money give them a call.

25c Children's Straw Hats. W. E. Virelson & Co.

See our new negligee shirts, just in. Charles R. Webster & Co.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against alum and all forms of adulteration.

Baptist Ministers' Meeting. The Baptist Preachers' Conference of Portsmouth, Norfolk and vicinity, met yesterday morning in the Court Street church, and was called to order by Dr. Wharton.

Prayer by Rev. George E. Truitt, of Georgetown, D. C. The following reports were made:

The First church, Rev. E. B. Hatcher—Extended the hand of fellowship to four persons.

Burrows' Memorial—Raised \$20 for foreign missions, \$5 for home missions, and \$5 for the orphanage.

South street, Rev. J. W. Mitchell—Raised \$50 for foreign missions and \$25 for home missions. Had interesting meetings all the week and forty persons professed conversion.

Park Avenue church, Rev. Claud W. Duke—Had 20 conversions, ground persons, baptized 7, received 11, received for baptism 6, by experience 2, and by letter 2.

Freemason Street—Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton—Received two by letter and one for baptism.

Court street, Dr. A. E. Owens—Collected \$100 for foreign missions and \$91 for home missions.

Central avenue, Rev. E. E. Dudley—Collected \$50.08 for foreign missions.

West Norfolk, Rev. Braxton Craig—The church has been newly painted, and the Sunday school is sending \$5 a month to the orphanage.

Calvary, Rev. P. S. C. Davis—Administered the Lord's supper and baptized two persons. Extended the hand of fellowship to six.

Park Avenue, Rev. J. J. Hall, D. D.—Four persons stood up for prayer.

Spurgeon Memorial, Rev. F. H. Martin—Extended the hand of fellowship to two. Took up a collection at Gilmer for foreign missions.

Grace, Rev. L. R. Wright—Received four new members. Received two by experience, two for baptism, and baptized one.

Broad Creek Mission, Rev. Dr. Spelgt—Had eight conversions.

Princess Bonnie!

Be sure and see "Princess Bonnie" to-night. Your last chance. Seats on sale at W. L. Crump's without extra charge. Admission 50 cents.

IN BERKLEY

The entertainment, "In Washington's Time," which was given some weeks ago at Pythian Castle by the primary department of Berkley Military Institute, under the direction of Miss Margie Tate, so captivated the large audience that its reputation has been requested. It will therefore be repeated next Thursday evening for the benefit of Main Street Christian church. Admission will be 15 cents for single tickets, and 25 cents for a double ticket, which will admit two refreshments. Get there early if you want a seat.

Those who have bought tickets from the Junior Circle of King's Daughters please present on Wednesday at Mr. T. C. Humphries and get the quilt.

There was a little fracas on our streets last Sunday. It seems that some of our Berkley citizens disagree with one another in some respects. The one who made the assault was fined \$2.50 in the Police Court yesterday morning.

The case of the two colored women who pulled each other's hair at Money Point last week, who were to be tried in South Norfolk yesterday evening, was postponed for a later date.

Late yesterday evening some one came near getting a black eye for bothering with his neighbors' dog.

In another column you will see notice to taxpayers on dogs, etc.

Mr. William Ellington, the engineer on the Norfolk and Southern mail train, who was stricken with paralysis in his left side last Monday, was thought to be very little better last night at a late hour.

The Tidewater Council No. 30, J. O. U. A. M., presented the public school in Berkley with a new flag, which was highly appreciated by teachers and scholars. It seems that this grand old order loves to keep in sight the stars and stripes our fathers gave their life's blood for in the years of the past.

Rev. C. W. Duke will deliver a lecture to-night to the History class of a Lyland Institute. The public is invited.

South Norfolk is going to the front. It has a number of houses that are being completed, and four more are being planned.

Mrs. D. A. Stevens, on Pine street, who has been very sick for the last two weeks, is some better.

The belt line branching from the Norfolk and Carolina and Seaboard Air Line, which grades are being made through South Norfolk, will connect with the Norfolk and Western for Lambert's Point.

Mr. George McCloud's son, who was so badly burned a few days ago, will be taken to St. Vincent's hospital for the purpose of grafting his skin.

\$100 Gendron Bicycle for \$65.

Best Wheel made for the price. Seventy-five baby carriages in stock cheap at J. S. Crawford's Furniture and Carpet House.

The latest novelties in straw goods. W. E. Virelson & Co.

Ladies' Straw Sailors in all styles. W. E. Virelson & Co.

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At Washington—R. H. E. Washington... 0 0 0 0 0—0 1 3 New York... 1 7 0 1—9 9 0

At Cleveland—R. H. E. Cleveland... 2 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 x—6 10 1 Cincinnati... 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2 5 1

At Chicago—The opening game with St. Louis was postponed account of wet grounds and cold weather.

At Boston—The Boston-Philadelphia game postponed on account of wet grounds. Two games will be played on Wednesday.

NOTICE. Having qualified on the estate of Thos. Owens, deceased, all persons indebted to the estate will please settle the same, and all those holding claims will present them to me, duly authenticated, for payment.

Princess Bonnie, Portsmouth Opera House, Tuesday May 4.

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED IN TRUST from Reuben Butt to me as trustee, dated September 1st 1886, and by direction of the creditor secured, I shall sell at public auction in front of the courthouse in Portsmouth, Va., on SATURDAY, the 5th day of May, 1897, at 12 o'clock m.

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Benefit of Hospital, Entrance on Queen street. Admission, 50c. Seats reserved at W. L. Crump's without extra charge. my2-2t

FOR RENT—House Southwest corner of Middle and London streets, with all modern improvements. For particulars apply to DR. BILISOLY, next door.

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ALL THAT CERTAIN LOTS, piece or parcel of land, with appurtenances, near the village of Deep Creek, Norfolk county, bounded on the north by the property of Timothy Cherry; on the east and south by lands belonging to the estate of Gisborne Cherry, and on the west by the D. S. Canal—subject to dower interest of the widow of the said Reuben Butt, deceased. TERMS CASH. WILLIAM H. STEWART, Trustee. J. C. NIEMEYER, Auctioneer.

KIRN HALL, . . HIGH ST. FRIDAY, MAY 7th, "ESMERALDA."

FOR THE—benefit St. Paul's Building Fund. Tickets on sale at A. L. Bilisoly's, corner High and Middle streets; L. Aug. Bilisoly's, 31 High street, and W. E. Virelson & Co., High street. Seats reserved at A. L. Bilisoly's without extra charge. my2-2t ADMISSION 50 CENTS.

FOR RENT. THE ST. ELMO HOTEL, OF PORTSMOUTH, VA.

This Hotel, with Bar and Restaurant, is situated in the most desirable part of the city, located as it is near the Norfolk and Portsmouth Ferries, the Bay Line wharf, and opposite the Seaboard Air Line Union Depot. It is near all transportation lines entering the city, and is unquestionably the finest location in the city.

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