

PORTSMOUTH.

AFFAIRS IN GENERAL

Succinct 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.

Christmas week. The windows look beautiful. Santa Claus will be on hand all this week.

The merchants all seemed to be busy last night. Quite a small force at work in the navy-yard now.

There will be no meetings to attend this week. The clothing men all did a good business yesterday.

A number of people go away to spend the holidays. All the churches are preparing special music for Christmas.

The meeting at the Friends' church has been brought to a close. The usual Saturday hop was held at the yard yesterday afternoon.

The broken pavements around the city have not been repaired yet.

The Norfolk County Court will begin its December term on Monday.

The public schools will close Thursday at noon until January 3, 1898.

Mrs. Kemeth McAlpine has returned from a month's visit to New York.

Mr. Luther Martin will sing at the Monumental Rosebud this afternoon.

Rev. Z. S. Farland will address the young men's Bible class Tuesday night.

The Almsworth-Rutter case will be called in the County Court on Monday.

The Seaboard Air Line will issue one cent a mile fare over their road for this week.

Dr. Owen will address the 4 o'clock meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon.

Mr. J. T. Baird left for Baltimore last week to spend the Christmas holidays.

Attention is called to the advertisement of C. R. Welton & Co. in this issue.

The meeting at the South Street Baptist church will be continued all next week.

Keep your doors locked. There are a number of suspicious persons around the city.

The city is full of beggars, who are a regular nuisance. They annoy people on the streets.

Cheap fare on the Bay Line ended last night. On Monday it goes back to the old prices.

There will be an excursion from down the Seaboard Air Line on Monday. No doubt many will come.

Chicken thieves are numerous. Those who have any would do well to be on the lookout for them.

Mrs. N. F. Brandt and children have gone to Wilmington, N. C., to spend the Christmas holidays.

A number of people will go to the opening of Southern Pines this week. It is well worth the trip.

Another horse got in one of the many holes around the streets and came near hurting himself quite badly.

The small boy with his cap pistol and tin horn reminded one yesterday that Christmas was drawing near.

The Maynard-MacDonald company played yesterday afternoon and last night to fair sized audiences.

A divorce suit has been entered in the Hanover Court. Some rich developments will be brought out.

Mr. John C. Niemeyer will sell furniture on Green and not Queen street, as mentioned in their advertisement.

Trinity Circle of the King's Daughters will meet at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in Trinity parish-house.

There will be a ball at St. Joseph's Hall New Year's Eve night for the benefit of the Portsmouth Orchestra.

Lillian Somers was committed to the county jail yesterday for thirty days for stealing a dress valued at 25 cents.

The negro Charles Williams, charged with stealing at the ferry, was fined \$5. In default he went to jail for ten days.

The case of "Rag Sam," charged with the murder of the Chinaman, will be called in the Hastings Court on Monday.

A negro man was locked up in the county yesterday afternoon for practicing the lock game on an unsuspecting negro.

Read our Christmas notices and make your purchases from some one of them. Do not go away from home for that purpose.

The tops of the street cars look like a little soap and water would help them considerably. They look smutty and dirty.

A little boy named John Jackson exploded a large fire cracker in his hand on County street yesterday and hurt it quite badly.

Miss Nettie Southall, of Newport News, who has been visiting Miss Clara Journey, in South Portsmouth, has returned to her home.

A small negro boy was pulled from under a porch asleep at an early hour yesterday morning. He was given a spanking and was let go.

There will be a marriage in Park View Monday afternoon. The young lady is a daughter of the late Boatwain Hollowell Dickerson.

NOTICE. Owing to the heavy pressure of ads a greater portion of the Portsmouth local will be found on the 6th page.

A small negro boy attempted to tap the till of a County street merchant yesterday. He was caught and was led across a barrel and given about ten good lashes and let go on account of his age.

A number of drummers from the Northern cities have been around here several days buying all the live turkeys they can find and shipping them North. This will have a tendency to make turkeys higher during Christmas.

Capt. R. L. Herbert's term as postmaster does not expire until March 1, 1898. The people think he will be allowed to remain until that time. He has made a most excellent officer and will go out of office honored and respected.

The members of the Churchland Baptist church will open a fair at Grange Hall on Churchland Tuesday night, and will keep it up for four nights. The proceeds will go to help the church. The people of Portsmouth are invited to attend.

A small frame house on Blount street, in the county, caught on fire from the chimney yesterday morning, but it was put out before any damage was done.

A negro laborer while at work on the wharf yesterday fell and hurt his knee quite badly. He was attended by Dr. Bilisoly.

The announcement yesterday of the suicide of Mr. Joseph Lash, in Alexandria, caused some surprise here. Mr. Lash was a native of this city and was at one time said to be the best swimmer in the State. He has a daughter, Mrs. Fleming, here, who lives in Brighton.

There are a number of negro women going around the streets selling tickets for some kind of an entertainment. They stop both ladies and gentlemen on the streets and beg them to buy a ticket. They are a nuisance and a stop should be put to it. One gentleman was stopped five times by the same person inside of an hour.

Mr. William Parker and Col. K. R. Griffin, two attorneys of this city, have entered suit for \$5,000 against the American Fertilizer company for Ruth Lee, executrix of Joseph Lee, deceased, to recover damages for the death of Lee, who was ground to death in the factory several months ago by being caught in some machinery.

In our yesterday's issue we were made to say that Mr. Williams, president of the street railroad, had said that a gentleman, who had a difficulty with a conductor, was the cause of his discharge. This was incorrect. The word was left out, which destroyed the entire meaning. Mr. Williams said that the gentleman was not the cause.

SHOOTING IN THE SQUARES. Last night about 10 o'clock a shooting occurred in a barroom on the edge of the city between some colored men. One man was badly shot, so our informant said, and another was wounded. The affair was kept as quiet as possible, and no arrests were made. The writer could not learn all the particulars, owing to the lateness of the hour.

For Other Local See Sixth Page.

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Bonds issued to administrators, guardians, collectors, cashiers and others occupying positions of trust; also to responsible contractors at reasonable rates. JOHN L. WATSON, de12-2m

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PORTSMOUTH ADV'S. LADY DESIRES SITUATION AS COM- PANION OR GOVERNESS TO TEACH SMALL CHILDREN, OR LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING. Address E. J. Virginian office, Portsmouth. de12-2t

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ETC.—I will sell at public auction at 10:30 o'clock WEDNESDAY, December 22, 1897, all of the Furniture contained in the residence No. 1307 Green street, Portsmouth, composed of parlor, bedroom, dining room and kitchen furniture, carpets, fire-place heater, kitchen range, iron safe, pressed bricks, carpenter's materials, etc. JOHN C. NIEMEYER, Auctioneer. de12-4t

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All Silk, Satin Duchess, 24 inches wide, at 75 cents the yard, cheap at \$1.00, worth \$1.25. Big bargains in Capes and Cloaks. Feather Boas 50c. to \$3. Dress Goods and Dress Trimmings in great variety at low prices. Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves all going at 60c. the pair, worth \$1. A few more pairs of Portieres to hand at \$3.47, worth \$6.

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CHILDREN'S SUITS 50 styles, in sizes from 8 to 13, worth \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00. Sale Price \$1.50 and \$2

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GENTS' FURNISHINGS—Linen Collars, sale price 7c. Linen Cuffs, sale price 10c. 25c. Suspenders, sale price 10c. 10c. Pure Ties, sale price 25c. 25c. Tecks and Four-in-Hands, sale price 15c. 15c. Handkerchiefs, sale price 10c. These goods are all New Fall Goods.

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