

PORTSMOUTH NEWS

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.

Yesterday was a regular May day. There was no session of the Hustings Court yesterday.

There will be no banquet given on St. Patrick's night this year.

Spring raddishes and onions are plentiful in the market now.

Tramps are numerous all around the city. Keep your doors locked.

Several tramps applied for lodging last night at the station house.

It is said that there will be four candidates for Mayor this spring.

Two negro boys were arrested last night for fighting in the county.

It is said that the Belt Line railway will be completed by the middle of next month.

The party who intend going to the Klondike will leave here either today or to-morrow.

Miss Edna Bowen, of Suffolk, is visiting her brother, Jas. E. Bowen, at Port Norfolk.

Dwight street is being filled up to the end of the Culpepper wharf, at Swimming Point.

Mr. F. E. Gerke, bookkeeper for J. S. Crawford, is confined to his home with kidney colic.

The Y. M. C. A. singing class held their regular weekly rehearsal last night for Sunday.

A chicken thief was run out of a lot in Cottage Place yesterday morning on an early hour.

Business ought to be good to-day judging from the amount of money that was paid out this week.

Miss Hallie Brown, of Chicago, who is enroute to Southern Pines, stopped over for a short while yesterday.

There will be no meetings this month except a special session of the Council next Tuesday night.

The meeting at Owens Memorial church is still growing in interest. Nightly the altar is filled with penitents.

A number of freight trains on the road coming into Portsmouth are being increased on account of the heavy freight.

There was no entertainment given last night at the Port Norfolk school house for the benefit of the church organ fund.

Those who are in want of cabbage plants would do well to call on Mr. J. S. Rogers, at Port Norfolk, and they can be supplied.

In this issue a nice house, containing five rooms, water, etc., is advertised for rent. See advertisement.

The little boy who was assaulted by a negro woman Thursday night was suffering very much yesterday from the cut he received.

There will be quite a number of places to be filled at the spring election. Besides these nine Councilmen will have to be elected.

George Smith, colored, was brought up from Newport News by Constable Anderson on answer to charge of breach of promise of marriage.

If the pretty weather of the past few days continues the trees will all begin to leaf. A number of them have begun to have leaves on them.

A large flock of wild geese could be seen yesterday making their way North. This is a good indication that there will be but little more cold weather.

The houses on Water street that used to be at the old ferry are occupied by a low class of negroes who are disorderly and are a disgrace to that part of the city.

The silence at the Mayor's Court, which has lasted for about four days, was broken yesterday. There were four cases, all of which were either fined or committed to jail.

In the lecture room and the following persons participated: Miss Florence Campbell, of Suffolk, leader; vocalist, Mrs. Dismenikes, and Mr. Al. Porter.

The authorities on this side of the river will have to be very careful to keep smallpox away from us. Just how it got in Norfolk no one knows.

There is a law that requires all school children to be vaccinated before they can remain at school. It should be enforced.

The presentation, about which so much has been said, took place at the High School yesterday and was very affecting. The teachers and scholars were both affected. Master Guy Bunting, son of Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen, made the presentation speech, which was replied to by Mr. Marshall.

Deputy Sheriff Codd was notified yesterday to come to Newport News after George Williams, alias Spittles, whom they had in custody, and who is wanted in the county for jail breaking.

He left on the morning boat, and when he arrived there he found that he was not the man that was wanted, notwithstanding he bore the same name and alias which was a rather singular coincidence.

NAVY YARD NOTES.

An additional force of seventy-five men were called in the Construction Department yesterday, making the total number at work in the yard about 1,550. One thousand of the number are in the Construction Department, and the whole force are working until 10 o'clock every night.

Constructor Stahl has returned from Washington, but it is not known as to what instructions he received.

The torpedo boat Foote left the yard at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, and will go direct to Key West.

Some time has yet been set to take the Puritan out of the dry dock, and so orders have been received as to repairs on the machine.

Corporal Sears, an old marine mail orderly stationed here for years, has returned after an absence of over three years at sea, and is now attending the Commodore.

Yesterday morning Mr. Henry Williams, employed by the Steam Engineering Department of the navy yard, met with an accident that will cause him to lose one eye. He was chipping a metal pinion, when it flew off, striking him in the eye. Mr. Williams was attended by the yard surgeon and sent to his home in Prentiss Place.

There are all kinds of rumors as to the destination of the monitor Puritan after she has been completed. One of them says that she will be ordered to protect the New York harbor, while the rumors say she will be kept in Hampton Roads. Her crew is now being shipped and it is likely that she will be ready for sailing by Monday.

Yesterday morning a large force was called in the Construction and Steam Engineering Department and in the afternoon thirty workmen for the Construction Department reported for work.

It is said that the Newark will be made ready in about forty or fifty days. A number of repairs that were intended will not be done just now.

CARELESS NURSES.

The pretty weather yesterday brought the little ones out with their nurses and carriages. If some of the people who trust their children out with some of these nurses only knew how they are treated, they would consider some time before they let them go out of their sight.

The Virginian representative saw one of them take a small babe out of a carriage on the corner of High and Washington streets yesterday afternoon and smack the little creature on the head several times, and but for his threatening to have her arrested there is no telling what she would have done. The only thing that the little one did to bring down the wrath of the nurse was that it was crying and would not stop when the woman wanted it to. An effort was made to find out where the child belonged, but the woman had sense enough to keep her mouth shut. Should that little one become sick from the blows the parents would never be aware of the cause.

NAVAL NEWS.

Naval Cadets D. W. Wurtzbaugh, I. C. Webb, C. L. Tizer, T. A. Kearney, A. McArthur, Jr., and C. P. Hart have been detached from the Baltimore at Honolulu and ordered to the Naval Academy.

Passed Assistant Paymaster J. S. Phillips, from the Puritan to the Franklin.

Passed Assistant Paymaster H. E. Jewett, to the Puritan.

Paymaster G. H. Read, from the examining board at New York and placed on waiting orders.

Lieutenant O. E. Lasker, retired by operation of law.

Acting Boatswain J. J. Rochford and Acting Carpenter A. E. Mackie to the naval station at Key West.


J. L. Cunningham has been appointed paymaster's clerk on the Minneapolis.

A GENERAL ROW.

Thursday night Robert Taylor, colored, went to the house of Julia Griffin, on Water street, near London. While there he beat her quite badly and went off. Officer Hoofacker hearing a noise down there, went to investigate the cause, but did not come up with Taylor at that time. Later he went back and found both Taylor and the woman, Julia Griffin, and carried them to jail.

Yesterday Justice Nash fined Taylor \$5 for assault and sent both Taylor and Julia Griffin to jail for sixty days for living together.

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SHE GOT HER CHILD AT LAST.

A few days ago The Virginian published an account of two negro women claiming a boy about 12 years old, as their child. One woman, named Pierce, said that about three years ago that her boy was lost, and that the boy who was in jail was her child. The other woman, who is named Knight, said that he was her child. The boy claimed the Knight woman as his mother, but Justice Hawks gave him to the Pierce woman. The boy was on his way to Norfolk, when a gentleman named West, from Scottsville, with whom the boy had been living, made the woman let him go. Yesterday the Pierce woman had the Knight woman before Justice Hawks and Almsworth to settle the matter. Several witnesses testified that the boy was the Pierce woman's child. A number of others said he was not. Mr. West said he knew the boy, and that he had been living with him for six years. Both sides were persistent. Finally the Pierce woman said that her boy had a mark on his body where he had been burned, and that mark was there he was her child, if not she would give him up. So the justice allowed the two mothers to examine the boy for the mark, and as there was none found she gave him up to the Knight woman, who lives in Scottsville. The justice made each pay \$2.35 expense for costs. The boy wanted to know who he was, but went home with the one he claimed all the time for his mother.

(Communicated.)

Portsmouth, Va., March 11, 1898.

Mr. Editor:

Would you kindly inform the public as well as myself, through your columns why the Mayor should allow the boys from hallooing papers on the streets on Sunday nights and still allow negro men to go through the streets as early as 5 o'clock in the morning and cry "fish, fresh fish," which is more of a nuisance, because they keep those who are compelled to be out late nights from getting the required rest?

They are both a nuisance, but of the two the latter is the greater, and there should be a stop put to it. While there are but a few of them now, they will be more numerous as the season advances if a stop is not put to it at once.

Hoping this will reach the proper authorities and some action be taken in the matter by so doing, you will greatly oblige.

A PAPER BOY.

The order was issued about the crying of papers through the streets Sunday nights because it disturbed religious worship. A number of the boys were set in front of the church and cry as loud as they can, and it is getting in the ears of religious people. The fresh fish nuisance is equally as bad and would not doubt be stopped if the same steps were taken as was done in the case of the paper boys.

CITY EDITOR.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Overton lost by death yesterday at their home, No. 810 Middle street, their daughter, Mary E., aged 2 years. Notice of funeral later.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Carney, who live at Gilmerston, Norfolk county, lost by death Thursday night their infant son. It was buried from the residence yesterday. Dr. A. E. Owen officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Tynes, who live near Deep Creek, lost by death yesterday their infant daughter, aged 29 days.

The funeral of little Elsie Mathews, whose death was mentioned yesterday morning, was conducted from the residence of her parents, at Port Norfolk, yesterday afternoon. The remains were interred at Magnolia cemetery, in Berkeley.

TOSSED BY A COW.

There are a number of small negro boys who watch cows while they graze, for a living. Yesterday one of these boys, who is called Ragged John, was attending to some of them. About noon time he started to drive them home, when all at once one of them tossed him in the air, and when he fell it was some distance off. He came down quite hard and was badly frightened for awhile. A colored man who was passing came to his aid and kept the cow from making a second attack. After a while John started for the city with him. He says that cow will stay home, for he will never carry her out again. He does not relish a toss in the air.

CASTORIA.

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SHE ROBBED HIM OF \$5.

Thursday night Gertrude Walker, one of the negro denizens of King street, induced an innocent Japanese to go to her home. After getting there she was given \$5 to buy some beer with, but Gertrude thought that an opportunity offered itself to beat the poor Jap, and she took advantage of it and never returned with either beer or money. The Jap getting tired of waiting, found an officer, and after several calls managed to catch Gertrude and carry her to the station house. Yesterday Justice Nash gave her thirty days in jail.

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DEATH CLAIMED BOTH

Capt. Bloodgood and Cook Drowned in the A. & C. Canal.

CAPTAIN TRIED TO RESCUE THE COOK

Hicks Pinioned the Captain's Arms and Thus Prevented His Rescue—Both Sank Together and Were Found Locked in Each Others Embrace as They Went Down.

About as sad an accident as has ever occurred in the vicinity occurred yesterday about 12:42 o'clock in the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal near North Landing, just in front of telegraph pole No. 186, by which Captain Wm. Bloodgood, of the tug Edith, and his cook were both drowned, in sight of the crew, before they could render any assistance.

A negro man named Johnson, who is one of the crew, said that Captain Bloodgood started out the pilot house to get a drink of water and just as he opened the door his cook, a colored man named Wm. Hicks, happened to pass, and must have been struck by the door, as it was very narrow at that point, and he went overboard. Captain Bloodgood, seeing the man overboard, ran to the stern of the boat and jumped over after him. Hicks had gone down twice and was in the act of going down the third time when the Captain caught him, but before he knew anything Hicks had grabbed him around the arms, and both men sank together.

The tug was stopped, a boat was immediately lowered, but before they could reach the Captain both he and Hicks had sunk to rise no more. A grappling hook was secured and the bodies were dragged for, and after about an hour and a half they were found grappled together in about four feet of water. They were taken on board, a messenger was sent to this city and a tug was sent after them, arriving here about 6:30 with both bodies.

The news soon spread and in a short while quite a crowd had gathered on the wharf. The body of Captain Bloodgood was carried to his home, No. 413 Second street. The colored man's was left on board, his people, who lived on South street, having moved to North Carolina.

Holladay, City Coroner, was notified and viewed the body, after which it was decided not to hold an inquest until to-day.

Captain Bloodgood was about 24 years of age and was married in December last. The negro is about 22 years of age. Both men have been following the water for a number of years and no one dreamed that such a fate awaited them. The Captain has quite a number of friends who will regret to learn of his sad fate.

NOT A PORTSMOUTH MAN.

Postmaster R. L. Herbert yesterday morning received the following letter:

James T. Chandler, Undertaker, Telephone 674, 111 W. Ninth St., Wilmington, Del., March 10, 1898.

To Whom This Letter May Come:

There was a man found along the railroad this morning, having been killed by a train, with a paper in his pocket marked "George R. Ward, No. 805 Middle street, Portsmouth, Va." He was of medium size, brown hair and light mustache, with a ship plect on his breast, a cross on one arm and an anchor on the other, apparently about 30 years of age. If you know of such person address J. T. Chandler, deputy coroner, Wilmington, Del.

On applying at 805 Middle street it was found that the gentleman was not known there only through the lady's brother having helped him in distress by giving him some old clothes and money. So deep was his gratitude that he insisted on knowing his name and address, promising when he went to sea again that he would remember him and bring him a memento. Mr. Ward thought so little of it that he had almost forgotten the circumstance.

GAVID HIM CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE.

On Thursday morning an advertisement appear in The Virginian offering a house on Dinwiddie street for rent. By mistake the owner of the property gave us the wrong number, and those who reside at that number were greatly annoyed by parties coming, wanting to rent their houses. The gentleman was at a loss to know what it meant until he read The Virginian. He said the annoyance was kept up all day. Yesterday the number was changed and the owner of the advertised property called at the office and requested us to please take the "ad" out, as he had rented his house before 8 o'clock. This shows what an ad will do—while annoying to one it was profitable to the other.

STREET RAILROAD EXTENSION.

It has been definitely settled to extend the Portsmouth street railway to Churchland and Pig Point via West Norfolk. The work will be commenced within ten days of the way having been secured, and a portion of the material is already here and the balance on the way. The extension will consist of about twenty-five miles of road and will be run in connection with the Portsmouth street railroad via Scottsville and Eighth avenue. They contemplate having it completed in time to run truck, etc. They will also connect with Newport News by ferry.

This road will be a great convenience to the truckers and the people along the route, and will bring considerable trade to Portsmouth.

(Communicated.)

Mr. Editor:

Last spring and summer I complained about the manner in which a whistle is blown every morning at 5:45 o'clock for at least ten minutes, and the nuisance was abated some, but now it is worse than ever. Yesterday morning it blew for about ten minutes. A stranger would have thought there was a riot in the town and a military call was being made, judging from the noise. There should be some way to stop it. Sick and nervous people are badly affected by it.

DEATH OF MISS RICHARDSON.

Miss Mary E. Richardson died at the residence of her uncle, J. L. Bond, near Turner's Crossing, Norfolk county, Va., at 6:45 a.m., March 11, 1898, in her 47th year.

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IN BERKLEY

The Ryland Institute in her progression records to her pages another event that marks its onward advance in musical and literary attainments. Last night at 8:30 o'clock the chapel hall was filled with an intelligent and appreciative audience to witness with satisfaction the well prepared and well rendered selections given by the pupils of the institution.

It is hardly necessary to say that the pupils did themselves credit, as it would be expressing it in too mild a term. Each rendered her part in a manner that told to the audience that a thorough preparation had been made, and much self possession at command.

It is due to say that the recitals given by the pupils are always rendered in a most pleasing manner, and that thorough and competent instructions have been imparted.

The following was the programme rendered:

Chorus, "Anchored".....Watson
Chorus Class.
Reading, "The Courtin'".....Lowell
Mary Virginia Jordan.

Duet, "She Sleeps".....Denza
Lola Nance Harden and Effie Wilson Williams.

Reading, "Mabel Martin".....Whitaker
Pearl Marmaduke Etheridge.

Solo, "Dear Little Maid".....DeKoven
Edith America Freeman.

Reading, "The New Church Organ".....Carleton
Laura Cecelia Freeman.

Pantomime, "The Family".....Longfellow
Mary Virginia Jordan, Mildred Marie Wilson, Pearl Marmaduke Etheridge, Edith America Freeman, Effie Wilcox Williams.

Solo, "Good Bye".....Tord
Etta Elizabeth Brinkley.

Reading, "Timothy Horn".....Pink
Mildred Marie Wilson.

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