

LIVE NEWS AND FRESH GOSSIP FROM THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF VIRGINIA.

BIG DEMAND FOR SHIELLED PEANUTS

Reasons Assigned for the Big Sales and Satisfactory Prices.

RAISING BRIGHT TOBACCO

The Movement to Encourage its Cultivation in the Neighborhood of Petersburg is Somewhat Set Back by Situation in N. C.

Special Dispatch to The Times.—PETERSBURG, VA., January 19.—The demand for shelled Spanish peanuts in Petersburg this season has been almost unprecedented. Never was the demand known to be as great as it has been this winter. Probably more than 100,000 bags of peanuts have been brought to Petersburg since the crop became marketable.

FIRE AT FORT MONROE

Sherwood Hotel's Owner and Occupants Have Narrow Escape.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)—FORT MONROE, VA., January 19.—Fort broke out in the Sherwood Hotel at 4:55 o'clock this morning, causing almost a panic among a hundred or more guests, who were sleeping sweetly. The fire originated from the furnace in the cellar and made rapid progress to the top of the building.

FIRE AT MIDDLETOWN

Several Houses Burned in the Frederick County Community.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)—WINCHESTER, VA., January 19.—Yesterday morning Middletown, this county, was visited by a fire that destroyed \$3,000 worth of property. The flames were discovered by the crew of a passing Baltimore and Ohio freight train, and by the time an alarm was given, one entire section of the town was on fire.

Jury Couldn't Agree

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)—EASTVILLE, VA., Jan. 19.—The case of Larry Hamblen, charged with the murder of Robert Bundick, occupied the attention of the County Court of Northampton county this afternoon.

Shot Another Roanoke Negro

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)—ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 19.—Roy Brown, the negro who some months ago shot and killed another negro, but was afterward acquitted, Saturday night shot and dangerously wounded a white man.

Represents the University

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)—UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., Jan. 19.—Dr. James Morris Peck, dean of the academic faculty, left this morning to officially represent the University at the inauguration of President Bryan as executive of Indiana University.

A WOMAN'S RISK

As a trapeze performer is greater than a man's. She must have a man's courage and a man's muscle to succeed.

SUDDEN DEATHS OF NORFOLK MEN

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DECISION IN PILOTS' CASE CANNOT GRANT FRANCHISES

The Contentment of the Association and the Ruling Made in Judge Martin's Decision Which Was Unfavorable to the Pilots—Appeal.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)—NORFOLK, VA., January 19.—There were three sudden deaths here this morning, as follows: William F. Gregory, in Yarmouth street, a member of the large cotton firm of Eure, Gregory & Co., died at 2 A. M. this morning.

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