

PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

PORTSMOUTH AND NORFOLK COUNTY

What Virginian-Pilot Representatives Hear Daily.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Movements of People in Whom the Average Reader is Interested--Happenings in Legal-Business, Religious and Social Circles A Forecast of Future Events.

A horseman called at this office yesterday and suggested that owners and drivers of horses pour melted tallow in the frogs of their feet, or grease them with axle grease, to prevent the snow from becoming hard packed therein, thereby saving the animals considerable suffering.

The Seaboard Air Line had a force of men at work on the Ford street yesterday, loading flat-cars with snow. It was hauled to the creek and dumped in.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cutchin, of Francis Place, have a very sick child.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Shaffer will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, No. 238 High street.

John White, a colored man living near Deep Creek, came to this city last Monday night to obtain medicine. On his return home he was overcome by cold. His frozen body was found buried in the snow near Deep Creek Tuesday.

A committee of ladies from the Benevolent Christian Union will be at Larkin's store, 210 High street, for the purpose of supplying the needy of the city, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. daily till further notice.

On account of the very severe weather, there was no regular meeting of the services at Court Street Presbyterian Chapel last night.

The Seaboard Air Line has resumed all of its schedules, both passenger and freight.

Yesterday was known as Ash Wednesday. Religious services were held in the Catholic and Episcopal churches.

A number of boys turned the hose on a pond in Park View Tuesday night, and made a regular lake. Yesterday fully two hundred of them spent the best part of the day skating on it.

The fourteenth anniversary of Miss Emily, daughter of Captain and Mrs. R. P. Huntington, will take place on the 23rd inst., and not on the 18th inst., as before stated.

Two young fellows under the influence of liquor were out sleigh-riding yesterday, and in trying to drive over a high pile of snow turned the sleigh bottom upwards, and dragged some distance in that way. The legs of the horse were in places skinned, but the men were not hurt.

There is general complaint about the snowballing around the streets. They seem to use any discretion at all. Ladies in the same as men. The attention of the police has been called to it.

The cars on the navy-yard route began running yesterday afternoon, much to the comfort of the yard men.

Miss Nellie Shaffer, who has been visiting in this city for about ten days, received a telegram yesterday to return home immediately on account of the illness of her father.

The Ladies' B. C. U. can be found daily in the store of Mr. P. H. Larkin, on High street, near Elks' Hall. They will be glad to receive any contributions for the poor. These people are holding many more families in the city. There are more than most people have any idea of.

The Supervisors will meet as soon as the weather breaks up.

Mayor Baird will not hold court until Saturday, one or two special cases being set for that day. This will be the first session this week.

The thermometer yesterday morning at 6 o'clock rose to 8 degrees above zero. At 12 o'clock it was up to 20, but began falling again as night came on.

The weather bureau predicts snow for this morning. It is snowing down South yesterday.

The Virginian-Pilot office is daily in receipt of appeals from people who are in destitute circumstances. These appeals are turned over to the B. C. U., who render assistance to the best of their ability.

The first freight train over the Seaboard Air Line came in last night. It took two engines to draw it.

Yesterday morning Mr. John Codd, while cutting some frozen meat, nearly cut off one of his fingers by the knife he was using.

There are no oysters in this city, and if the present weather continues it will be some time before they are available.

Yesterday morning a Mrs. Hodges, who lives on Nelson street, South Portsmouth, slipped on Middle street and cut her head quite badly.

The ferry boat ran hour trips yesterday under many difficulties.

Boaters in kodiaks did a good business yesterday. There were fully one hundred young ladies around the water-front taking pictures of the harbor. Some ventured out on the ice some distance.

The New York steamer due here Sunday afternoon did not arrive until yesterday.

A gentleman hitched a pair of horses to a boat yesterday, and drove to town for his Virginian-Pilot. He said he had not received a paper for two days, and could not stand it any longer.

All the iron awnings around the city are propped up to keep the weight of the snow from breaking them down.

Dr. McArthur attended for the county yesterday on a horse, which, after being a short distance, ran away, but was stopped by the Doctor before any damage resulted.

The case of Deputy Sheriff Carmine, charged with shooting on the streets, was continued from yesterday until the May term of the court.

The case of Alonzo Daniels, charged with a felony, will come up for trial to-day.

Captain W. H. Barnes, deputy clerk of the County Court is still confined to his home with grip.

The colored people do not relish the idea of compulsory vaccination, which will begin in a few days.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to one white and one colored couple by the clerk of the Hustings Court.

The schools have all opened again. The attendance is slim as yet.

The street force was engaged yesterday in removing snow from the side-

walks in front of the city's property. It would be a good idea to let them clean off the crosswalks.

Jackie Watts, yesterday began distributing the funds for which the Camden railroad was sold some time ago, \$21,000. The Portsmouth Lumber Company were largely interested. After paying the liens the balance is being paid to the creditors of the lumber company.

Two large furnished rooms suitable for light house-keeping are offered for rent at Pinner's Point. See ad.

An electric car on the Port Norfolk Railroad jumped the track on the corner of London and Court streets yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock and remained off for several hours. It was pulled back by means of jack screws.

It was stated at the Bay Line office yesterday that no boat had arrived from Baltimore, and it was not known where one would arrive.

The Rev. Z. S. Farland, of St. John's Church, filled the pulpit at Trinity Church last night.

Mr. S. Allen, general passenger agent of the S. A. L., is dangerously ill. Mr. Ralph Bendon, a trained nurse of this city, is with him.

A team attached to a sleigh in which Capt. Whisnant, of the S. A. L., was seated, ran away yesterday afternoon, starting from County and Madison streets. The only damage was a broken wheel tire.

Alonzo Daniel will be tried in the Hustings Court to-day on the charge of having cut a man named James Carey with intent to kill him. Capt. Bland represents Daniel.

There will be no service at Trinity Church Sunday. Friday services will be held at 4 p. m. Saturday there will be no service.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Holt, who reside at 106 London street, have three sick children.

Mr. R. T. Mules is confined to his home with a severe attack of sickness.

Blanche O'Hara, who has been grounded a week in Suffolk, will return home to-day. She will be accompanied by her sister, Miss May, who has been there for the past three weeks.

Messrs. C. W. Hudgins & Co. have lots of specialties which they are offering the public for a few days.

Monday night when Mr. Laban Plummer, who resides on King street, between Court and Chichester, retired, he was the proud possessor of four nice flat irons and a rooster. Wednesday morning when he arose he found that he did not have any chickens, as some selfish person had relieved him of them during the night.

On Wednesday with the action of the Council in making vaccination compulsory, Dr. Frank S. Hope last night appointed two physicians to carry out the order. Drs. Chas. T. Parrish and Holaday were the gentlemen named.

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After remaining at the Court House for a few days the company was ordered to the batteries at the naval hospital and remained on duty there, testing the heavy rifle cannon which were being remodeled in the Gosport navy yard, until December, when, at its own request, it was sent to Sewall's Point and put in charge of a marked battery of six heavy rifle guns of six-inch calibre. This was the most advanced battery among the defenses of the harbor of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and was within range of the Federal guns at the Rip Raps or Fort Calhoun.

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