

THE NEWS OF NORFOLK ON PAGES TWO, THREE AND FIVE.

WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, March 23, 1899. Forecast for Friday: For Virginia: Fair; brisk, northerly winds.

For North Carolina: Fair; fresh northerly winds.

Norfolk and vicinity. WEATHER FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Fair; colder; brisk northwest winds, changing to northeast.

TEMPERATURE, RAINFALL AND HUMIDITY. Maximum temperature... 66 Minimum temperature... 48 Normal temperature... 46

CALENDAR.

Sun rises 6:02 a. m.; sets 6:21 p. m. TIDES. Norfolk: High water 7:15 a. m., 7:37 p. m.; low water 1:00 a. m., 1:22 p. m.

Monuments and Gravestones. The selection of a suitable memorial in marble or granite can be readily made from our stock.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Greatest Treat OF THE SEASON. Instructive, Pathos, Eloquence, Humor. Two Acts.

Monday and Tuesday Evenings, March 27 and 28, 1899, 8 O'Clock.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE. S. E. CAR, Nebraska and Union Sts. W. B. LANGLEY, Prop. and Manager.

MEETINGS.

B. P. O. E. 1. Meeting of NORFOLK LODGE No. 38, I. O. O. F.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have this day, March 21, 1899, qualified as administrator of the estate of Michael Glennan.

NOTICE!

Mr. J. M. Jones, formerly solicitor for us in Norfolk and vicinity, is not in our employ.

A REVOLUTION IN NORFOLK

The Virginia Cafe and Bakery, the handsomest place in the city, are prepared to serve their patrons with the finest line of

HIGH ART CONFECTIONS AND BAKED DELICACIES

ever supplied in Norfolk before. In the cafe can be found anything from a neat delicate flavored cup of coffee to a banquet spread.

FOR SALE. — AN IDEAL HOME IN

the land of sunshine and flowers, three miles from the postoffice, in the city of Norfolk, Va.

A Miniature Steamer.

Mr. Samuel Friedman purchased yesterday from Mr. Joseph de Antonio, of Baltimore, a miniature vessel patterned after the transatlantic steamer Edison.

POCAHONTAS COAL

Its Displacement of the Cardiff Product.

Interesting Letter from British Consul General at Rio de Janeiro to Lord Salisbury—Forty Thousand Tons About—An Important Order.

The people of this city and immediate section will no doubt be interested in the following correspondence, which shows that the shipments of Pocahontas coal to South America and its displacement of Cardiff coal in that market, have occasioned much disquietude in Great Britain.

The British consul-general at Rio de Janeiro writes to Lord Salisbury as follows:

"As exemplifying the injury to British trade which too often results from the repeated industrial strikes in the United Kingdom, I have the honor to enclose a notice, published in the Brazilian Review of this town on the 23d instant, wherein reference is made to the strong chance of the owners of the Pocahontas mines in Virginia, United States of America, now finding a favorable opportunity to introduce their coal into this market in substitution of Cardiff coal; the regular supply of which in the future, is in face of the present prolonged strike of the colliers, looked upon as no longer certain.

Seeing that the average import of coal at Rio is about 500,000 tons, 35 per cent. of which comes from England, the subject deserves the serious consideration of those interested in the coal industry of Great Britain."

AN ANALYSIS.

This letter was sent to the Cardiff Chamber of Commerce, and that body, acting on the suggestion of the Secretary of State for foreign affairs, called a meeting to consider the subject, and the chairman read the above letter and stated that "owing to a strike at the Welsh mines a determined effort was being made to displace Cardiff with Pocahontas coal in the South American market."

The attack on one of the best markets heretofore held by Cardiff shippers by coal of the well-known excellence of Pocahontas occasioned much anxiety, and it was suggested that an analysis of Pocahontas coal be obtained and information secured as to its character and quality.

As an answer to these inquiries, Curran and Bullitt have issued a circular setting forth the following facts:

In the report of the coal mines of America, presented to both houses of Parliament by command of Her Majesty, in March, 1891, Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador at Washington, wrote the Earl of Rosebery, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, as follows:

"Pocahontas coal is undoubtedly one of the best coals mined in America for the generation of steam, the superiority being shown by its extremely small quantity of ash and sulphur and the very large percentage of carbon."

The Cramp Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia, have used it extensively on all government cruisers which they have built in past years. In August, 1892, a general order was issued by the Secretary of the Navy to commandants of navy yards, directing them to make use of Pocahontas coal on all trials trips of cruisers.

The White Star, Cunard and many other lines have been using this coal on east-bound passages for years. The Campania and Lusitania burned it when they made the fastest time on record from Sandy Hook to Queenstown, Ireland.

"This coal is of high calorific power, being in this respect equal to the best Welsh steam coal, and is excellent for steam raising purposes."

"The following certificate shows the results arrived at by Mr. John Pattinson of the laboratory and assay office, London, in analyzing a sample of this coal.

Table with 2 columns: Name of element and Percentage. Carbon 86.51, Hydrogen 5.41, Oxygen 4.45, Nitrogen 0.96, Sulphur 0.65, Ash 0.91, Water 1.29.

Caloric power—Pounds of water evaporated from 32 degrees Fahr. by 1 pound of the coal, as determined in Thompson's Calorimeter, 15.4 pounds."

THE STANDARD FUEL.

Pocahontas coal is now the standard fuel of the United States Navy, and was used almost exclusively by the Navy Department in the recent war with Spain.

In the report of the chief of Bureau of Equipment of the Navy Department to the Secretary of the Navy the following statement is made:

"The bureau with pardonable pride begs to state that, with the exception of a single telegram from the commander-in-chief, urging that a particular kind of coal only be supplied to the fleet, not a single request or communication, concerning an adequate coal supply was received from any ship afloat during the entire war. No better evidence can be offered that an abundant supply of coal was available wherever it was needed. At one time there was afloat in steam colliers at Hampton Roads, ready to sail at an hour's notice to any point desired, 46,000 tons of the best coal this country affords."

LOADED AT LAMBERT'S POINT.

The telegram referred to above was evidently that sent by Commodore Schley, suggesting that "quality of coal must be equal to Pocahontas coal for this work," and the 46,000 tons of coal afloat at Hampton Roads referred to above, as being the best coal produced in this country, came from the Pocahontas mines, as these colliers were all loaded at the Lambert's Point piers with Pocahontas coal.

The following special order of Secretary of the Navy Long, under date of November 12, 1898, is cited in confirmation of the high opinion entertained of Pocahontas coal by the Navy Department:

AN IMPORTANT ORDER.

"The Bureau of Equipment has a running contract for Pocahontas coal at Norfolk and a large quantity of coal in store at Key West. Vessels should therefore habitually coal at those ports in preference to others when it is practicable."

A STORY SPOILED.

THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT BRANDED IT A CANARD.

Several days ago the Government shipped a large amount of money to Fortress Monroe, via this city, to pay veterans. The fact that a guard came here from Fort Monroe to accompany the treasure over was seized upon as a foundation for a sensational report that a plot to rob the Government had been discovered, hence the guard. The Virginian-Pilot, the day following this publication, pronounced it a canard. The following Associated Press story from New York strengthens the position taken by this paper, if that were necessary:

"Concerning the story printed here to-day of an alleged plot to rob a United States express-car of \$100,000 of Government money, which was being shipped to the Hampton National Volunteer Home for the payment of pensions to veterans quartered there, Senator Thomas C. Platt told a reporter for the Associated Press that he knew nothing about such a conspiracy having been unearthed or frustrated."

"Mr. Platt said that there had been reported to the officials of the express company when the money was being prepared for shipment, a very vague suspicion that an attempt might be made to hold up the car, but that he did not even know what the grounds were upon which this suspicion was based."

"He said that no precautions against robbery greater than are always taken when large shipments of money are made were invoked in this case; that so far as he knew no rendezvous of robbers had been discovered, no evidence of an incriminating nature had been secured against any person whatever, and that, of course, no arrests were contemplated."

FOUR MONTHS TRUCK REPORT.

Mr. E. M. Dawes, statistician of the Board of Trade, has prepared his report on the shipment of kale and spinach from this port for the four months ending February 28. His figures are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Month, Kale, Spinach. 1898, Nov. 1,892, 13,696; Dec. 617, 18,470; 1899, Jan. 29,774, 20,719; Feb. 16,645, 6,949.

Total 52,830 Total 59,834

Kale sold at from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per barrel, an average of \$1.37 1/2. Spinach at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per barrel, an average of \$2.00 per barrel.

The crop is much shorter than last year, but this does not necessarily mean that the truckers will make less money. The profits will certainly be very handsome at the figures named above, and the gross proceeds will be about \$250,000 for these two crops.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

THE CHAMPIONS AND SENATORS PLAY HERE NEXT MONTH.

Mr. E. H. Cunningham, owner of the baseball park of this city, has arranged to have an exhibition game of ball here April 6th, when the champion Bostonians will cross bats with the Washington Senators.

Mr. Cunningham saw Mr. Irwin, of the Washington team, at Old Point Wednesday evening and made all the arrangements for the contest. Washington is training at Hampton and Boston at Durham, N. C., and the game has been arranged to be played while the champions are en route home.

Mr. Cunningham will endeavor to get other games here and it may be that the Benn Eaters can be induced to give exhibitions on April 7th or 8th also. It is also possible that a local nine will be gotten together, and play the Senators while they are in this vicinity.

Now that practice has begun, the local admirers are beginning to realize what they will miss this summer. Mr. Cunningham, however, has his doubts about a State League paying unless Richmond is in the circuit, and it is doubtful if Norfolk will see any ball this year.

A COCKING MAN.

BIG FIGHT AT OCEAN VIEW WEDNESDAY NEXT.

There will be a big cocking fight at Mr. John T. Lewis' place at Ocean View next Wednesday, the 29th. The fight will be between Washington and New York birds, twenty-three to each side. There will be \$25 on each fight, and \$400 on the main. The birds are all here, and in the pink of condition.

It is said that the sport will begin at 1 o'clock, and will last well into the night. This is a larger cock fight than any pulled off in this vicinity for a number of years, and more money will change hands on the result.

Sports will arrive here Wednesday morning from Baltimore, Washington, Richmond and New York.

Monument Nearly Completed.

Work on the Confederate monument is rapidly approaching completion, and by Saturday, when the cap stone will be set, the people of Norfolk will be able to form a pretty accurate idea of what this imposing structure will look like when the bronze figures are added later. Three stones, two three feet, six inches, and one three feet in depth, are yet to be placed in position, after which the monument will be cleaned and turned over to Pickett-Buchanan Camp, Confederate Veterans Band.

Progress has been made, notwithstanding frequent spells of bad weather, since the work was begun.

Working the Race Course

Mr. John Mariner said yesterday that the pretty weather of the past few weeks has given him an opportunity to have a great deal of work done on the race track of the Virginia State Fair and Agricultural Association, and that the speed course is now in excellent condition. This is one of the best half-mile tracks in the South.

Quite a number of horses are out at the Fair grounds limbering up and getting in condition for the spring races that take place here the third week in May. Mr. Mariner thinks there will be fine sport at this meeting.

DR. WHARTON'S SUCCESSOR

No Step Yet Taken in That Direction.

Congregation Will Take Time and Select a Pastor With a View to the Requirements of the Pastorate of This Large Church.

Several members of Freeman Street Baptist Church were talked with yesterday, and the Virginian-Pilot is informed that nothing has been done towards securing a pastor to succeed Rev. M. B. Wharton, D. D., who resigned to go to Brantley Street Church, Baltimore. When he entered into a contract with the Freeman Street congregation, it was agreed that whenever either party contemplated a change, that a three months' notice should be given. Dr. Wharton is reported to have said that he has fully made up his mind to go to Baltimore, and that his determination in this matter cannot be influenced in so far as recalling his resignation is concerned, by any action which the church may take looking to keeping him here. Having given the notice his time will expire in May and it is not doubted that he will be able to fulfill his engagement in Baltimore.

A prominent member of the church said that his resignation had not been acted upon. These things, said he, are done in church meetings and the humble member has as much voice in the deliberations as the most influential. It is said that the church is looking about for a successor to Dr. Wharton, and desires a man of ability who will fill acceptably to the congregation the position made vacant.

A LARGE CONGREGATION.

The congregation of the Freeman Street Baptist Church is one of the largest in the city. There is a membership of about eight hundred, among them some of the most prominent business men in the community. When the congregation recovers from the surprise which Dr. Wharton's resignation caused, a meeting will be held to discuss a new pastor. Several distinguished pulpits have been mentioned in connection with the place, but the discussion so far is only of an individual character and a matter of personal preference.

NOTES OF THE T. P. A.

STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PETERSBURG.

The Virginia State convention of the T. P. A. of America will be in Petersburg on the 15th of next month, and the Norfolk drummers are interested in the occasion. One of the important features of the convention will be the election of delegates to the National Convention, which meets in Louisville, Ky., May 16th to 19th.

Norfolk Post of T. P. A. will send a delegation to the meeting in the Cockade City, but as yet the delegates have not been selected.

It is said that Texas will have a candidate in the field this year for president of the National Association.

Richmond will make a bid for the next National Convention. Norfolk will not doubt be a bidder for the honor also.

Mr. John R. Culpeper, of Richmond, chairman of the Press Committee, T. P. A., has been in the city for several days and left last night for Raleigh, N. C., where he expects to organize a post.

Southern Railway's General Offices

The general offices of the Southern Railway are to have an almost entirely new and much enlarged building at the corner of Thirteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, taking in all the ground space of the present structure, and in addition the lots south and west of it. The present building will be remodeled and two large additions made. The building when completed will contain more than double its present space, and will, in addition, be more modern and convenient in every way, and handsomer. The Southern will pay for the reconstruction and the additions \$140,000. Bids for the work were opened recently, yet the contract for the work has not been let.

Mrs. H. M. Wharton.

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun says: "The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, has sent Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Wharton a resolution of sympathy and a testimonial of their regard, coupled with an invitation to the Doctor to return and preach for them and bring Mrs. Wharton as their guest. Hundreds of congratulatory letters, telegrams and telephone messages have been received from all over the country. Mrs. Wharton is attended by her physicians, Dr. Richard T. Wilson and Dr. L. McLane Tiffany. She is doing well and it is expected she will be entirely recovered in a short time."

Police Will Get Better Wages.

It was learned last night from a gentleman who is in close touch with the political leaders and city fathers, that the request of the police for an increase of pay will be granted. The amount is so small that the city fathers, it is said, can vote the extra money without cramping the appropriations for any other department. This will be pleasing news to the police, who have all along thought that they should have more money, but did not have the courage to make the request.

Bridge Over the Elizabeth.

The application of Mr. H. L. Page to the Board of Harbor Commissioners, for permission to bridge the southern branch of the Elizabeth river, will be given careful consideration by that body. As soon as the desired permission is accorded the contract will be awarded and work commenced.

A Pretty Picture.

Mr. Doll, passenger agent of the Southern railway, has just received a very pretty picture of Melrose Falls, N. C., one of the picturesque places on the Southern railway. The picture is in colors and is quite an artistic piece of work and has been greatly admired.

MR. WHITEHURST DEAD.

SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES RECEIVED LAST SATURDAY.

Last Saturday morning Mr. James H. Whitehurst, a well-known citizen of Norfolk county and a farmer by vocation, was run over and seriously hurt by a horse and buggy driven by a negro on Union street. He was picked up in an unconscious state and carried into an office adjoining McCleary and McClellan's stables, and Drs. Meredith and Macdonald were called in and made a partial examination of his condition. He was later on taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, and it was there that Dr. Meredith decided that his most seriously injured was concussion of the brain. Mr. Whitehurst never rallied from the effects of the blow sufficiently to justify his physician in considering him out of danger. Yesterday afternoon he was reported from the hospital as being in a sinking condition. The unfortunate gentleman died from his injuries at 10 o'clock last night. The driver of the vehicle by which Mr. Whitehurst lost his life has never been apprehended. The deceased was highly respected in his own county as well as in this city. At this writing it is not known when his funeral will take place.

THE RUINA MERCEDES.

RAISED AND TOWED TO HAVANA TO BE DOCKED.

The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Company report that their tug, the I. J. Merritt, which has been at Santiago at work raising the wrecked Spanish cruiser Riema Mercedes, is at Havana. They have no information to the effect that the Spanish vessel is at that port, but feel justified in this conclusion by the fact that the wrecking company will receive \$25,000 for raising and towing the cruiser to the nearest American port, and that the Merritt would not leave Santiago without her charge. The Merritt & Chapman officials here believe that the steamer will be docked at Havana for repairs before being brought to Norfolk for an overhauling. Captains John Crittendon and Charles Nelson are on the Merritt, the former in charge of the work.

TANNER'S CREEK WILL LIVE.

WILL INCREASE POPULATION OF CITY TWELVE THOUSAND.

The article published in the Virginian-Pilot a week ago, stating that the next Legislature would be asked to extend the corporate limits of this city so as to take in several small towns on the Norfolk side of the Elizabeth river, has produced considerable discussion, and some of the people in Hampton and elsewhere who do not wish to come into Norfolk, others who do. It is said that a large majority of those who live on the border, very close to the city advantage and comforts, but have none of them, are in favor of the extension. The Virginian-Pilot learned yesterday that Tanner's Creek will be made the eastern and northern boundary. This would increase the population of Norfolk about 12,000.

THE FOURTH VIRGINIA.

WILL LEAVE CUBA NOT LATER THAN NEXT THURSDAY.

The following telegram from the Associated Press, received by the Virginian-Pilot last night, contains a statement that the people of Norfolk will read with pleasure.

Richmond, Va., March 23.—A special to the Dispatch from Havana says that the Fourth Virginia Regiment will leave Cuba for the United States probably Savannah, not later than the 23rd of this month.

Monticello Club Reception.

Miss Jennie Lillian Watson entertained the Monticello Social Club, of which she is a prominent member, in superb style at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tennis, No. 123 Reilly street, last night. The reception, though of a somewhat informal character, was a highly enjoyable affair. The parlors were tastefully decorated in honor of the event. Vocal and instrumental music, which was participated in by some of Norfolk's best talent, formed a chief attraction. After several hours of delightful enjoyment the guests required to the dining-room, which was gaily decked with hunting, where a sumptuous repast, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, had been spread, to which ample justice was done by all present. At a seasonable hour the invited guests returned to their homes with unanimous expressions of praise for much pleasure afforded them.

Revival Meetings.

A large congregation attended the revival meeting at Freeman Street Baptist Church last night and heard a fine sermon by Evangelist P. G. Eison. There will be a praise meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon. To-night at 7:45 o'clock Mr. Eison will preach his farewell sermon. He will leave for his home in Danville Saturday morning.

The meeting at Centenary M. E. Church last night was one of deep spiritual import. Rev. S. C. Hatcher preached with great freedom a sermon full of wholesome gospel truths that awakened much interest on the part of the large congregation, and the indications showed that the influences of the Holy Spirit was felt in the audience. Mr. Hatcher will preach again to-night.

Publications Received.

We acknowledge the receipt of the April number of Lippincott's Magazine, which is replete with interesting articles. The table of contents embraces: "The House of Pan," a complete story by Anna Robeson Brown; "The Man Who Impached Andrew Johnson," "How An Earthquake Looks and Feels," "An Ignoble Noblemen," "Legends of Lost Mines," "The Convict's Return," "Over, Under and Through Boston," and many others, including a number of poems by well-known writers. Price, twenty-five cents. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

WATT, RETTEW & CLAY.

Summer Draperies.

India Lace Curtains, for window and door drapery. Cool and airy. Blue, green, red, and terra cotta graduated cross-stripes on white and ecru grounds.

Six styles at \$1.50 a pair. Five styles at \$2 a pair. The \$2 ones have fringe top and bottom. The \$1.50 ones at bottom only. These curtains are free from dressing and drape gracefully.

Full size Crochet Bed Quilts, in five very choice Marseilles patterns. Hemmed ready for use. Instead of \$1.25 we say \$1.00 each.

36-inch Point D'Esprit Draperies—27 1/2 inch spec. and fancy figure designs. Very pretty for bedrooms. 10c. a yard.

40-inch Dotted White Swiss—a beautiful fabric—half dozen designs—12 1/2 inch a yard.

27-inch Very Short Dotted Swiss—can be used for dresses—10c. a yard.

DOWN FELLOWS.

Two grades. The best one of finest down; the other of clean shredded feathers.

18x18 inches, 50c. and 25c. each.

20x22 inches, 75c. and 50c. each.

24x24 inches, 87 1/2c. and 50c. each.

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Men's Shirts.

Here are two splendid Shirt items. Impossible to match them elsewhere at these prices.

Men's Laundered Percale Shirts, with attached collar and cuffs—inside yoke and collar—half dozen styles, 25c. each, instead of 42c.

Negligee Percale Shirts, with attached collar and cuffs—collars, instead of 50c. we say 25c.

Checked Linen For Shirt Waists.

A novelty. A most durable and exceedingly fashionable weave for Shirt Waists. It measures thirty-four inches wide, every thread pure linen. Large and small checks; a dozen newest color combinations. 20c. a yard.

Mill Ends of P. K. solid white, pink, blue, black, navy, and a host of fancy stripes on light and dark grounds, 3 to 8 yards to a length. The 25c. quality at 19c. a yard.

White and blue, medium and narrow welt and fancy checks, 12 1/2, 17, 22, 25 and 37 1/2c. a yard.

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TEETH!

Full Set, \$5.00. Gold Filling, \$1.00. Silver Filling, 50c. up. Gold Crowns, \$5.00 to \$10.00. Vitrified Air, 50c. for the painless extraction of teeth.

The leading physicians of Norfolk recommend Vitrified Air, as it is perfectly safe.

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Sold for Half Century Past. Call and examine our stock.

Factory Warerooms, The Monticello Hotel, Granby St., near Ladies' Entrance.

JOHN J. FOSTER, Manager.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

The general merchandise business conducted at Bennett, Va., under the firm name of

H. L. DAVIS & CO.,

was dissolved by mutual consent on March 17th, 1899, by the retirement of J. J. Foster, Jr., who has disposed of his interest in the business to W. E. BENNETT.

The business will be conducted in future under the old name of H. L. DAVIS & CO.

All debts due the old firm must be paid to the present concern. mh22-31*

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THEY STAND THE TEST.

MONTICELLO WHEEL CO.

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