

PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

ITEMS GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Miscellaneous Happenings Condensed for Virginian-Pilot Readers.

MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE

What is Going On in and Around Portsmouth and Suburban Communities Gathered, Sifted and Told in Few Words—The Past, the Present and the Future Revealed, Related and Foreshadowed.

The wind yesterday kept both ladies and gentlemen chattering after their hats all day. It was with considerable difficulty that they could be kept on people's heads.

It is said that Captain C. R. Warren, commander of "Grimes" Battery, will attend the next meeting of the company tender his resignation.

The Fire Board met Tuesday night to take up some matters concerning the department, and in doing so transacting any business adjourned over until next Monday night.

Mr. Henry Buff will occupy the store adjoining the hotel entrance instead of the one that was intended for him.

A fire at the corner of Hart and Green streets was blown down yesterday afternoon and fell on a house on the opposite corner.

The City Steamer City of Portsmouth will have a thorough overhauling as soon as the Norfolk County is finished. A gentleman who is at work on the Norfolk County says she is the best boat of the kind he has ever seen.

Mr. S. B. Hutchins and family will return from Matthews county today. They have been spending some time there.

Mayor Balfour requests the Virginian-Pilot to state in positive terms that no third party is to be allowed to transact business with the city.

The tide at the yard went over the walkway leading to the spar shed. It will probably be higher this morning.

Quite a number of men in the Construction Department of the yard were furloughed for six days Tuesday night.

A doghouse, belonging to Mr. Charles E. Nash, came in contact with a sagging electric wire yesterday on Court street and was killed. The same wire also touched the arm of the driver and shocked him.

Mr. A. Sullivan and others transferred to Milton J. Elliott, lot, with a puritanism, 65 feet west of Second street, north side of Lincoln; \$1,550.

County Constable Osborne arrested Jim Harris, colored, at Pinner's Point Tuesday for disorderly conduct on one of the cars of North Portsmouth Electric Railway. The prisoner was handcuffed and placed on a car to be brought to the county jail, but on the way to town, which the car was at high speed, he jumped from the car and escaped. Osborne and Constable Lohan, as soon as the car could be slowed down, went back along the track and made an ineffectual search for Harris, but could not find their man.

There are four murderers in the Norfolk county jail.

Miss Nellie Bloomberg, who has been visiting in the city, returned to her home in Brooklyn, N. Y., yesterday.

Attention is called to advertisement of E. R. Barksdale, in which he tells you all about how to secure a good lunch.

Doctors Parish and Hutton on Tuesday removed two small tumors from a lady named Jones who lives at 610 Jefferson street, and she is now doing well.

Miss Josephine Adelotte is quite sick at her home, No. 408 County street with typhoid fever.

Mr. M. M. Crockett has gone north to purchase goods for his new furniture store, which he will open about September 1st.

The regular weekly shoot of the Portsmouth Shooting Club will take place this afternoon at Columbia Park.

Those who want to buy furniture at reasonable prices should attend the sale at Hotel Portsmouth to-morrow.

The white man who was arrested charged with stealing five watches from a store at Pinner's Point had a hearing Tuesday night and was honorably acquitted and was discharged from jail.

The two white men who had a scuffling match in a boarding house in South Portsmouth were fined \$2 each.

It seems to be definitely settled that the principal of the Fifth District School will be elected on Friday night. The friends of both candidates claim that they have secured a sufficient number of votes to elect their man.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather yesterday eight coaches filled with people went on the Seaboard Air Line workmen's picnic yesterday to Delaware Park in the morning and three coaches left at 1:30 o'clock. They returned just after dark.

Mr. E. D. Clements, manager for W. C. Nash's dry goods business, left last night for Atlantic City, N. J., on a ten days' furlough.

Mr. James T. Land, a well known citizen, who has been in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line as a watchman for some time, is seriously ill.

Rev. Mr. Waterford left yesterday for the Eastern Shore of Virginia for a two weeks' holiday.

of insanity, was yesterday discharged, she having been decided to be sane.

The state at the station house last night registered two drunks, and that was all.

Rev. J. J. Penn, D. D., of Reidsville, N. C., is stopping with his nephew, Mr. L. W. Renna, at No. 25 Dinwiddie street, and not Penn, as the type made it appear in yesterday's issue.

Mr. W. J. Richardson received a telegram from Baltimore yesterday announcing the illness of his sister in that city.

Rev. L. D. Betty will leave to-morrow for Amherst county, on a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. W. M. Bullock returned yesterday from Montgomery White Sulphur Springs, where she has been for the past month.

The thermometer went down to 70 yesterday.

The Seaboard Air Line shops closed down yesterday and the employes went on a picnic.

The negro, Joe Burkley, who made his escape while being locked up in jail, has been recaptured.

Dr. Hope and Hutton went to Hampton Tuesday night on a yacht to attend a conference, but when they got there they could not land on account of storm.

Attention is called to the advertisement of R. D. Guy in this issue.

A number of signs were blown down last night.

Miss Nellie Miller, of Baltimore, is in the city on a visit to friends.

Judge Watts will have a special grand jury summoned for the September term of the District Court, which meets September 7th. The regular grand jury term would not be until November.

Miss Katharine Mahoney left last evening for Montgomery, Ala., on an extended visit to friends.

Miss Agatha Mahoney and Miss Margaret O'Connell leave this morning for the Albany Springs to spend the remainder of the summer.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE INTER-STATE SHOOT.

Below we give the program for each day that the Inter-State Association, which meets in this city September 6th and 7th, at Columbia Park, which will be of great interest to our sportsmen will be of great interest to our sportsmen will be of great interest to our sportsmen.

FIRST DAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH. (WEDNESDAY.)

Event No. 1.—10 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.00.

Event No. 2.—15 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.50.

Event No. 3.—20 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$2.00.

Event No. 4.—15 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.50.

Event No. 5.—10 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.00.

Event No. 6.—10 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.00.

Event No. 7.—15 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.50.

Event No. 8.—20 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$2.00.

Event No. 9.—15 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.50.

Event No. 10.—15 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.50.

SECOND DAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH. (THURSDAY.)

Event No. 1.—10 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.00.

Event No. 2.—15 Blue Rocks, entrance, \$1.50.

THE STORM YESTERDAY.

The Wind Here Reached a Velocity of Nearly Thirty-Two Miles—No Serious Damage Reported.

The storm which commenced Tuesday afternoon and continued all day yesterday did but little harm in this city. A number of the trees around the city and a few fences were blown down, but no other damage has been reported.

Several small boats are lying on the flats. Rain fell all day at intervals, and the wind came down in sheets. It completely paralyzed the city. The tide were quite high, but no fear as much so as they have been at other times. Residents near the creeks and the river, remembering a former experience, and taking advantage of the wind, took the opportunity to get their affairs about the premises in good shape before night came on.

All portable property was housed, and in many cases people transferred their firewood from the usual place of its keeping into their kitchens. The ideas here, however, did not reach the mark anticipated, and consequently there was no trouble from that source.

So far as could be learned, there was no damage done the truck stuff in the county, and matters there seem to be moving along pretty much as if the fact of the hurricane, which is just passing this way, was but a gentle zephyr of spring time.

But from the maritime center there comes news of a different character. The shipping seems to have suffered to a greater or less extent. Reports from various points indicate that there are many vessels in distress. At various points; but owing to an interruption in the telegraph service along the coast, it is difficult to learn the exact state of affairs.

At no time during the storm here did the wind reach a velocity exceeding thirty-two miles. About 2 or 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a break occurred in the city's fire-alarm wires, rendering the entire system unoperative for quite awhile.

In direction the wind is from the north, with a strong tendency to back Northward. The waves are very solicitous as to the duration of the storm. The many inquiries at the weather bureau office in Norfolk have failed to elicit the desired information.

So far there has been no fatalities reported.

FOR FAIR FINGERS

Rings Have Not Always Been Used Only For Ornament.

Regarded as of Great Importance—In Earlier Days They Were Regarded as a Symbol of Authority—Made of Many Materials.

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

The woman who carelessly toys with the gemmed bands upon her fingers today, delighting only in the glitter of the faceted stones or the fairness of their color imparts to her hands, is, perhaps, totally ignorant of the important place rings have held in small and great affairs from time to time since civilization began.

"And he sealed it with his seal" does not now mean the impression made with a peculiar and personal ring, something not transferable, held sacred and individual—but a mechanical die, worked with a lever, and secondary to many considerations in importance.

Not so were the seal rings of by-gone ages. The signet of the king, the pope or any great dignitary, was guarded carefully. Its impression carrying all the weight of personal command and regarded as quite infallible. The use of signet rings as symbols of great respect and authority is mentioned in several places of the Scriptures, from which it would seem that they were then common among persons of rank.

In Genesis we find that Joseph had conferred upon him the royal signet as an insignia of authority. Thus Ahasuerus transferred his authority to Haman. The ring was also used as a pledge for the performance of a promise. Darius not only sealed the tablet which he gave to the king, but he also sealed the mouth of the lion. Queen Jezebel endeavored to destroy Naboth, made use of the ring of Ahab, King of the Israelites, her husband, to seal the counterfeit letters ordering the death of that unfortunate man.

The earliest material of which rings were made was pure gold, the metal usually being very thin. The Israelites people wore not only the signet rings on their fingers, but also in their nostrils and ears. Apropos of this custom, reaching down to a later date, Mr. Layard, in "Nineveh and Its Remains," describes the wife of an Arab shahk whom he met as having a nose adorned with a prodigious gold ring, set with jewels of such ample dimensions that it covered her mouth, and she was obliged to remove it when she ate.

NOT ALL TO BE WORN.

We are not to assume, however, that all ancient seals, being signets, were rings intended to be worn on the hand. "One of the largest Egyptian signets I have seen," remarks Sir J. G. Wilkinson, "was in the possession of a French gentleman, and consisted of a massive ring, half an inch in its largest diameter, bearing an oblong plinth, on which the devices were engraved. On one side was the name of a king, the successor of Amunoph III., who lived about 1,400 years before Christ; on the other side a lion, with the legend 'Lord of Strength,' referring to the monarch, on one side a scorpion, and on the other a crocodile. This ring passed into the possession of Dactylothea, and is now the property of the South Kensington Museum."

Rings of inferior metal, engraved with the king's name, may probably have been worn by officials of the court.

In Rome every free-man had the right to use the iron ring, but the use of a gold ring was restricted for many years to persons of dignity, or those whose wealth exceeded certain sums.

In the course of time it became customary for all the Senators, chief magistrates and the equites to wear gold seal rings. This practice, which was subsequently termed the jus annulorum, or the jus annularum, remained for several centuries at Rome an exclusive privilege, while others continued to wear the iron ring.

The keeping of the imperial ring (aurea annulus) has been confided to a state keeper, as the great seal of England is

placed in custody of the lord chancellor.

With the increasing love of luxury and show the Greeks, as well as the Romans, covered their fingers with rings, and some wore different sizes for summer and winter, immoderate both in number and size. Demosthenes wore many rings, and he was stigmatized as unbecomingly vain for doing so in the troubled times of the state.

KEYS AS FINGER ORNAMENTS.

In many of the Roman keys that have been discovered the ring was actually worn on the finger. The shank disappears and the wards were at right angles to the ring, or in the direction of the length of the finger.

Rings were given in Anglo-Saxon times to propitiate royal favors. Thus, toward the end of the tenth century, Boorthric, a wealthy noble in Kent, left in his will a ring which he gave to the monks of gold that the queen might be his advocate that the will should stand.

In the earlier history of Ireland we find instances of a wonderful development of artistic skill in goldsmith work.

Queen Elizabeth had an immoderate love for jewelry, and the description of the greatest rarity and beauty reads like a romance. For finger rings she had a remarkable fondness. The same custom of wearing many rings long prevailed in France. Mercier, in his "L'Art de la Bijouterie," mentions that at the close of the eighteenth century enormous rings were worn. He adds that "the nuptial ring is now unnoticed on the fingers of women; wide and profane rings altogether conceal this warrant of their faith." So important was the making of rings that it was not left to the ordinary work of the goldsmith, and became a distinct trade.

USED AS A WEAPON.

In the South Kensington Museum is a massive and heavy brass ring, with octagonal bezel armed with five projecting points, used as a weapon by peasants in Upper Bavaria from the year 1700 to the present time. In India, the preferred ring has a large fluted face, spreading over three fingers like a shield. When made for the wealthy, in massive gold, the flower leaves are of cut jewels, but the humbler classes, who equally love display, are content with their cast silver. Arabian princesses wore golden rings on their fingers, to which little bells were suspended, as well as in the flowing tresses of their hair, that their superior rank might be known, and that they might receive, in passing, the homage due to them.

A ring of old Venice work is set with three stones in raised bezels; to be affixed by a swivel gold pendant ornamented with a garnet, which, as the hand moves, these pendants fall about the fingers, the stones glittering in the movement. This fashion was evidently borrowed from the east, where people delight in pendant ornaments, and even affix them to articles of utility.

THUMB RINGS.

In the collections of antiquaries are numerous specimens of thumb rings; signet rings of this kind were worn by rich citizens or persons of substance.

They were also worn by the nobles, and in his earlier days he had been so slender in figure that he could readily have crept through an "alderman's thumb ring." In Laborie's "Hand Book of the Fine Arts in the Middle Ages" is a large ring on a thumb made of cornelian, chalcidony and agate, with legends in Arabic on the face, for the use of signets. They are used on the thumb to help in drawing the bow string, which the Orientals pull with the bent thumb, catching it against the shank of the ring and not with the two fingers, as is the practice of English archers.

The ring was used in marriage among the Romans as early as 800. Prombral or pledge rings passed between the contracting parties among the Romans. When the marriage settlement had been properly sealed, rings bearing the names of the newly married couple were handed around to the guests.

"YELLOW FEVER"

Is now agitating the public mind to a little extent, and with it in such close proximity to us it is well to have the household and premises in thorough sanitary condition. We have the necessary DISINFECTANTS and GERM KILLING PREPARATIONS which we are selling at our Retail Price.

COPPERAS, 5c. pound, CHLORIDE LIME, 5c. 10 and 15 lb. box, CRUDE CARBOLIC ACID, 10c. the pint; SULPHUR CANDLES, 10c. 4 for 25c.; CREOLINE, 20c. LATT'S CHLORIDES, 10c.; BROMO CHLORALUM, 40c.; PHENOL, 40c.

JEROME P. CARR.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGIST, Corner Court and County Sts. and Green Street, near Bart.

For neglected Beds use Carr's Knock-Out Drops, in pint bottles, with brush, 25c.

INVENTORY SALE AT PHILLIPS'

10 doz. Ladies' 50c. Waists, now 25c. 10 yds. Grenadine (one week) for 25c. Men's Colored Percalé Shirts, were 50c., now 35c. All summer goods comparatively at cost.

A. J. PHILLIPS, 302 and 304 High St.

PROPERTY.

Is as cheap as it is going to be. I have some bargains in houses, will pay from 7 to 20 per cent. on amount asked. Lots for sale in Park View, Cottage Place, Brighton and Prentiss Place.

R. S. BROOKS, BELL PHONE, 329 HIGH STREET

Good Bread Makers Indorse W. & J. Parker's Eureka Flour.

For its strength, whiteness and appetizing flavor. You can make the whitest and lightest bread with a less amount of this flour than with any other. Ask your grocer for it. Take no other.

PORTSMOUTH Has never had such good service as we are giving this season.

When you need ice either phone will reach us. PORTSMOUTH COAL & ICE CO., J. S. MILLER, Mana. er.

Hurd's Fine Society Stationery IN ALL THE LATEST SHAPES AND TINTS.

Visiting Cards Engraved in the Latest Styles. ANDERSON & THOMPSON, 224 HIGH STREET, PORTSMOUTH, VA.

IDEAS! FALL AND WINTER WOOLENS.

You have them and we want to know what they are regarding our stock of

From the criticisms already expressed we are pleased that they meet your approval in all respects. We will be glad to show the goods and explain the fashions. Workmanship and fit faultless in every respect.

SHOE DEPARTMENT—Our reputation is made by selling GOOD SHOES at honest values. Your reputation as a good and up-to-date dresser The snappiest and most stylish things in the market for \$3 and \$3.50—for ladies and men.

FOR CASH ONLY—POSITIVELY ONE PRICE.

THE BRANDT CO., 213 and 215 High St.

Proposals for Curbing and Paving.

Office Local Board of Improvement, Fifth Ward, Portsmouth, Va., August 15, 1899.

Bids will be opened at the office of John L. Watson, No. 209 High Street, this city, addressed to the Local Board of Improvement of Fifth Ward on the 21st DAY OF AUGUST, 1899, at 8 o'clock for furnishing all tools, sand and cement and performing all the labor required in setting granite CURBING and PAVING gutters with stone on those certain streets particularly named in specifications in strict accordance with the plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the City Surveyor.

Bids for SETTING CURBING must be made at so much per lineal foot and PAVING THE GUTTERS with granite blocks at so much per square yard. Each bid must be on blank form, to be had at the office of the City Surveyor. The right to accept or reject any one or more of the bids to the exclusion of the others, or to reject all of them, is specially reserved.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars, or a cash note that the bidder will give satisfactory bond and enter into a bona fide contract if the same be awarded and the amount of the check to be forfeited in the city of Portsmouth should the bidder fail to do so.

No bid will be considered unless made in strict conformity to this advertisement.

JOHN L. WATSON, Chairman, L. M. PALMER, Secretary, 209-10

For a Nice Cold Luncheon

Roast Turkey, Chicken and Duck, Boneless Turkey and Chicken, Brook Trout, Fine Sardines, Lobster, Salmon, Fresh Herring, Lined Tongue, Potted Ham and Tongue, Corned Beef, Sliced Smoked Beef, Vienna Sausage, etc.

E. R. BARKSDALE, BOTH PHONES, 129 COURT ST.

FOR RENT.

Desirable Brick Dwelling, No. 40 Dinwiddie street, 8 rooms, gas, bath, range, sewerage and other conveniences. Rent \$25 per month.

JNO. L. WATSON, 209 High Street, Portsmouth, Va.

CORNER SPOTS!

NEW CORNER SPOTS, MACKEREL, HERRINGS, ETC. BEST TEA AND COFFEE TO BE FOUND HERE.

R. E. KING, 209 Court Street.

NO TROUBLE TO GET A MEAL.

A number of married men's families are away. They should go to PEARSON'S for their meals or for a lunch. Everything first-class and served quick.

Ferry Lunch Rooms.

NOTICE. H. B. WILKINS

has just received three cars of Dressed and Diced Board Ends for Summer Wood. It is cheap at 75 cents for a full load. Just try it. Phone, 2118. Jy2-6m

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M. ROSENBAUM'S RETIRING SALE. DRAWING TO A CLOSE. The entire stock must be sold quickly. Prices this week lower than ever before. Up-to-date Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods at less than half their actual cost. Notice the Remarkable Offerings below: Unlaundered White Shirts, 4-ply linen bosom—worth 50c., to go at... 29c. Linen Crash Suits—worth \$2.50—to go at \$1.39. Jean Drawers—worth 35c., to go at... 19 1/2 c. Guaranteed Serge Suits that sell everywhere for \$12.50—to go at \$7.98. Men's Garters. The 25c. grade to go at... 13c. The 15c. grade to go at... 9c. Children's Suits. Black and Tan Hose that sell everywhere for 15c.—to go at... 9c. \$2.50 values... \$1.39. \$3.00 values... \$1.59. \$4.00 values... \$1.79. M. ROSENBAUM, 116 and 118 High St., Portsmouth, Va.

THE Change of the Season. A Quartet of Remarkable Short Values. Men's Necktie Shirts, with collars and cuffs attached—in a variety of stylish patterns—which sold at 50c.—will go for 39c. 30 dozen Men's Fine Madras Shirts with square link cuffs—in the very handsomest patterns of the season—the regular \$1.25 kind for 89c. 25 dozen Men's Colored-all-over Necktie Shirts, which sell everywhere at \$1.25 and \$2.00, will be offered for 69c. \$1.12 1/2. THE NEW YORK CLOTHING CO., 214 High Street, Portsmouth, Va.

Did You See Those Shirts? —in our window that we are selling for 85c., that are worth \$1.00, and some \$1.25 apiece? Did you get any of that fine BALBRIGGAN UNDERWEAR, regular price 25 and 35c., that we are closing out for 23c.—either long or short sleeves? Do you need a SUIT OF CLOTHES or an ODD PAIR TROUSERS 33 1/3 per cent. below the price? If you want to save money call and see. BRESLAUER & ANTHONY, 114 High Street. All Summer Goods Sold at Less than Cost. A new line of Fall Percalés just opened. Ready-made Sheets for double and single beds. Pillow and Bolster Cases, Quilts, &c. EMMETT DEANS, Terms Cash, 320 High Street