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A year ago the papers were so full of scare lines and cartoons of Epidemic Grip...

THE PATROL SHOE.

The Soles Will Shed Water Like a Duck's Back. No Damp Feet, No Colds; but Solid Comfort and Durability.

J. F. Small, 302 MAIN STREET.

We Can Help You.

Are you still undecided about what to buy as an Xmas remembrance for your husband, brother, or—shall we say, sweetheart?

NOBBY NECKWEAR in all the desirable shades... KID GLOVES—dressed and undressed...

DREWREY'S 317 MAIN STREET.

TAYLOR & COMPANY, Formerly under Monticello Hotel. HAVE MOVED TO Ghent Market, Botetourt St. With a full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries.

STENGL GUTTERS, Rubber and Steel Stamp, Railroad, Hotel, Baggage and Brass Checks...

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP Cures Croup and Whooping-Cough.

COURT DECISIONS.

Notes of Cases Recently Decided, Which are of Interest to Our People.

DIGESTED BY W. B. MARTIN. (Exclusively for Virginian-Pilot.)

N. LIFE ASSO. V. BERKLEY. Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, November 16, 1899.

THE ONLY INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ASSURED IN THIS CASE WHICH COULD BE DEDUCTED FROM THE AMOUNT OF HIS POLICY WAS SUCH AS HE WAS LIABLE FOR WHEN IT MATURED.

This was a suit on a policy of insurance, the amount of which was claimed by the insurance company to be reduced by reason of a clause in the policy...

It is, however, contended that the "deferred premium" or premium lien now sought to be deducted, is a part of the indebtedness due the association...

It is further contended by the plaintiff in error that the clause in question is neither a "condition" nor a "restrictive provision," but an "agreement," and therefore not affected by the statute which requires such provisions to be in type of a prescribed size...

THE TERMS OF THE STATUTE ARE FURTHER CHANGED, RESTRICTED, OR OTHERWISE AFFECTED TO MATERIALLY INFLUENCE THE RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE INSURED THEREUNDER...

STATE V. SHARP. Supreme Court of North Carolina, November 7, 1899.

THE REQUIREMENT OF CITIZENS TO WORK ON THE PUBLIC ROADS IS NOT A TAX, AND THEREFORE UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE NOT AD VALOREM.

Sharp was convicted of failing to work on the public roads and appealed. The facts sufficiently appear from the opinion of the court.

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It was. It is not the return of process to a court. Besides, the issue is not as to the contents of the notice, which is in the defendant's possession...

The next exception is that the act requires all the citizens of Durham county to work the public roads, except citizens of the town of Durham...

We cannot agree with counsel that requiring the defendant to work the roads is a tax, and therefore unconstitutional, because not levied ad valorem in proportion to property...

THE FIELD OF LABOR

President Curtis, of the Central Labor Union of Southeastern Virginia, asks that the following be given a place in the Virginian-Pilot labor column:

"The question is often asked, and many times asserted, that trades unions are a menace to industrial development and dangerous to personal liberty."

The Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship-builders, Lodge No. 51 of Portsmouth, will elect and install on 31st instant officers for the year 1900.

Have You Seen the Best Norfolk Investment Company's Property at Port Norfolk?

Think of it! Finely situated lots of streets nicely graded and improved with granite sidewalks for \$750...

At least have the courage to look at them and compare them with other localities and prices. More progress in the immediate vicinity within the last three years than in all other districts combined.

The United Charities. Contributions for the week ending December 16th, 1899: Floyd Hughes, \$5; Miss Julia Ward, \$5...

OLD CUMBERLAND STREET CHURCH

A History of the Mother Church in Norfolk.

THE EARLY METHODISTS

Where They Worshipped is Not Doubtfully Known—First Building Lost Secured—The First Edifice Erected on Cumberland Street—The Second and the Third—Interesting and Instructive Reminiscences—Preachers Since 1835.

Now that the congregation of Cumberland Street M. E. Church, South, have taken the initial steps in erecting a new edifice on the southwest corner of Fremont and Cumberland streets...

From the most remote history it appears that the Methodists of Norfolk owned no church edifice of any description whatever before 1793 or 1794. Their regular place of worship until the beginning of the Revolutionary struggle is supposed to have been the old shanty building, the "play house" mentioned by Pilmor and Asbury.

It is said that Joseph Herritar, who resided at the intersection of Church and Fremont streets, opened his house for preaching for years before a church was built.

BUILDING LOT SECURED.

In 1793, when the society numbered not more than fifty members, most of whom were poor, they determined to have a house of their own, even though it should be on the plainest and cheapest plan.

THE BUILDING.

The small wooden building erected on this lot appears to have been one of primitive simplicity and plainness, if not in rude form and finish.

SECOND PLACE OF WORSHIP.

Although this house was a very ordinary structure, it appears to have been the second one erected in Norfolk as a place of worship.

FIRST CUMBERLAND STREET CHURCH.

No record has been found of the building of the first Methodist Church edifice, erected on Cumberland street. The site at which the present structure stands was purchased in 1802, for two hundred and twenty-five pounds (\$1,250) current money of Virginia.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

Among the writings of the late Mr. Charles S. Allmand, who, when a small boy, was baptized in this church, are the following interesting particulars of his church:

The Saks Stores 234-236 MAIN STREET. Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Sweethearts and Wives

Who have in mind the giving of Haberdashery to the men folks for Christmas want to be sure of three things—that what they select is of the latest style—that it is of reliable quality—and that the price is the least.

Men's Silk Suspenders, . 50c Worth 75c. pair.

Handsome Silk Suspenders, in pretty shades, with kid ends and German silver mountings. Each pair in a box. Regular 50c. Fancy Web Suspenders, with patent cast-off, strong and reliable. Each pair in a box. 25c Sterling silver mounted Fancy Silk Suspenders, with leather ends; we will engrave initials on the mountings and handsomely box them free. One lot at \$2 a pair. Another at..... \$1.00

Men's Gloves, \$1 In a box.

Worth \$1.25 a pair. Tan Dogskin Gloves, with full piqued seams and self-stitching on back; perfect-fitting and perfect and fashionable gloves. Boys' Tan Dogskin Gloves, all sizes—new shades—worth 75c. a pair. Special for the holidays 50c

Smoking Jackets, . . \$3.98

The very newest effects—in plaids with fancy cuffs and pockets—double faced goods—extreme styles—worth \$5 and \$8. For the holidays \$3.98

3,000 Men's Scarfs—Worth 39c and 75c—for 25c and 50c.

They are Tecks, Puffs, Imperials, Ascots, and English Squares, in special patterns that we alone can show you; made of extra generous size, of extra fine qualities of silk.

Saks & Company.

lung on the gallery columns nearest the pulpit. The latter, which was small and considerably elevated above the floor (as Bishop Asbury also testified) was entered by means of winding steps on each side. Two oil lamps on a pulpit stands, candles arranged on a frame work of wood suspended from the ceiling, and two candles on each of the pillars supporting the gallery, furnished the light.

At regular intervals during the service the sexton, with a pair of snuffers, went around trimming the candle-wicks. The local preachers who attended the services occupied chairs within the chancel, with which fact is connected an exciting and at the same time a very amusing episode. On a certain occasion, one of these brethren, leaning back in his chair, and sweetly sleeping, was startled by one of the lamps, which the sexton (ex) poured had upon striking his head, whereupon he started up crying loudly, "Fire! fire!"

A LARGER EDIFICE.

The first church was not destroyed by fire, as some writers have stated. It was pulled down to make room for a more commodious and attractive edifice. In 1822 the old building was removed, and preparations made for the erection of a new one. The members of the Building Committee, composed of David Duncan, father of the late Dr. James A. Duncan and Bishop W. W. Duncan, Cary Butt and Joel Callis were the architects and contractors, and Thomas James the brickmason. The house was completed at a cost of \$18,000, and was occupied March 9th, 1834. Rev. Wm. A. Smith, D. D., through whose chief instrumentality the edifice was completed, preached the dedicatory sermon.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Thursday night, March 24, 1848, this building was destroyed by fire with its contents, including the pastor's library. There was an insurance of \$11,000 on the building, which was duly paid, and furnished the greater portion of the sum required to erect another house.

THE THIRD EDIFICE.

Being thus providentially deprived of a church home, the congregation resorted to Ashland Hall, on Holt street, and there regularly worshipped until the completion of the present lecture room, which was opened with a sermon by Bishop William Capers, who chanced to be on a visit to Norfolk at the time. William Callis, nephew of Joel Callis (one of the architects and contractors on the former building) was the architect and contractor, and John Ridley the brickmason. That these were "honest, capable and faithful" men, is fully attested by the work done in this substantial and well preserved structure. On Sunday, January 8th, 1849, it was

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NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

In accordance with a policy which has been under consideration for several months, the Company will make a REDUCTION ON ALL BILLS FOR ELECTRIC CURRENT FOR Arc and Incandescent Lighting and Motors (except flat rate incandescent).

DISCOUNT OF 10 PER CENT.

If bills are paid on or before the 10th of the month following that in which the charge is made. This reduced rate will be in effect on bills incurred after January 1st, 1900.

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set apart to the worship of Almighty God with appropriate services. Rev. John E. Edwards, the pastor, preached the dedicatory sermon. This church, always popular with that portion of the community denominated "the masses," has been an important factor in the moral and religious progress of Norfolk for more than a hundred years.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church, will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, December 21st, 1899, at the church. A large attendance is desired. Tickets on sale for the holidays by the Secretary, Alvin B. Smith, at the church, 224, 234, 244, 254, 264, 274, 284, 294, 304, 314, 324, 334, 344, 354, 364, 374, 384, 394, 404, 414, 424, 434, 444, 454, 464, 474, 484, 494, 504, 514, 524, 534, 544, 554, 564, 574, 584, 594, 604, 614, 624, 634, 644, 654, 664, 674, 684, 694, 704, 714, 724, 734, 744, 754, 764, 774, 784, 794, 804, 814, 824, 834, 844, 854, 864, 874, 884, 894, 904, 914, 924, 934, 944, 954, 964, 974, 984, 994, 1004.