

## THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## PERSONAL AND GENERAL

A Column of Condensed News of an Interesting Nature Concerning the Movements of People You Know and Have Heard of—Much Information in Little Space—Compiled for Those to Whom "Time is Money" and Who Enjoy Newspaper Snap Shots.

Another ridiculous story was started yesterday about Cotton. It was said that Sturgess, and the owner of the other bar that was burned Sunday night, was set fire by Cotton because they testified against him. This is not so, because neither of the gentlemen were witnesses against him.

As many people as could get into the building attended the midnight mass at St. Paul's Catholic Chapel Sunday night.

Rev. J. Carey, pastor of Port Norfolk M. E. Church, left yesterday evening for his home in Maryland, to spend a week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. David Ross, who has been quite sick at the home of her father, Mr. Vernon Drewry, Seaboard avenue, Pinner Point, for some time past, is improving.

The funeral of little Julia Ann Glicker, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her parents, No. 413 Third street. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Hanley. The remains were interred in St. Paul's Cemetery.

The midnight mass at St. Paul's Chapel Sunday night was the first ever held here. The church was filled and some were standing up. It was a solemn occasion.

Sunday, Mr. George Peterson was walking down Columbia street. When he reached the corner of Columbia and Dinwiddie streets he slipped and fell and cut a gash several inches long on the back of his head.

Mr. George Washington Fauth is critically ill at his home in Santa Portsmouth. His life is despaired of.

A gentleman named Fontleroy, who lives on Crawford street, complained to the Mayor yesterday that a negro woman named Lizzie Smith, who washed for him, left his week's washing out on the line and then came that night and stole the clothes off the line. When accused of it she returned some and kept the others. A warrant was issued for her arrest.

An electric light wire gave considerable trouble Sunday by breaking down and falling on the streets. Mr. Carlile did considerable work and got them in shape before any one was hurt.

A party of young men started out in a wagon to Julian Creek Sunday to go skating. Before they reached there the wagon broke down, and they were left in the road. Becoming tired and cold, they walked to the creek and let the wagon come after them.

A number of parties went skating Sunday and spent a greater part of the day on the ice.

The New Year came quite wintry. Just as the town clock struck the hour of 12 snow began to fall.

The New Year was ushered in with the usual noise. It began shortly before midnight and continued until some time after twelve.

Mr. Will Schmoele gives notice through these columns that he has purchased the store of H. F. Butt, at 336 High street, and will conduct the business at the old stand. Mr. Butt also gives notice that he will remain at the old stand for thirty days.

The cold weather has greatly interfered with the work on the outside of the Hotel Portsmouth.

The City Council will have a number of important matters brought before them to-night.

The Baptist preachers will hold their regular Monday meetings until further notice at the Court Street Baptist Church, in this city.

The public schools will open to-day. The attendance will no doubt be as large as it was before the holidays.

There have been no tidings from Cotton. The officers still believe that he will be caught.

Mayor Balld will hold court to-day. He will hear the case of Saunders, charged with letting Cotton escape.

The merry jingle of sleigh bells could be heard at an early hour yesterday morning.

The county jail received no new boarders either on Saturday or Sunday.

There was no session of the Mayor's Court yesterday on account of it being a holiday.

There was no observance of the holiday yesterday except that there were more people on the street than usual.

Miss Nannie Scofield, of Lynchburg, who has been visiting here, returned to her home yesterday.

Mr. Joseph L. Young, Jr., son of our townsman, Mr. Joseph L. Young, arrived in the city Sunday morning on a flying visit to his parents. Mr. Young is auditor of the Richmond Traction Company, and he left last night to take up his duties again.

The scholars of Central M. E. Sunday school, as well as their parents, and members of the Church, who did not receive tickets to the Christmas entertainment, can receive same by applying to the secretary at the church Tuesday night, January 24, at 7 p. m. The Christmas tree entertainment will take place Thursday night.

Yesterday one year ago the Old Dominion Guard, of Portsmouth, took part in the demonstration in Cuba, when the American flag floated for the first time over that soil. The Guards also figured in the march from Mariano to Havana, a distance of 27 miles, which will never be forgotten by the weary and footsore men who belonged to the Seventh Army Corps.

The main pipe of the Portsmouth Water Company, near the round-house, burst yesterday afternoon, which caused the pressure to be very low. A new pipe was put down last night.

Mrs. Sallie Saunders Grant, who has been in Brooklyn for some time, will

spend the winter here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Saunders.

The Seaboard Real Estate Company advertises bargains which they offer. Mr. Fred Brandon, of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city yesterday on business for his firm.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their regular nontide prayer meeting at the Y. M. C. A. to-day at 12 o'clock.

Robert Saunders, who has been spending the Christmas holidays at home, will return to Williamsburg to-day.

Henry Thomas and Moses Capps, colored, were sent to jail for a period of sixty days last night by Justice Peed on charges of disorderly conduct.

Three white tramps applied for and received lodgings at the station house last night.

## LATEST NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Examination for Commissions in the Marine Corps to Be Held To-day.

Lieutenant H. B. Wilson will go on duty as inspector of equipment at the Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company, and at the plants of Neale & Leavy, Philadelphia, and Harlan & Hollingsworth, Wilmington, Del.

Lieutenant C. F. Hughes will report for duty as assistant inspector of equipment at the works of the Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company and Neale & Leavy, Philadelphia, and Harlan & Hollingsworth, Wilmington, Del.

Examinations for candidates for commissions in the marine corps will be held at the barracks in this city on January 2 and February 5 before a board of marine corps officers, of which Major Charles H. Laubheimer, assistant adjutant and inspector, United States Marine Corps, is president.

Fourteen persons have been authorized to appear on January 2 and fourteen permits for the February examination have been issued. The following are the candidates for second lieutenancy in the marine corps who have been designated for examination on January 2d:

J. C. Beaumont, Maryland; John H. Muir, District of Columbia; Charles B. Taylor, Virginia; Thomas A. Mott, North Carolina; J. P. Y. Gridley, Pennsylvania; J. W. Wadleigh, New Hampshire; H. R. Lay, at large; Harold Colvocoresses, at large; H. C. Reisinger, at large; H. D. F. Long, at large; S. J. Caffery, Louisiana; Charles Henry Rich, Massachusetts; Alfred Adamson, at large.

J. C. Beaumont is a son of the late Rear Admiral Beaumont, United States Navy; John P. Y. Gridley is a son of the late Captain Charles V. Gridley, of the navy; S. A. W. Patterson is a graduate of the Naval Academy; J. W. Wadleigh is a son of Captain G. H. Wadleigh, of the navy; Harold Colvocoresses is a son of Lieutenant Commander George P. Colvocoresses, of the navy; H. C. Reisinger is a son of Commander W. W. Reisinger, of the navy; H. D. F. Long is a son of the late Captain A. K. Long, commissary of subsistence, United States Army.

## CALVARY CHURCH OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church was held Friday night and elected the following officers:

Wm. T. L. Shepherd, clerk; Jesse Duffe, financial secretary; E. P. Rodman, treasurer; Victor J. Hutcheson, musical director; Miss Eva West, organist; Lemuel Skeeter, sexton.

The following officers were elected Sunday for Sunday school: E. P. Rodman, superintendent; Wm. T. L. Shepherd, assistant superintendent; M. G. Pendleton, assistant secretary; Romulus Rodman, treasurer; Miss George Bensten, organist; John W. Watson, musical director; Z. E. Frey, librarian; Samuel Saunders, Jr., missionary secretary.

Sunbeam Society: Victor J. Hutcheson, president; J. P. Owens, vice-president; W. P. Watkins, treasurer; Wm. T. L. Shepherd, secretary.

## INTERMENT OF MRS. REED.

The remains of Mrs. Carrie B. Reed, nee Hobday, wife of C. B. Reed, of Baltimore, arrived by Day Line boat Sunday morning, December 31st, 1899. They were met by friends and Rev. Z. S. Farland, who administered the last rites of burial in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

She was a member of St. John's Church, but had been a resident of Baltimore for several years, where the funeral took place. She leaves a husband, two children, a mother and two brothers, who are prestrated with grief.

She was a loving and devoted wife and mother, a faithful and affectionate daughter; none knew her but to love her.

"A fair flower gone to bloom in the unknown world."

## MERRY WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. Willie C. Mitchell and Miss Berthe Revere were married at the residence of Rev. Frank J. Hall last night at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of friends and relatives.

The bridesmaid was Miss Dot Revere, sister of the bride. The best man was Mr. John Garrison, of Cohenchock, Va. After the ceremony a reception was given at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Hoagland, No. 913 Green street, sister of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

## EARLY CLOSING OF STORES.

The clerks in this city have been trying for some time to get the store-keepers to close up their places of business by night in the week, except Saturday nights, at 7 o'clock the entire year, except during the month of December.

Their efforts have failed on each occasion. The proprietors claim that the Norfolk stores did not close at that time, but since then the Norfolk stores have all decided to close, so an effort will again be made to effect early closing; and, at this time, it looks as if it will be successful.

## CHIEF TYNNAN'S REPORT.

Chief of Police E. T. Tynnan reports the following from his office for the month of December, 1899: Arrests, viz: Disorderly conduct, 5; drunk and disorderly, 4; drunkenness, 13; assaults, 3; larceny, 14; false burg, 2; violation city ordinances, 9; violation tax bill, 2; committing a nuisance, 2; trespassing, 1; carrying a weapon, 1; Total 65. Electric lights renewed, 57; 11 mps fu nished lodgings, 19; 1 r found open, 10.

For cold in head, Capudine is a speedy, safe remedy; also for all aches, 15 and 25c. at druggists.

## A STOVE EXPLODES.

It Painfully Injures a Lady and Sets Fire to the Residence.

Sunday morning about 6:30 o'clock fire was made in the stove at the residence of Mr. W. J. Rogers, No. 710 Washington street, and the cook was preparing to cook breakfast. The water pipes had all been thawed out and the water seemed to be running freely.

About 7 o'clock Mrs. Rogers went into the kitchen to look after some matters. There was no one in there at the time but herself. Just as she advanced to the stove the entire stove collapsed, flying in every direction.

A portion passed out through two windows, carrying sash, glass, etc., with it. A flying stove cover struck Mrs. Rogers in the stomach, knocking her about 12 feet, striking her head against a partition, knocking her senseless. During this time the kitchen caught on fire in three places. In the meantime the kitchen was filled with smoke and steam. Her daughter, May, was in the sitting room and heard the explosion and ran there and found her mother down on the floor nearly smothered with smoke and steam. She ran to the front door and screamed for help. Mr. Gerke, a next-door neighbor, ran in. He was followed by some colored men who were appealed to. They came in and in a short while succeeded in putting the fire out. In the meantime Mrs. Rogers was removed to another portion of the house. Dr. F. S. Hope was summoned and found that she was badly bruised about the stomach, head and arms, but no bones were broken. Her injuries, while painful, are not serious. The damage to the kitchen will amount to about \$10. The stove could not have been worse mutilated if a person had taken a maul and mashed it up. Some pieces of the stove were thrown forty feet away; others were buried in the side of the house. A lock on a door twenty feet away was split open. The noise was heard back on Green street. Several persons, who heard it and saw the smoke, ran around to assist in putting the fire out. Some of the neighbors claim that it shook the crockery in their houses. They thought it was an earthquake. A quantity of crockery was knocked down in Mrs. Rogers' house and was broken. The loss in all will amount to about \$175.

The escape of Mrs. Rogers from death was almost a miracle.

## A WONDERFUL POOL PLAYER.

Fred. B. Hall and B. C. Dozier to Play a Match Game.

The billiard parlor of Brown's Hotel was crowded with gentlemen last night, all eager to witness the playing of Mr. Fred. B. Hall, the wonderful pool expert. The large number of spectators were in no wise disappointed, for Mr. Hall fully sustained the great reputation which had preceded him.

He is said to be the champion exhibition pool player of the world, and his performance last night at Brown's was of the very highest order, he making the most difficult and intricate shots with ease and grace, which added brilliancy to his excellent playing. He undoubtedly deserves the title which has been conferred upon him through his mastery of the cue and ivories.

Mr. Hall's advent in this city has brought about a very interesting pool match. This gentleman and the celebrated pool player of Norfolk, Mr. B. C. Dozier, have been matched to play a match game of pool for a purse of \$200 a side, 150 points.

Mr. Charles H. Brown is managing the match, and through his efforts Armory Hall has been secured, and will be comfortably arranged for the match, which will take place Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock. Several arc electric lights will be put in and the table upon which Mr. Hall played last night will be conveyed there and upon which the contest of nerve, brain and accuracy of touch will take place. Comfortable seats and everything else necessary to help while away a pleasant hour or more will be provided for those who enjoy sport of this interesting character.

## MIDNIGHT MASS.

Celebrated for the First Time in the History of the Catholic Church in This City.

For the first time in the history of the Catholic Church in this city, the holy sacrifice of the mass was offered up in St. Paul's Chapel at midnight on the 1st of January, 1900, the feast of the circumcision or our blessed Saviour and the octave of the Nativity—a season which recalls vividly to the true Catholic the adorable Saviour in the humiliation of his birth, and the remembrance of that infinite love for man manifested by the effusion of his blood, and impels him to renew his confidence in the mercy and goodness of Him who takes the name of Saviour.

He will also, if he be a good Catholic, look back with regret on the past years of his life, form a generous and firm resolution to employ more profitably the year just commenced, imploring the light and grace of the Holy Ghost to assist him. The congregation which attended the midnight mass crowded the chapel to its utmost capacity and surged into the aisles half way to the chancel rail. It was evident to all present that the people of St. Paul's will need all the room in the new church, soon to be completed. It is hoped, on every extraordinary occasion, as very many failed to get inside the chapel and had to return home.

The services were impressive and the rendition of the mass by the regular choir, assisted by Mrs. J. Griffin Edwards and a full orchestra, was excellent. There were other services during the day, consisting of mass at 9 o'clock a. m. and Rosary and benediction at 5 o'clock p. m.

## EVENTS TO-DAY.

Annex Hose Company, volunteer firemen. Harmon Newell Post, No. 53, G. A. R.

Seaside Lodge, No. 80, K. of P. Naval Lodge, No. 533, K. of H. City Council, council chamber. Portsmouth Council, No. 6, O. of C. F. Magnolia Camp, No. 14, W. of W. W. C. T. U. benevolent.

## Bargains in Real Estate.

We have some bargains in real estate for you for cash or installment. The best building lots in Park View, Cottage Place, Prentiss Place, Port Norfolk and other sections. Call or address The Seaboard Real Estate Co., 214 High street, up stairs.

## BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED.

A Large Conflagration in the Village of Scotlandville.

A few minutes after 12 o'clock Sunday night fire broke out in the village of Scotlandville, just across the city boundary line, destroying the saloons of Messrs. C. M. Sturgis and L. L. Hudgins, the two buildings adjoining each other, they being situated across the Scottsville bridge, on the south side of the road.

The buildings were of wood and burned rapidly. The Independent Engine Company and Hook and Ladder Company were unable to get across Scott's Creek bridge on account of the heat, and there being no plug within coupling distance on the western side of the bridge, and the creek bed dry, the firemen found it impossible to render assistance.

Mr. Sturgis carried \$1,300 insurance and Mr. Hudgins \$600 in a union, in the agencies of Mr. E. L. D. Hill of this city, and these amounts will probably cover the loss.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

## A HANDSOME PRESENT.

A very pleasant event in the official life of Justice Charles W. Rustic, of the county, occurred last night at that gentleman's office on Queen street extended.

Justice Rustic has made friends during his incumbency as a magistrate, and they, with the officers connected with his office, determined to show their appreciation of him by presenting him with a token of their esteem. A black ebony gold-headed cane was settled upon as an appropriate gift, and the same was presented to him at the time stated, the cane bearing the inscription: "C. W. Rustic, compliments of his friends, 1900."

Mr. Job P. Manning, in a short speech replete with choice language, acquainted Mr. Rustic of the admiration and affection his friends bore for him, closing with a quotation appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. Rustic responded feelingly, accepting the gift, which he said should be the staff upon which he should lean, knowing the purity of friendship and the warm-heartedness with which it was given.

[Communicated.]

## STREET IN BRIGHTON.

Portsmouth Editor of Virginian-Pilot: There are quite a number of streets in Brighton through which the street cars pass. There are no names telling what the streets are and when a person who is not familiar with them gets on a car and asks the conductor to put him off at a certain street he is told by that gentleman that he does not know where that street is; but if the passenger will tell him he will stop the car.

Now, Mr. Editor, would it not be well for the street railroad to have men on the line to tell the names of the streets which their cars cross? It would certainly be an accommodation to the public.

## DEATHS SINCE LAST REPORT.

The following deaths have occurred in the city since Saturday night: William T. Bayton, Fayette street, near Fourth.

Calvin Brinkley, 533 Harrison street. Thomas, 15-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Casey, 22 Lincoln street.

The wife of Walter Burke, a well-known colored man, living in Queen, between Washington and Dinwiddie streets.

The funerals took place Sunday and yesterday.

Charles R. Welton & Co. will remove to 208 High street on January 1, 1900. Cut prices on underwear until then.

## Lively Rush For Overcoats!

Busiest store in town yesterday — Overcoats were in great demand and we sold lots of them—No wonder at the price we were offering them—This week we're going to give you another great chance to buy an Overcoat or Suit at greatly reduced prices—

Men's \$10 and \$12 Suits and Overcoats, \$7.50.

Choice of 100 Suits of strictly all-wool Cheviots and Cassimeres, in neat and nobby patterns—and which sold at \$10 and \$12 and 75 fine all-wool blue and black kersey Overcoats—lined with Italian Cloth and made in the very best manner—would be cheap for \$10—choice of the lot for \$7.50.

NEW YORK Clothing Co. 214 High St., PORTSMOUTH, VA.

## DISSOLUTION.

Notice is given through these columns that the firm of Wm. Schmoele, Jr., and Wm. Schmoele has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Will Schmoele withdrawing from the said firm. All debts due the firm can be paid to Wm. Schmoele, Jr., and all moneys due by said firm will be paid by him. The business hereafter will be conducted by Wm. Schmoele, Jr.

## FOR RENT—NICELY FURNISHED

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## Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

The co-partnership of WM. SCHMOELE & SON, composed William Schmoele, Jr., and Will Schmoele, is this day dissolved by mutual consent by the withdrawal therefrom of Will Schmoele.

All debts due to the late firm will be received by Wm. Schmoele, Jr., and all debts due by the same will be paid by him.

The business will hereafter be conducted under the name and style of William Schmoele, Jr.

WILLIAM SCHMOELE, JR., de31-3t

## NOTICE!

I hereby notify the public I have this day bought out PORTSMOUTH TEA CO., H. F. Butt, Jr., Manager, and will conduct the business under the same name at the old stand, No. 336 High street. Your patronage respectfully solicited.

WILL SCHMOELE, Manager.

Thanking the public for their patronage, I solicit the same for the new management, and can be found at the above place for next thirty days.

It H. F. BUTT, JR.

## Fireworks, Candies and Nuts.

If you want Candies, Nuts, etc. for Christmas, call on H. O. PEARSON'S, 118 High street, and get the best. A full line of fireworks, etc., and lowest at the lowest prices in the city.

## NOTICE! NOTICE!

Ho! every one in need of DRY PINE WOOD can get it from H. B. WILKINS' Big Drying Shed that keeps hundreds of cords dry at a time.

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No. 405 Dinwiddie street, 7 rooms and 2-story kitchen; bath, sewerage, etc. Rent, \$20 per annum. Immediate possession.

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## GELATINES, Etc.

Nelson's (improved), 15c. per package. Cox's (sparkling), 15c. per package. Plymouth Rock (phosphated), 12c. per package. Wetmore's (double refined), 10c. per package. Pure foods, whole wheat flour, Graham flour, Buckwheat, Wheat, Grapes, Nuts, etc. Celery Sauce, 10c. per quart. Respectfully,

R. E. KING, Old Phone 2334. 200 COURT STREET.

## NEW MIXED NUTS.

Sweet Cider, Oranges, Candies, Raisins. Something new—Veal Loaf, Ham Loaf, Beef Loaf, Cottage Head Cheese, Jellied Hocks, Boneless Ham, Boneless Pig Feet, at

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DON'T COUGH YOUR LIFE AWAY.

Carr's Cough Balsam cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthmatic coughs, catarrh coughs, grippe cough, hoarseness, etc. It cures when all other remedies fail. One dose taken at bed-time stops that hacking cough and induces sweet, natural sleep. Price, 25c. bottle. Mr. L. L. Lester says: I had an old hanging-on cough and used all kinds of patent nostrums and household remedies without success. I tried Carr's Cough Balsam and was speedily cured.

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JEROME P. CARR, Wholesale and Retail Cut Rate Druggist, Cor. Court and County and Green near Bart Streets.

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## REMOVAL NOTICE.

We have moved our COAL YARD from near ferry wharf to our ice factory, on High street, where we are prepared to serve our customers promptly with all the best coals on the market.

PORTSMOUTH COAL & ICE CO.

J. S. MILLER, Manager.

BOTH PHONES. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY

TOYS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, RISQUE FIGURES, CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES, IN GREAT VARIETY, HANDKERCHIEFS, HANDKERCHIEFS, HANDKERCHIEFS, YOU MAKE A MISTAKE TO BUY BEFORE SEEING OUR STOCK. FURS AND JACKETS AT REDUCED PRICES.

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