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Friday, August 26, 1904.

NEXT deserving condemnation to the cowardly stealth of the lurking murderer is that act of the human being who loads up with liquor and indiscriminately rages with dangerous weapons among friend and foe alike. Strong drink is responsible for two classes of heinous murders. The cowardly wretch who wants to pay off an old score, but is too timid to do it in a manly way, resorts to the wine cup to "brace his nerves" for the deed—be it mental or physical battle. This class is the most to be despised of all imbibers. The other class is the convivial fellow whom strong drink drives upon the war path. If he be a husband and father his usual course is to go home reeling, strike down the wife and mother and grasping the innocent babe by the heels to dash out its brains against the wall or bed-post. If he is not so fortunate as to have his own blood and bone to depredate upon he takes it out on any he chances to meet, and this is most frequently some friend who has been drinking with him. And because good citizens would deter such evils and fight for temperance they are to be viewed as fanatics not only by the dealers and consumers of this fire, but by a class of socalled temperance people (some of them preachers) who are always apologizing for the evil doers in a community and lending them huge moral support. Look at Lancaster under the baneful influence of saloons and look at her now, even though the curse is kept secretly alive by milk-and-water temperance people.

THE editor has received, through the courtesy of Judge J. C. Ewell, Commander of Lancaster camp Confederate Veterans, a copy of the official report of the History Committee of the State Grand Camp, read at the meeting at Newport News last year. The subject of discussion is that of the relative number of troops furnished the Confederacy by the States of Virginia and North Carolina. The subject has been one of much newspaper controversy, not unattended by bitterness, and we hope it will not again arise. With its smaller population and its geographical location as compared with Virginia, North Carolina's claim to having furnished about fifty thousand more troops than the Old Dominion has always seemed to us to be too preposterous for serious discussion. The Old North State "done noble," but under the facts and statistics produced by Hon. George L. Christian she must take a step down in her claims and admit that conditions were exactly the reverse from what she claimed—that Virginia was the one that furnished a half a hundred thousand more troops to the cause of the Confederacy.

DEMOCRATS were in much of a quandary when it seemed that all of Wall Street was turning to Parker, but they took it as a sign that the financiers of the country, along with the "plain people," had great confidence in the Democratic nominee and very little faith in President Roosevelt. This is still the quiet sentiment in monied circles, but J. Pierpont Morgan and his Republican associates see in it a good thing to support the Republican party, from whose leaders they have the promise that Mr. Roosevelt should be muzzled—and muzzled he is—and if elected should be to them a real good boy—and good boy he is expected to be. In consideration of this we are now told that Wall Street has veered back to its old moorings and anchored with the G. O. P. as companions on board. No one believes that this coercion will lose Parker many—if any—votes, for those bankers who had previously formed an opinion favorable to Judge Parker may be expected to say little and vote early.

THE Baltimore *Herald*, a morning contemporary in that city, has made two notable strides within the past few days. It has declared for the national Democratic ticket, and will enlarge its scope by issuing an afternoon edition. The moves are along the lines of enlightenment and progress and we wish the *Herald*, both morning and evening, unstinted success.

A PROMINENT Washingtonian tells us that next to Judge Parker's pronunciamento against a second term nothing has struck so sympathetic a chord in the breasts of Democrats and Republicans alike in and about Washington as his declaration on the absolute necessity of keeping independent of each other the different departments of government—executive, legislative and judicial. And the country believes that Alton B. Parker will live up to his convictions, the political satellites notwithstanding.

NOT only are the people at Washington alarmed at the treasury deficit but the people throughout the whole country are aghast. Evidently this is a Democratic year. Whenever the surplus is exhausted in the U. S. Treasury a Democrat is called to the rescue.

NEWS ITEMS.

Druggists who sell cocaine in Virginia are being heavily fined.

Sir Thomas Lipton will build a Shamrock IV, to once more try a go at the America's cup.

Judge T. R. B. Wright last week held a special term of Middlesex Circuit Court for Judge G. T. Garnett.

Currioman Baptist Church, in Westmoreland county, will be dedicated on the second Sunday in September by Rev. A. B. Dunaway.

Russia's infant prince was christened at Peterhof Wednesday amid pomp and rejoicing. He was named Alexis and a salute of 301 guns was fired.

Rev. J. W. Ryland, who has been pastor of his present charge in Middlesex county for thirty-five years, is at Virginia Hospital, Richmond, for treatment.

Carrie Nation, the temperance advocate, while passing through Indiana, mailed a check for $1,150 to the Home for Wives of Drunkards, at Topeka, Kan., as a personal gift.

Rev. M. S. Colonna, one of the oldest ministers in the Virginia Methodist Conference, died at Gilmerton, Norfolk county, last week, aged 71 years. He leaves a widow and five children. One of them is Rev. M. S. Colonna, jr.

The lightning bug is brilliant, but he hasn't any mind; he ambles through existence with his headlight on behind. Likewise the foolish merchant, whom no one can advise; he declares, "nothing doin'," when asked to advertise.—*Exchange.*

When Miss Alice Roosevelt went to the St. Louis Exposition a few weeks ago part of her baggage was missing and she borrowed from a friend a half long coat of white linen, which she wore on the streets in St. Louis. Now those garments are all the rage with the women. If some celebrated woman were to use her dog blanket in the rain, lots of women would follow suit.—*Wilmington Star.*

The historic Virginia State Capitol, being remodeled, presents a forlorn and dismantled appearance. It has just been unroofed and internally disrupted by the Contractor who will, when the work of tearing to peices shall have been completed, proceed to make a new roof blossom upon the grim and battered walls and put in an entire new set of steel and concrete internals in place of the combustible sills, ceiling and walls.

If a freak bill introduced in the Georgia legislature becomes a law all fathers will be relieved of poll-tax in Georgia; all fathers of six or more children will be given the title of colonel by the State; all fathers of ten or more children will be made members of the governor's staff; all mothers will be entitled to vote; all mothers of six children shall be titled "a grande dame." The bill provides further that bachelors shall not be entitled to vote in Georgia.

John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, used to occupy a room in the Metropolitan Hotel adjoining that of Judge Tate, of Georgia. One evening Williams was dressing himself to attend a fashionable dinner. He had a lively wrestle with his collar and another with his tie, but he finally got them adjusted whereupon he went bolting into Judge Tate's room and said, "How do I look?" "Really, John," replied the Judge, "I think you would look much better if you would put your trousers on."

Scientists abroad, particularly in France and Germany, are greatly exercised over the discovery they claim to have made that the sun is loosing its heat with extraordinary rapidity. Indeed, they believe that the temperature of the sun, instead of diminishing with infinite slowness, as in the past, has, within the last several years, taken a decided drop. Only by such a deduction are they enabled; they assert, to account for the low temparature which prevailed last summer, the rigor of the winter recently passed, and the backwardness and unseemly coolness of the present season. Their conclusion is strengthened, they insist, by actual observations of the sun, the diameter of which has decreased in an unusual degree.

WHEAT WILL GO HIGHER.

It is now established that there is a great shortage in the 1904 wheat crop. Russia and Argentina, because of war, have failed to furnish Europe with their usual supplies, and the United States is being looked to.

Owing to the recent strength of wheat, the price of flour in Baltimore advanced about 30 cents a barrel last week. This advance follows an advance of 25 cents a barrel made the latter part of the week before, and an advance of 15 cents a barrel in Western flour just previous to that.

Hunters of black rust, who have put the wheat bears utterly to rout in the last two weeks and in that time have sent the September option up 14 cents, the December up 18 cents and the May up 20 cents, are now scouring the fields of Manitoba for more damage signs. They seem about to convince speculators that the United States and Northwest Canada together will fall 100,000,000 bushels short of producing as much wheat as this country alone produced last year—637,000,000.

Wheat this week reached $1.12.

"PORT ARTHUR MY TOMB."

SO WIRES BRAVE GENERAL STOESSEL.

Rains Stop Fighting In The North, But Port Arthur Is Winning a Place in History.

THE GREYHOUND "NOVIK" AND WHOLE CREW PERISH IN FEARFUL MIDNIGHT FIGHT.

TROUBLE BREWING AROUND CHINA.

The rainy season in Manchuria is near its close, the last fearful rains, it is believed, having fallen.

The most familiar term in Russian army and naval circles just now is this: "I regretski to reportski."

They are cracker-Japs, aren't they? Well, reckon we can feed 'em while they fight.—*The Yellow Jacket.*

The Japanese "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," runs as follows:

"Kimi ga yo wa,
Chiyo ni yachiye ni,
Sazare ishi no;
Iwao to narite
Koko no musu made."

Now sing it.

Mutsuhito, Emperor of Japan, is entitled to a high rank among the rulers of nations, for no living monarch has been more fortunate than he, and few monarchs in all history have been so successful in guiding the destinies of a State. Years ago he voluntarily gave up the power of a despot and gave his people a constitutional government. Although an absolute monarch he loved civil liberty, and his abdication of autocratic rule has no parallel in history. His is the oldest reigning house in the world, he having come in direct descent from the founder who reigned seven hundred years before there was a Pope.

The Chunchuses, or Chinese bandits, near Mukden, number 10,000 men. These men are in the employ of the Japanese. There are many Japanese officers among these forces, who are used to harass the Russians. During the visit of American officers the bandits brought in the heads of five Cossacks on pikes. The Chunchuses pride themselves on their horsemanship, and the visiting officers owe their welcome among them to some West Point riding tricks showed them by Capt. Boyd, of our army.

A striking incident of the naval engagement of August 10th, in which Russian Admiral Withoft was killed and his ship Czarevitch sunk, was the surrounding of the battleship Retvizan by Japanese torpedo boats, the other Russian vessels having gone to the assistance of the Czarevitch. The Retvizan desperately attempted to break through the line, and tried to ram a cruiser which appeared, but she was fairly blown out of her course by a hail of shells from the cruisers, which began now participation in the conflict. Every officer of the Czarevitch was either killed or wounded.

WITH KUROPATKIN.

The Japanese army in the North is quietly watching Kuropatkin as would a cat a trapped and wounded mouse. Kuroki has sent a portion of his army to assist in storming Port Arthur, and until Arthur's fall is announced the Japanese strategist will probably make no move against the Russians. Kuropatkin has only the northern outlet to escape through; on the East and South are the Japs and on the West is Chinese territory with a scowling Chinese army to harass him should he violate international law and march across neutral territory. Russia's great General—who, by-the-way, plead with his autocratic master not to undertake hostilities with Japan until better prepared—is in a perilous situation, but military students expect any moment to hear of his falling upon his pursuers and trying issue with them while their forces are weakened from the several divisions being sent to Port Arthur, and not waiting until the southern Japanese army can join Kuroki after Port Arthur's fall. However he may act his chances are desperate. He cannot well take up his line of retreat, for as soon as he moves from his fortifications the Japanese, which outnumber him, will fall upon him while unprotected. So what is most galling to so gallant a spirit Kuropatkin must sit and watch the meshes close around him with only a faint glimmer of hope that Port Arthur will hold out long enough for St. Petersburg to send reinforcements to Mukden. Unless reinforcements reach him there is hardly any doubt that Russia's great General and the flower of her army will fall a prey to the indomitable Japs.

AT KAMIMURA'S MERCY.

Before going to press last week a dispatch announced the destruction of the Rurik, a large Russia battleship, by Admiral Kamimura's eastern squadron, and the escape of the fast cruisers Rossia and Gromobia. An official dispatch from Vladivostok shows that nearly every officer on the armored cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi was either killed or wounded in the battle. Rear Admiral Jessen narrowly escaped the fate of Admiral Withoft at Port Arthur. He was standing on the bridge of the Rossia, when it was wrecked by a shell. The two Russian cruisers were literally riddled, their guns and engines being partly dismantled. The escape of the Russian vessels from Admiral Kamimura's four armored cruisers is regarded as a wonderful piece of luck. It is presumed that the pursuers of the Russian ships did not dare go far north, fearing that some of the vessels of the Port Arthur squadron would break through the Straits of Korea.

Details of the fight between the Russian Vladivostok squadron and Vice-Admiral Kamimura's vessels are given by a Russian correspondent as follows:

"The cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi, two of the survivors of our squadron, are again in this (Vladivostok) harbor after one of the most desperate battles of modern naval warfare. Half of the officers and 40 per cent. of the men were killed or wounded in the unequal fight. The gallant Rurik was lost and the Rossia and Gromoboi became almost helpless cripples, but there is grim satisfaction in knowing that they carried out their orders fighting so as to weaken Admiral Kamimura's squadron, with the object of allowing the Port Arthur squadron to force the passage of the Korean straits, which had hitherto been impassable."

An officer in Vladivostok, writing of the recent naval battle in which the Rurik was sunk, says: "The whole thing was an inferno. The Japanese fired melinite from their largest guns and lyddite from the next caliber. The results were terrifying. It is now known the Russian gunners failed almost entirely to damage the Japanese ships. It is felt there must be something wrong either with the guns and ammunition or training of the men."

The frightful execution done by Admiral Kamimura's gunners upon the two Russian cruisers that have just returned to Vladivostok seems to indicate that the "man behind the gun" is of more importance than the gun itself or its platform. Ship for ship the three leading Russian vessels in the recent fight near Korea were superior in guns, size and armor to the Japanese, but one of the three was sunk and the survivors were badly mauled and limped back to port in an almost disabled condition. Neither can be considered fit for further action until repairs are made. What surprises the world is the fact that the victory was won by Jap vessels which, from the physical point of view, were much less capable of offense and much more vulnerable. The Japanese in this case it appears, as in many others during the war, attacked with great impetuosity and kept down the enemy's fire by the rapidity of their own shooting. "Piling in" on the Russians with more numerous, if inferior, ships, they got and kept control of the situation. But it is not to be supposed that the Russians were idle all this time. If the Japanese were not so reticent about their casualties it would doubtless appear that their victory cost them dear. Their "unprotected" ships, after the action, must have been like shambles. In fact, on sea and land the war seems to be a specially uncanny one.

NOVIK LOST TO RUSSIA.

The Japanese cruisers Chitose and Tsushima defeated the Russian cruiser Novik, and after a running fight forced her ashore near Korsakovsk, Sakhalin Island, 550 miles northeast of Vladivostok, for which port she was evidently making. The Novik gave the Japanese a long chase, having escaped from Admiral Togo after the fight of August 10th, when the Czarevitch was sunk and the other Russian ships scattered.

The Novik was the fastest vessel in the Russian navy and was called the "greyhound." Evidently injuries received at Port Arthur prevented her escape from the untiring Japs who were scouring the seas for her and her companion ships. The Novik was dangerous as a commerce destroyer. She has been splendidly handle, and bravely fought throughout the war, and Japanese naval officers and the public generally have frequently expressed admiration for the cruiser, her commander and her crew. A severe storm occurring at the time of the sinking of the Novik prevented the Japanese from rescuing the crew. Her complement was 334 men.

The harbor of Korsakovsk, Island of Sakhalien, off which the battle between the Novik and the two vessels of Admiral Kamimura's squadron took place, is noted for sunken rocks. It is believed that the Novik, driven ashore in a sinking condition by the Japanese fire, completed her destruction by striking one of these rocks.

For picturesqueness possibly no naval fight in the world's history can compare with this. A most fearful storm was raging the night of the battle and the lurid glare of the lightning and the peals of natur's thunder were accentuated by the destructive belches from the three greyhounds of the eastern seas. The awful drama was closed by a magnificent ship's being literally pelted ashore by the force of the enemy's balls and crashed asunder by the pitiless rocks on the wild coast five hundred miles from civilization.

TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Because the Russian gunboat Ryeshitelni, which fled to Che Foo, a port of China, would not come out and fight or else disarm and lay up until the war was over, a Japanese boat went in and took her by force and towed her to a Japanese harbor.

The Russian Minister has sent to the Chinese Government a strong note charging it with complicity in the Ryeshitelni affair, charging the Chinese Commodore with cowardice or treason, and demanding a full explanation, the restoration of the destroyer and severe punishment of the Commodore. The Chinese Government has demanded from the Japanese the restoration of the Ryeshitelni. Japan refuses to undo the act, and international complications may result, bringing China into the war.

Britain and America insist upon China's remaining neutral. Further complications, however, have arisen, and it is feared that the world, almost, will yet become involved in war. A Japanese torpedo boat steamed into the harbor of Shanghai, China, cleared for action, and came to anchor near the Russian cruiser Askold, which is in a dock next to a Standard Oil Company warehouse. The American destroyer Chauncey, which had gone out to meet the Japanese boat, slipped in between the latter and the Askold and anchored. The Chinese Taotai (or mayor) has ordered the Askold to leave or disarm. The Russian Consul flatly refuses to do either. The matter is being discussed by the Powers, and their representatives at Shanghai will be instructed.

Chinese authorities will not permit further work on the disabled Russian ships at Shanghai, and they will be disarmed. The Sevastopol is reported damaged by a mine at Port Arthur, and Che Foo sends out the information that the ships in the harbor are unable to fight.

PORT ARTHUR HANGS IN BALANCE.

The long-looked-for time has evidently come when the siege guns of the investing Japanese armies are rendering the anchorages of the Russian fleet within the harbor of Port Arthur unsafe. It is probable that the high-angle fire from these guns was finding its way through the protective decks and threatening engine rooms and magazines. Hence the sudden sortie of the whole fleet in an attempt to reach Vladivostok or effect a junction with the armored cruisers from that harbor. The fleeing ships were intercepted by the Japanese, and the results of the battle were fearfully disastrous to Russia. Not only was the attempt to effect a junction with the Vladivostok squadron frustrated, but the Port Arthur fleet was scattered and many of its ships so badly crippled that they must be stricken off the list of effectives. The "Czarevitch" has fled to the neutral port of Tsing-Tau, where she must be dismantled; the five other battleships are reported by Admiral Togo to have returned, badly damaged, to Port Arthur, where they will be again under the fire of the Japanese siege guns. Of the cruisers, the "Askold" is in the neutral port of Shanghai, badly crippled, the Novik destroyed and the other cruisers not yet accounted for. The rout of the Port Arthur fleet is complete. Immediately following comes news of the defeat of the Vladivostok squadron by the ships under Admiral Kamimura. The "Rurik," of 10,940 tons, was sunk; the "Rossia" and "Gromoboi" fled to Vladivostok as wrecks.

The ships still at Port Arthur are expected any moment to make another dash. They cannot live beneath the rain of fire and shell from the Japanese land batteries. Vice-Admiral Prince Ouktomsky has been ordered, should the worst come, to sally forth for a death struggle, and there is no question that these instructions will be carried out both in letter and spirit, but if for any reason a final sortie proves to be impossible the Admiral is to destroy his ships and to make certain that their wreckage shall be absolutely irreparable.

The storming of Port Arthur, which the foreign dispatches say is progressing, is riveting all attention. The brave, stubborn resistance which General Stoessel is making is evoking high praise, and are hoping almost against hope that he will be able to hold out, in spite of the heavy odds against him. The Japanese forces are within two miles of the Port on both sides and their guns command the entire city. Great damage has been done by the Japanese artillery fire, which has started blazes in many sections of the town. The Russians' guns have been almost silenced but the four hundred Japanese guns keep up a continuous roar. According to the latest reports received here, the Japanese are massing infantry columns at Etse on the west and below the Urlung forts on the east for a simultaneous assault, which they propose shall be the last. General Stoessel is said to have less than 15,000 effective men with which to meet this attack.

Japanese shells have ignited lighters in the docks which contained supplies of coal, resulting in a terrific conflagration. Many of the buildings have been demolished and and the hospitals are crowded.

The Mikado has received from the commander of his forces at Port Arthur the Russian general's reply to the Imperial demand for the surrender of the forces. In his reply Lieutenant-General Stoessel expresses his thanks for the humanitarian offer to grant safe conduct to all non-combatants through the Russian lines. The demand to surrender Stoessel refuses uncompromisingly and declares his garrison will fight to the last man in defense of the fortress.

The Japanese are charging, reckless of life, and taking the fortifications around Port Arthur one by one. In one attack last week they charged over a huge mine field, when there was a terrible explosion and the men were blown to atoms. It is estimated the Japanese had 10,000 casualties. The Japanese are said to be driving large herds of cattle over the Russian mines, trying to explode them. The Russians in some instances capture the cattle, and this assists their food supplies.

Russians are compelled to at last admit that Port Arthur must fall. But the stolid Russian is making the reckless Jap pay dearly for his prize, not even Sevastapal or Plevna knew such a reckless seige and destruction of life, Port Arthur will stand prominently in the history of the world henceforth.

The Japanese losses are said to have been enormous during the three days' desperate fighting, 35,000 men having been killed or wounded. The Russian loss is said to have been 10,000.

The latest advices from Port Arthur indicate that while the Japanese have captured several additional minor forts in the vicinity of Golden Hill, there is no immediate prospect of taking the fortress by storm.

PORT ARTHUR TO BE HIS TOMB.

Moscow, Aug. 22.—General Stoessel, commander of the Russian garrison at Port Arthur, has abandoned all hope of holding out much longer against the persistent attacks of the Japanese troops under General Nogi. This was shown in a private telegram received today by a friend of the Russian general living here. The telegram reads: "Farewell forever. Port Arthur will be my tomb."

This is taken to mean that the Japanese are dangerously near the main fortress, and that the fall of the city is now only a matter of a few days. The recipient of the telegram says that he received a letter from the Russian general last week, saying that the Japanese were making rapid advances on the city.

The General added that he feared the Japanese would be in possession of the city before the middle of September.

POLITICAL SPEAKING.

Hon. W. A. Jones will speak at the following places and dates:

Gloucester C. H., September 5th.
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Heathsville, October 10th.
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Tappahannock, October 17th.
Montross, October 24th.

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KIRKLAND GROVE CAMP.

For a decade or more the Baptists of Northumberland and adjoining counties have gathered annually at Kirkland Grove near Heathsville for a ten days' encampment.

The camp was opened Friday August 19, and will close Monday morning next. The crowd on Sunday was simply immense, and large crowds are expected throughout the entire week. Forty-four of the fifty cottages are occupied and over 350 people are tenting on the ground. The grounds have been thoroughly cleaned and all the cottages repaired and white-washed.

Owing to the sickness of Dr. G. W. Beale, Dr. J. W. Porter, of Newport News, has charge of the religious part of the program. He is being assisted by Revs. T. C. Whitehurst and Richard Edwards.

The services are about the same as in former years, viz: morning prayer, childrens' meeting, services at 11 o'clock in the morning, 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock at night. Several conversions have already been the result of these services.

The singing this year is especially good and is conducted by W. Andrew Jones, assisted by Mrs. Peed and daughter, Miss Clara. Misses Louise Anderson, Maud Nelms and others preside at the organ.

Kirkland Grove has always been noted for its good behavior but this year even in that feature there is a marked improvement. The hotel, confectionery stands and horse lots are all prepared to give better service than ever before. T. E. Ashburn has made his boarding tent quite a popular place, and as a result it is filled each day almost to overflowing. Frank Settle is running one confectionery stand, while James G. Rice is conducting the other. O. V. Betts has charge of both horse lots and the horses are faring well.

Many of the old tenters who have failed to get to Kirkland for the past two or three years are here in force this year and the social feature is of the best.

Thus ends the first half of the 1904 encampment of Kirkland Grove, and there is every indication of even a more successful finish.

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(Communicated.)

AN APPEAL.

On the outskirts of the village of Heathsville stands a building which bears the dignified title of the Heathsville Graded school house. It is in sad repair. The fence around is held up by a plank here and there and the gate swings upon one hinge. The window lights have been knocked out, the panels kicked from two of the doors and the plastering has fallen from the walls. The children were taught in this miserable place last winter. Often the cold was intense. There seems to be no disposition on the part of the authorities to put the building in better repair. Another session will soon open. Cannot something be done? The present state of affairs has existed long enough. The children are the ones who suffer and this appeal is in their behalf. Will the Superintendent of Schools be kind enough to "move" on his trustees and at once. If nothing is done in a week or so, I suggest that the patrons of the school hold a meeting, estimate amount necessary for repairs, raise the funds and have the work done. The building is not fit to teach in as it now is and the children should not be made to suffer on account of the negligence of other people. I have no more to say *now*.

ONE OF THE PATRONS.

Heathsville, Va., Aug. 23, 1904.

PEARSONS ISLAND.

The oystermen of this place are busy getting ready for the oyster season, which commences September 15. It is thought that the catch up here is good this summer and we trust that our inspectors will not let the tongers take the small oysters from the rocks and by so doing keep them depleted all of the time.

Most of the farmers are busy saving their fodder this week.

Capt. W. F. Bray, was in Norfolk last week on business.

Walter Haydon, of Whealton, has accepted a position as clerk for W. H. Sandy & Co., at this place.

H. G. Oakley has just completed a new corn-house on his farm.

O. D. Hale has nearly completed his house and he expects to move into it in a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hale and two children, Mary Alice and William Taylor, of Mathews county, visited at the former's perental home, Hales Point, last week.

The many friends of Dr. L. G. Mitchell are sorry to hear of his continued illness but wish for him a speedy recovery.

YOU DON'T KNOW DO YOU?

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