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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 Computed for Those to Whom "Time is Money" and Who Enjoy Newspaper Snap Shots.

It is said that Mr. H. L. Maynard will be president of the new consolidated railroad; John L. Watson will be treasurer and A. J. Phillips secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodard lost by death Wednesday night their infant daughter, Mary Ann. Mrs. Sarah A. Cormick died Wednesday night at the residence of her son-in-law, Washington Cormick, in Norfolk county. Yesterday was the shortest day in the year; the days will now begin to lengthen. Miss Mira Thomas, of Newport News, is in the city on a visit. Yesterday was St. Thomas' day. It was appropriately observed in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches. Officer Harry Hall killed a mad dog yesterday on Bart street. The Monumental Epworth devotion-al meeting will be held to-night at 8 o'clock. A pound reception will be held from 7:30 to 8 o'clock. Mrs. Cora Eulen, who sang so sweetly at Monumental Church last Sunday night, will sing there regularly. Mr. M. M. Bennett will shortly tear down the building now occupied by the Western Union telegraph office and erect a handsome building there. In the meantime the Western Union office will be located in the Crawford House. On the completion of the building the office will be moved back there. It is said that it will compare favorably with any office in the State when completed. Mr. George Crismond, father of Assistant Postmaster Crismond, is confined at his home by sickness. Mr. Wm. Beaton, who has been confined at his home in South Portsmouth of a serious illness, is improving. Frank Hines paid a fine of \$1 in the Mayor's Court yesterday for imbibing too freely and wandering about town against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth. A small white boy had one of his hands severely burned yesterday by the premature explosion of a horse popper. The public schools will close to-day until January 2d. The travel over the ferry now is immense; each boat comes over crowded with passengers and teams. It is dull in the news line. Everybody is absorbed in Christmas. Mr. Henry Kim returned yesterday from Richmond, where he had been in the interest of the farmers in reference to the guano bill. The Newport News, Pig Point, Smithfield and Port Norfolk railroad having become one road, there will be no opposition to granting the right of way down High street. The matter will come before the Council at the January meeting. The B. S. B. Club will keep open house to their friends all day Christmas. The boys expect to have a good time. The umbrella offered by the bowling alley was won by a gentleman from Park View. The travel over the Seaboard Air Line and other roads at this time is quite heavy. Mr. Holland, representative of the Engle Bicycle Company, is in the city in the interest of his wheel. Neither the city or county jail are having many additions to their list of prisoners. This is unusual for Christmas times. A gentleman with a few hundred dollars desires to invest himself in some business. See advertisement in Norfolk column. Attention is called to the advertisement of W. B. Daughtrey, in which he tells you about the handsome Christmas presents he has. The employees of the yard will be paid this morning. It is said that the hands at the Seaboard Air Line shops will receive a half month's pay to-day. Attention is called to the advertisement of O. L. Williams in to-day's issue, in which he tells you that he has on hand the latest novelties in all classes of vehicles for drives, weddings or Germans. See advertisement. Yesterday a youth named Hester Jackson jumped up behind a wagon that was loaded with cedar and holly and attempted to pull some out. In doing so he fell to the ground, striking on a rock and cutting an artery, which bled freely. Captain John W. Happer, City Attorney, is confined at his residence, on Dinwiddie street, by a slight illness. Mr. Robert Garrett, of Savannah, Ga., was in the city yesterday on business. He paid the Virginian-Pilot office a visit. He is quite a genial gentleman. Hon. Charles T. Bland arrived here for the holidays last night, the Legislature having adjourned until January 8d, 1900. He reports the condition of Mr. Newberne as being critical. Rev. J. N. Latham, pastor of the Park View M. E. Church, has been presented with a gold watch by his former members of the Methodist Church in Williamsburg. He appreciates it very much and it shows how kindly he was thought of. Grice Lodge, I. O. O. F., last night voted \$5 for every widow of the deceased members of that lodge. This will be quite an acceptable Christmas present. Mrs. M. C. Summers is confined at her residence, No. 525 High street, by sickness. The condition of Mr. Thomas Beltingham, organist of Monumental M. E. Church, is much improved, but he will not be able to play for the Christmas holidays. Rev. Thomas Hume will remain in the city for a week longer to see his

old friends and former associates. Mr. Hume is at Chapel Hill College. Dr. James M. Jarvis is confined to his home on account of sickness. It seems hard to get the Ferry Committee together. There was no meeting again yesterday afternoon for want of a quorum. A well known young man of the county administered a sound thrashing to a negro boy yesterday afternoon because the latter used vile language in the presence of a lady. The work of erecting a storage tank for the Standard Oil Company at Godwin and South streets is progressing rapidly and will soon be ready for use. Mr. Frank T. Ridley, a student at the University of Virginia, is home to spend the holidays. Attention is called to the advertisement of a lost vest. Return as directed and receive a reward. Mr. John A. Morris tells you that he has marked his entire stock down to cost and in some cases below cost. The demand for these goods has been great, but there are still a number left. You had better call early and secure one of the bargains. See list of prices.

NAVAL ORDERS. These naval orders have been issued: Lieutenant G. Kaemmerling, ordered to duty at Fore River, Mass. Lieutenant Commander J. P. Mickley, to duty at Neale & Levy's, Philadelphia. Lieutenant Commander William H. Nauman, to duty at Bath. Commander William A. Windsor, to duty at Elizabethport, N. J. Lieutenant William S. Smith, to duty at W. R. Trigg & Co., Richmond. Assistant Paymaster E. F. Hall, to duty in the bureau of supplies and accounts. Colonels James Forney, G. C. Goodloe and P. L. Denny and Captain Cyrus Radford appointed a board to meet at the marine barracks, Washington. Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Goodrell, ordered to command marine barracks at the Portsmouth (Va.) Navy-yard December 22. Lieutenant Colonel W. S. Muse, detached from the Portsmouth (Va.) Navy-yard and ordered to command the marine barracks at the New York Navy-yard January 5. Commander Albert Ross has been detailed as inspector of the Maryland Lighthouse district to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Commander Wood. He will assume charge of his duties on January 15. Captain Yates Stirling meanwhile acting as inspector.

A JUDICIAL FLOGGING. The First To Be Administered Here Under the Amendment to the Larceny Act of Virginia. The first case tried for larceny in the Mayor's Court under the amendment of the larceny act of Virginia passed by the last Legislature, was that of John Pearce, a colored youth about 14 years of age, who was arraigned before Mayor Baird yesterday morning, charged with the larceny of \$17, which the boy stole from the residence of Mr. C. W. Walker, proprietor of the Portsmouth Steam Laundry. The mother of Pearce was present at the hearing. The boy was evidently preparing to do the South Claus act, as quite a display of holiday goods purchased by the accused with a part of the pilfered coin was produced in court and admitted, as evidence, and cut quite a prominent figure in the proceedings. Pearce was adjudged guilty and sentenced to receive fifteen stripes, which was duly administered yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Abbott.

DIED SUDDENLY. Yesterday morning a Greek named Nicholas Thompson, who keeps a small fruit stand in a portion of S. Goodman's store, corner of High and Washington streets, was found sick in a room above his place of business. Goodman reported it to his friends, who sent for an ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital. It came over about 11 o'clock with Mr. Miller in charge. He and Goodman started to the door with Thompson, but before they reached there he fell dead in Miller's arms. Thompson had been suffering for some time with consumption, but had not been confined to his bed. The remains were taken back in the house and will be taken charge of by an undertaker until they are claimed.

CAPITALISTS COMING. A letter was received by a gentleman in this city yesterday, in which the writer, who is in the shoe business in Boston, stated that a party of Eastern capitalists wished to arrive here shortly on a prospective visit, with a view of establishing a factory for the manufacture of medium-grade goods. The syndicate now have under consideration one or more eligible sites near Washington, which they also propose looking up while in the South, and from what could be gleaned from the letter they will come to Portsmouth direct by the Merchants and Miners' Line, to look over the field in this section before going elsewhere.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT. Yesterday a horse attached to a delivery wagon belonging to C. D. Kenney, in Norfolk, became frightened on the corner of Chestnut and County streets and ran away, turning the wagon over and spilling the contents all around the street, damaging both them and the wagon. Mr. Creech, the driver, was thrown out and badly hurt. One finger was broken, knee dislocated and his face badly cut. He was taken to a physician, who dressed the wounds.

MARRIED AT PARSONAGE. A very pretty marriage was celebrated at the residence of Rev. Mr. Parker, on Henry street. The contracting parties were Mr. Wm. Sabyes and Miss Lillian Wood, daughter of Capt. George W. Wood. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride, corner Henry and Fifth streets, where they will reside.

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

A Good Resolution. New Year's day is a good time to make resolutions. You rent-payers realize that you will not pay rent another year, but that you will pay on your own home. Beautiful lots in all locations for an Xmas present to your wives.

We can furnish you lots and houses. Call or address us and we will gladly give you terms. The Seaboard Real Estate Company, 214 High street (upstairs).

All kinds of candy daily at the Candy Kitchen, 724 Crawford st. del9-1w

NAVY YARD NEWS. Dorothea's Official Trial—Fortune For Gunning Practice At Newport—Massachusetts and Indiana coming. The converted yacht Dorothea which has been undergoing thorough repairs at the navy yard, left for her official sea trial yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The little vessel has just been fitted with an evaporating and distilling plant of the most improved type, and particular attention will be given the developments which are expected of the new operations. The converted yacht Viking, which has been practically rebuilt and fitted out for active service, was formally transferred yesterday to the War Department yesterday. A pilot arrived from New York yesterday to take the Viking to Havana, and she will proceed as soon as everything can be completed in connection with the voyage. It is the desire of the Navy Department to have the Viking in Cuban waters not later than the first of January. Assistant Inspector Reed, of the U. S. Army, arrived at the yard yesterday to look after matters pertaining to the transport summer. The Massachusetts and Indiana will arrive here shortly for the purpose of transferring their crews to the Kentucky and Kearsarge, now nearing completion at Newport News. The men will be quartered in the receiving ship Franklin until the two big fighters are commissioned for service. The tug Fortune will sail some time during the early part of January for Newport, R. I. to be used in connection with the practice of gunnery. The tug Alice will take a quantity of ordnance stores to Newport News tomorrow for the Kearsarge and Kentucky.

COUNCIL MEETING. A Special Meeting Held Last Night—Clerk Thompson Resigns. A special called meeting of the City Council was held at 7:30 o'clock last night, President J. J. King in the chair. Members present: Messrs. Balfour, Walker, Codd, Palmer, Wilkins, Slater, Reed, Overton, Brinson, Montague, Marden, Reynolds, Brown and Winycott. Mr. King said that he did not think it necessary to state the object for which the meeting had been called, as that was pretty well known to each of the members present. On motion of Mr. Murden the Council went into secret session, at which the resignation of City Clerk E. Thompson, Jr., was read and accepted, after which the doors were opened and the matter of electing a temporary clerk was discussed. Mr. L. P. Slater was nominated to fill the position until the first regular meeting in March. This proposition brought about a lively discussion between several of the Councilmen. The matter was finally settled, for the time being, at least, by electing Mr. Slater. After discussing several minor matters the Council adjourned.

HAD IT RETURNED. An old veteran from the Soldiers Home arrived in this city Wednesday enroute for North Carolina. He was to have left on the evening train, but while waiting for the time to arrive he got a little too full and gave his keeper to keep for him and forgot who he gave it to, and could not go. He met Officer Hoodnagle, to whom he told his tale of woe. The officer went around until he found who the man had left his money with and got it. He returned it to the owner and with a profusion of thanks to the officer.

WHO WILL SUCCEED MR. HUME? Much speculation is indulged in as to who will succeed Mr. John H. Hume as president of the Peoples' Bank. A number of names have been spoken of, the most prominent being Mr. John T. King, one of the directors of the bank, but no steps have been taken in the matter yet. The annual election of officers takes place early in January, and it is more than probable that the election will be put off until that time. There will have to be a president elected for the Knitting Mills Company.

MR. C. C. MITCHELL. The Democratic Executive Committee of Newport News has endorsed Mr. C. C. Mitchell for the appointment of Commonwealth's Attorney to succeed the late J. K. M. Newton. Mr. Mitchell is a brother of Rev. J. W. Mitchell, pastor of South Street Baptist Church, this city, and went to Newport News about two years ago to practice his profession.

BOY DROWNED. A colored man reported to the authorities yesterday that a boy named William Jones, who was employed as an oyster culler on his boat, accidentally fell overboard Wednesday night near Craney Island and was drowned before assistance could be rendered. The boy's home was near Deep Creek. His parents were notified yesterday.

Charles R. Welton & Co. will remove to 205 High street on January 1, 1900. Cut prices on underwear until then. You can get fresh candy at the Portsmouth Candy Kitchen, 724 Crawford street. del9-1w

LOST—LAST NIGHT, ON MIDDLE. Court, County of South streets, a new Vest with the owner's name and house number marked plainly on a paper in one of the pockets. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to JAMES VEALE, Tailor, 506 High street. It

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS BARBER at once; good salary. Apply 214 County street, Portsmouth. del9-1w

NOW YOU HAVE IT: NOW YOU HAVE L. The largest and most popular game in Portsmouth. Try it at the PORTSMOUTH BOWLING GALLERY.

FOR SALE—HOUSE No. 413 Cliff-ford street, in good condition. Apply at 610 Dinwiddie street. del9-1w

FIREWORKS, FRUITS, NUTS, CAKES, CANDIES, Live and Dressed Poultry. Call and examine. R. E. KING, S. W. Cor. Court and Glasgow streets. PHONE 231.

FOR CHRISTMAS. Raisins, 10c. to 25c.; Currants, 8 1/2c. to 10c.; Chestnut, 10c. to 15c.; Lemon game, Orange Peel, Figs, Dates, Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes and all kinds Fancy Groceries. T. J. BARLOW & BRO., 318 HIGH STREET.

For Sporting and Pleasure CALL ON O. L. WILLIAMS' LIVERY. Lots of new Topsy Drivers, new Rubber Tire Vehicles, such as Buggies, Surries, Traps, Latest novelties in six-passenger Buck-Boards, Rubber Tire Hucks and Coaches lighted by electricity for marriages, ceremonies, etc. Give me a call and I promise you a merry Christmas and happy New Year. O. L. WILLIAMS. del2-1f

IF YOU WANT TO Sell, Rent or Insure Your House, call on R. S. BROOKS, Real Estate, Rental & Insurance Agts Money to Loan. 329 High Street.

FOR RENT. Desirable Brick Dwelling No. 401 Dinwiddie street 3 rooms; gas, bath, range, sewerage and other conveniences. Rent \$25 per month. JNO. L. WATSON. 109 High street. Portsmouth, Va.

Fireworks, Candies and Nuts. If you want Candies, Nuts, etc. for Christmas call on H. O. PEARSON'S Ferry Cigar and Confectionery Store. A full line of fireworks, etc., and lowest at the lowest prices in the city.

Do You Want a Baby? CONTEST. Buy one dollar's worth of groceries from us and secure a guess on the HANDSOME BABY DISPLAYED IN OUR WINDOW. This is the largest and most handsomely dressed doll in the two cities, and if you are lucky WILL NOT COST YOU ONE CENT. BOHANNON & BLICK, GROCERS, del7-1w No. 218 South Street.

NEW MIXED NUTS. Sweet Cider, Oranges, Candies, Raisins. Something new—Veal Loaf, Ham Loaf, Beef Loaf, Cottage Head Cheese, Stuffed Hocks, Boneless Ham, Boneless Pig Feet, at E. R. BARKSDALE BOTH PHONES. 125 COURT ST. NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! Hold every one in need of DRY PINE Wood and get it from H. B. WILKINS' Big Drying Shed that keeps hundreds of cords dry at a time. CALL PHONE 218.

City Redemption Bonds For Sale. Office of the City Clerk, Council Chamber, Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 13, 1899.

The City of Portsmouth offers for sale \$100,000 of its redemption bonds payable in 20 years from January 1st, 1900, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, in January and July. These bonds are denominated of \$100, \$50 and \$1000, are exempt from city taxes and can be registered, principal and interest, or principal only, at the option of the holder. Sealed proposals addressed to E. Thompson, Jr., City Clerk, will be received until Dec. 27th, 1899, 6 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of these bonds, the city reserving the right to reject any or all the bids. Communications other than proposals should be addressed to J. W. BROWN, Jr., del4-1d Chairman Finance Committee.

XMAS GIFTS!

FURS—Ladies' and Children, in electric seal, stone marten, lynx, chinchilla, ermine, etc. Prices from \$1.00 to \$8.50.

UMBRELLAS—Ladies' and Gentlemen, gold, silver, buckhorn, japanese and rosewood handles. Prices from \$1.00 to \$6.00.

GLOVES—Undressed Kids, in furs and drabs, at \$1.25. Riding Gloves in wool, for men and boys, from 25c to \$1.00. Asbestos and Buckskin Gauntlets Gloves, for workmen.

SILK SMOKING CAPS—at 50c.

TAM O'SHANTERS—in blue velvet and blue and green cloth, with brass buttons, silk lined, at 50c.

All styles of Caps in plaid and solid colors.

Call and get one of our 1900 calendars. WM. B. DAUGHTREY & CO., 318 HIGH STREET.

THE POWER OF CASH

Was never better better demonstrated than in the Clearance Sale we inaugurated a few days ago. We are overstocked on account of the continued warm weather which prevailed all the season.

The stock must be sold. We have marked all Men's Youths', Boys', and Children's Clothing down to the very lowest possible price, and in some instances below cost. The demands made upon our stock in the past few days has been very great, but some of our best goods are here yet, especially those in blue and black serges, worsteds and clay diagonals.

If you want a Suit or Overcoat we we would advise you to come now, before the stock is all picked over.

Table with 2 columns: MEN'S SUITS and MEN'S OVERCOATS. Lists various items and prices.

YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU WANT IT.

JOHN A. MORRIS, 303 High St., Portsmouth.

HIGH GRADE CLOTHING

Man Wants His Winter Suit and Overcoat, prices that will positively save you 25 per cent.

Everything sold at a low margin of profit, and sold quickly Men's durable all-wool business Suits, worth \$10, odds and ends sizes \$6.75 Men's Fine Black and Blue Dress Suits, double breasted or high cut Vests worth \$13.50 \$9.75

Shoe Department.

Holiday Shoes in large variety. Our Men's Hand-sewed \$2.50, our Ladies' \$3.00 Comfort Shoes in different styles and widths. We want all ladies who suffer with their feet to try a pair, and we will prove to you that good shoe-making will add a great deal to comfort.

THE BRANDT CO., 213 and 215 High Street, Strictly One Price. For Cash Only.

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES

Don't forget that everybody has to wear Shoes, and few people have Shoes given to them. A PAIR OF OUR SHOES would make an excellent Xmas gift to some friend you know well. No better Shoes can be bought, and as everybody has to wear Shoes they are bound to prove satisfactory. The prices are right, and the goods are right. What more can one ask for.

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For thirty-one years we have in a measure been supplying the demands of the public in the above goods. This season our stock is larger than ever, and, as heretofore, has been carefully selected in person.

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. WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS. BOTH PHONES. WE

APPLE BRANDY FOR MINCE MEAT 50c. PER QUART.

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TOYS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, BISQUE 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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